

in the NEWS



Prof wonders what's so fair about Fair Trade?

Assistant Professor Gavin Fridell, his new book on Fair Trade coffee, and the Seasoned Spoon were featured in an article in the Wednesday, March 21 edition of *The Toronto Star*.

Trent in Oshawa History Professor Robert Wright's new book, *Three Nights in Havana: Pierre Trudeau, Fidel Castro and the Cold War World*, was reviewed in *The Globe and Mail* on Saturday, March 10.

As winner of the Early Researcher Award, Professor Maggie Xenopoulos was featured in a front page article *Laboratory Focus* magazine.



Trent alumnus Don Tapscott's new book, *Wikinomics: How Mass Collaboration Changes Everything* was featured in a *Globe and Mail* article on Thursday, March 29.

An article entitled "It's a small, smaller world" in the Saturday, March 17 edition of *The Toronto Star* included commentary from Women's Studies Professor Carla Rice.

A study describing an initiative to reintroduce wild elk to Ontario, co-authored by Trent University adjunct professor Rick Rosatte, was published in the March issue of the *Restoration Ecology* journal.

Athletics Director Bill Byrick was profiled in the sports section of *The Peterborough Examiner* on Saturday, March 31.

Trent University and President Bonnie Patterson were featured in a *Cobourg Daily Star* article on Monday, March 19. ☞

PUTTING CANADA TO THE TEST

Trent Expertise Featured in CBC TV's "Test the Nation"



Prof. James Parker

When CBC producers decided they wanted to create a TV show to test the IQs of all Canadians, they knew their test had to be of top quality, so they contacted the expert – Dr. James Parker, psychology professor and associate vice president of research at Trent University, to ask if he would be interested in creating and standardizing the IQ tests for use in this interactive TV program.

Prof. Parker agreed, and as a result, led the team that developed the IQ tests used by CBC Television for their two-hour program "Test the Nation," which was broadcast across the country on Sunday, March 18.

"Trent University has a strong background in test development, which is why the CBC selected our University," explained Prof. Parker. "It was a fun project to collaborate on, and provided excellent learning opportunities to work on with my team of graduate psychology students. We spent part of the past summer working with the CBC producers developing the questions and revising them to ensure they accurately measured performance in five areas: language, memory, logic, math and perception."

Recognized as one of Canada's top experts in emotional intelligence, Prof. Parker is holder

of a Canada Research Chair in Emotion and Health. In addition to his active research program at Trent, he also teaches a range of classes at the University from first-year psychology to the graduate-level.

show. In addition, six different teams representing surgeons, millionaires, tattoo artists, fitness instructors, mayors and radio DJs took the test live on air.

Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Calgary Sun, and the Halifax Daily News.

A faculty member at Trent University for 12 years, Prof. Parker has published more than 100 articles and chapters, mostly in the areas of emotional intelligence and academic achievement. He co-developed the *Coping Inventory for Successful Situations* – a widely used measure of basic coping styles, which was published in 1990. In 2000, he co-developed the youth version of the *Bar-On Emotional Quotient Inventory* – the first reliable and valid measure of emotional intelligence for children and adolescents. He is also co-author of the 1997 book *Disorders of affect regulation: Alexithymia in medical and psychiatric illness* and the co-editor of *The Handbook of Emotional Intelligence*, published in 2000.

Prof. Parker was appointed associate vice president of the Office of Research at Trent University in 2004.

For more information on CBC's *Test the Nation*, visit www.cbc.ca/testthenation. ☞

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"Test the Nation" is touted as the biggest test of its kind ever conducted in Canada. During the live show, Prof. Parker appeared as the guest expert to interpret Canadians' IQ results as they were received in real time on the

A total of 111,587 people responded online, and their scores were broken down by categories such as sex, age, zodiac sign, province and hair colour – a strategy devised by producers to cast a "broad net" of respondents, Prof. Parker said. Scores varied marginally by about two points and hovered between the upper end of what would be considered an average IQ (90-110) and an above-average IQ (111-120).

When asked what these scores really mean, Prof. Parker pointed out the results were likely influenced by the show's audience. "The question you have to ask yourself is who would find a show about intelligence interesting?"

Following the program, national media clamoured to interview Prof. Parker. Articles appeared in major news outlets across the country, including the *Toronto Star*, *Toronto Sun*, *Ottawa*



ANTI-VIRAL HEADQUARTERS FINDS HOME AT TRENT

As Canada works toward pandemic preparedness, Trent University is poised to play a major role, thanks in large part to a recent funding announcement from the federal government to support the next development phase of the International Consortium on Anti-Virals (ICAV).

Announced on March 23, the \$2 million in new funding will aid in the establishment of the international headquarters for ICAV, a non-profit Canadian consortium dedicated to the discovery, development and delivery of new therapeutic interventions for viral infections, at Trent University in the new DNA Building.

"ICAV is an extraordinary example of international collaboration that brings together some of the best minds, expertise and social commitment possible to work toward solutions needed world wide," said Trent University President Bonnie Patterson. "We are very excited that Trent is the home administrative base to

ICAV and that a number of our faculty will have a role to play in this significant international team of talented people."

President Patterson also noted that this partnership will present opportunities for Trent faculty and students, who add so much to Trent's reputation for research excellence, to be introduced to acclaimed scientists who are developing the anti-virals required to respond to the threat of an international pandemic.

Led by founding CEO Dr. Jeremy Carver, an honorary adjunct professor at Trent, ICAV is comprised of more than 200 scientists from 18 countries. By providing links between researchers and private sector partners, ICAV facilitates knowledge transfer and effective use of limited resources to accelerate the development and

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delivery of drugs that target viral diseases worldwide.

"This funding significantly enhances our efforts to get the discoveries out of the universities

and into the marketplace," explained Dr. Carver. "ICAV operates using a unique model designed to generate revenues

through pharmaceutical royalties in order to deliver anti-viral therapeutic interventions and expertise to combat global diseases such as HIV/AIDS,


hepatitis B and C, dengue fever, West Nile virus, rotavirus infection in children, and many others."

On hand to make the March 23 announcement was Peterborough MP Dean Del Mastro, who played a key role in championing this innovative opportunity.

"This investment in international research will assist in the development of more effective, low-cost anti-virals that will be an important part

of our early response to an influenza pandemic," stated Mr. Del Mastro. Also on hand were City of Peterborough Mayor Paul Ayotte, and Andy Mitchell, chief executive officer of the Greater Peterborough Area Economic Development Corporation and DNA Cluster board member.

The funding grant will be provided directly to ICAV.

For further information about ICAV, please visit www.icav-citav.com. 



President Bonnie Patterson, Dr. Jeremy Carver, MP Dean Del Mastro and John Martin

Recognized for their sportsmanship, participation, and leadership in Trent's athletic programs, three Varsity rugby players were presented with the Arthur Cup, the University's most prestigious athletic award, at the 2007 Athletics Awards banquet held on Wednesday, March 28.

The winners, graduating students Michael Moores, Sara Pieper, and Amy Bambury, personified the themes for this year's annual awards ceremony – leadership and student engagement.

In presenting the award, Director of Athletics Bill Byrick stated, "Amy, Sarah and Michael have been wonderful role models, through their leadership and willingness to contribute in all aspects of life at Trent. They embody the spirit of this award, and have earned the respect and admiration of students, coaches and staff."

A fourth-year psychology major originally from Mississauga, Ontario, Michael Moores has been a member of the Varsity men's rugby team throughout his time at Trent. As an Arthur Cup winner, he is recognized for his strong play and leadership on the field and his positive influence off the field.



Director of Athletics Bill Byrick poses with Arthur Cup winners (from left to right) Sara Pieper, Michael Moores and Amy Bambury.

Mr. Moores shares the Arthur Cup honour with fellow rugby players, Amy Bambury and Sara Pieper, who have both played on the women's team for the past four years. Ms. Bambury and Ms. Pieper have also been recognized as Academic All-Canadians in each of their years at Trent. Originally from Kitchener, Ontario, history and English major Amy Bambury is a driven athlete who has made outstanding contributions both

on and off the field. Sara Pieper, a biology student from Barrie, was recognized for her dedication and commitment to Trent athletics and recreation.


Another distinguished award, the Gary Wolff Leadership Cup, was presented to Varsity soccer player Elizabeth Villeneuve. Named in honour of Gary Wolff, a Trent alumnus and chair of Trent's Board of Governors from 1997-2002, the cup is awarded each year

to a student athlete who has demonstrated determination and leadership through balancing sport, community involvement and academic performance. Ms. Villeneuve was recognized for her demonstrated leadership, top-quality organizational skills and never-ending team spirit.

Other awards of distinction included the University Athletic Award, which was presented to 11 student athletes who have demonstrated a significant contribution to the Varsity and campus recreation programs at Trent. This year, the Rob Marland Award of Rowing Excellence, which is presented only when rowers earn a gold medal at the OUA provincial championships, was awarded to Trent's women's 8 team. Several other Varsity athletes were also honoured for their outstanding commitment and dedication to their respective sports.

In addition to the awards presentations, this year's ceremony also provided the opportunity to honour Trent's Varsity coaches. As announced by Mr. Byrick during the awards, this year marked the first time

in the history of the University that four coaches have won an OUA Coach of the Year designation. This honour solidifies Trent's commitment to coaching excellence and provides a solid base for another key announcement made at the awards ceremony – the creation of an endowment fund that will support the professional development of our coaches, appropriately called the Coaching Excellence Fund. To celebrate this announcement, Brent Norrey, founding donor of the fund and an alumnus of the Trent men's rowing team, was in attendance at the awards.

In her role as guest speaker at the awards, Senior Director of Student Affairs Meri Kim Oliver, summarized Trent's Athletics and Recreation program well when she said, "Trent Athletics was founded on the principle of *Sport for All*. It's about having fun, being collaborative, healthy, self-actualizing – it's about being engaged. The fact that all of you are here, to celebrate the year, to celebrate each other, is a tribute to what you create by being engaged with those around you and it shines a bit of light on the spirit of sport that is alive and thriving at Trent." 

WOMEN'S STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP SHINES

Third Annual Women's Studies Research Day

Fascinating new insights into a wide range of topics were revealed using the lens of feminism during the third annual Women's Studies Research Day on March 7.

Professors, associated community researchers, and upper year students presented their latest scholarship looking at women's experiences from the perspectives of many different disciplines, including history, politics and sociology.

A highlight of the event was the announcement



Prof. Margaret Hobbs

by Women's Studies program chair Professor Margaret Hobbs that student Anu Radha Verma had won the 2007 Women's Studies Award provided by the Soroptomist Club of Peterborough. This award is presented to an outstanding student in Women's Studies who is heading into his/her last undergraduate year of study. Ms. Verma received this honour in recognition of her scholarship and strong talent as a creative writer.

"I'm honoured to receive this award and to be recognized by a community group that is dedicated to helping girls and women reach their full potential," said Ms. Verma. "Being commended for my work as an emerging writer is especially encouraging as it legitimates forms of knowledge production outside of the academy, something integral to women's studies."

Described as an emerging writer of South Asian descent, Ms. Verma's academic interests and personal struggles merge in the realm of her writing, where she takes on such topics as

immigration, diaspora, identity, family, and education.

As a special feature of this event, Ms. Verma performed a reading of her creative work with fellow student Kambili Husbands, which was very well received by the audience.

Anatomist Gunter van Hagen's shocking display of real human bodies circulating major North American museums and galleries was explored by Professor Elaine Stavro's presentation entitled "Sexist Science: Body Worlds II Exhibit." Her analysis revealed the white, heteronormative ideal behind the assumed objectivity of van Hagen's medical knowledge. This exhibit features real human remains preserved using "plastination" and mounted in active poses.

Sociology professor Gillian Balfour presented the startling situation facing incarcerated Aboriginal women. According to statistics, Aboriginal women are the most imprisoned social group in Canada, facing greater rates of incarceration than Aboriginal men, and are more



Prof. Gillian Balfour

likely to be exposed to violent crimes. Aboriginal women make up one of the fastest growing prisoner populations in the world, increasing 2000 per cent over the last 20 years. Ironically, Prof. Balfour's research into these disparities revealed that the federal courts' use of "special consideration" when hearing cases involving Aboriginal women both undermines them and perpetuates the very problems it is

attempting to resolve.

Rounding out the afternoon was Professor Jane Ku's presentation "Immigrant Women's Pathways to Activism," Professor Carmen Varty's look at the masculinization of the political sphere during Canada's confederation era, and an overview of Prof. Carla Rice's province-wide project to envision new meanings of disability and difference in society. 

A CANADIAN FIRST: THE JOURNAL OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AT TRENT

With the unveiling of the *Journal of Undergraduate Studies (JUST)* at Trent on April 11, student co-founders Chris Allen and Hussan Syed made Canadian academic history. Featuring the best undergraduate research papers from Trent students in the sciences and humanities, *JUST* has earned a unique place in post-secondary education by becoming Canada's first interdisciplinary journal of undergraduate scholarship.

"The journal is an attempt to recognize the value and quality of undergraduate research at Trent," explained Mr. Syed, who, like Mr. Allen, has fast-tracked his academic career and will be graduating with his honours degree this spring after only three years. "We also wanted to foster greater collaboration among students, because they often don't get to share their work with others."

The idea for the journal was sparked by a comment Professor Jane Mackie made to Chris Allen regarding a biochemistry



Hussan Syed and Chris Allen

assignment he completed last summer. She informed him that his assignment showed the way senior research papers should be done. From there, Mr. Allen began thinking about all of the other students producing excellent work that only the professors get to see and decided that a medium should be created to promote the high quality of undergraduate research at Trent.

"I realized how helpful this would be for students like me wanting to know what's the

best possible paper written for a particular class so I have a benchmark to work toward," explained Mr. Allen.

Mr. Allen approached his friend Mr. Syed last Christmas with the idea, and together they developed a plan and a timeline to get the journal rolling by the spring. With the support of several Trent faculty and staff, including Champlain College secretary Noranne Flower and Professors Stephen Brown, Leonard Conolly, Ray Dart, Christine McKinnon, Bryan

Palmer, and John Wadland, the foundation for *JUST* was laid in only three months.

Within that period, Mr. Allen and Mr. Syed wrote the governing constitution for *JUST*, established its Board of Governors, arranged funding through the Symons fund and a student levy, and developed its operating model by enlisting the support of project managers. Mr. Allen and Mr. Syed also managed to secure office space for the journal, a dedicated phone line and a bank account.

With these structures in place, the call for submissions went out, generating a tremendous student response resulting in 90 papers from several different disciplines. Currently 29 of these papers are being edited for publication in the inaugural journal to be released later in April 2007.


"The level of student commitment for this project was incredible," said Mr. Syed, who will graduate with a degree in International Development Studies. "Each of the project managers volunteered to edit the

papers. They worked around the clock driven solely by their dedication to the educational value of *JUST*."

Mr. Syed describes *JUST* as embracing "the spirit of education" and looks forward to it stimulating greater dialogue among Trent students, encouraging them to explore research areas in more depth. "I'm really hopeful that this journal inspires undergraduates at Trent to see how their research can shape academia," explained he said.

Both students are very appreciative of the strong support for *JUST* shown by the Trent community. "One of the advantages of Trent is that

it's so student-based," noted Mr. Syed. "It's the kind of university that

allows two students to jump up and start a journal." Thanks to the work of Mr. Allen and Mr. Syed, *JUST* will not only provide an exciting new forum showcasing undergraduate talent, it will also be a legacy that promises to benefit Trent students for years to come. 

Top International Students Recognized

On Saturday, March 31, Ricardo Tranjan, a fourth-year student from Sao Paulo, Brazil was presented with the prestigious Jack Matthews Award at the Trent International Program (TIP) formal and banquet, held annually to recognize international students and outstanding accomplishments in Trent University's international community. Mr. Tranjan was presented with the award in recognition of his outstanding commitment and contributions to internationalization, both locally and globally.

Other winners included: Lebogang Mothibatsela (Karanja Nioroge Community Service Award); Chris Allen, Chris Evelyn, and Syed K. Hussan (David Morrison Award);

Kayembe Tshikele (Leonard Conolly Award); Rocky Bosomwa (Hulcoop Prize); Scott Hilditch and Vincent Haney (Exchange Award); Megan Saxby (Deb Gelderland Award); Jeong Keun (Johnny) Ko (ESL Award); Professor Ray Dart (Robert Campbell Friends of TIP Award).

English Professor Publishes Second Book of Poetry

Twenty-six years after unveiling his first published book of poetry, Trent English professor Gordon Johnston has published book number two. Entitled *Small Wonder*, the collection of poems was launched by local publisher, littlefishcartpress, on Wednesday, March 14. Over 50 people attended the launch, which was held at a local restaurant, and listened as Prof. Johnston read from his latest work.



Inaugural Distinguished Teaching Awards Announced

Trent University is pleased to announce the recipients of two inaugural teaching awards: the Distinguished Teaching Award for Educational Leadership and Innovation in Instruction has been presented jointly to Professor Margaret Hobbs of the Women's Studies program and Mary-Jane Pilgrim of the Information Technology Department, and the Distinguished Teaching Award for Excellence in Teaching Assistance has been awarded to John Breukelaar, a senior demonstrator in the Department of Physics and

Astronomy. Nominations for both distinguished teaching awards were submitted to Trent's Teaching Awards Sub-committee on behalf of University faculty, staff and graduate student teaching assistants. This is the first year these award have been conferred.

Trent Earns Building of the Month Designation

The UK-based Twentieth Century Society named Ron Thom's buildings at Trent University their "Building of the Month" for March 2007. In his profile of Trent, Society member and architect William Fawcett, highlights the campus' four Ron Thom buildings: Champlain College, the Bata Library, Lady Eaton College, and the Environmental Sciences Building. He wrote: "To anyone who knows about British architects and architecture of the 1960s, Trent University is a delightful surprise – familiar yet slightly exotic." To read the full story, visit: <http://www.c20society.org.uk/>.

Trent's Oldest Student Society Turns 40

Trent University's Philosophy Society celebrated its fortieth anniversary on Saturday, March 10, and to mark this special occasion, the society organized a Student Philosophy Colloquium. The keynote address, entitled "Aristotle's Worst Idea," was delivered by Professor John Thorp, the society's first president and now a philosophy professor in the Department of Philosophy at Western Ontario. Current students in the philosophy program also presented on a wide range of topics, including: "The Social Contract, Freedom, and Individuality in Plato's Republic"; "I Experience Time, Therefore I Am": An Analysis of the Kantian Temporal Subject"; and "Foucault's Scientia Sexualis and the Western Ideal of Truth."



Reintroducing Wild Elk to Ontario

Over a century after disappearing, wild elk have been successfully reintroduced in Ontario, thanks to a Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) program led by Trent University adjunct professor and MNR research scientist Rick Rosatte. Several graduate students from Trent



University's Watershed and Ecosystems Graduate Program were also important contributors to this study. Ph.D. candidate Terese McIntosh, continues to study the DNA of the released elk in order to assess their long-term viability in the wild.

New Book Examines Impact of Fair Trade Coffee

Assistant professor Gavin Fridell from Trent's Politics Department launched his new book, entitled *Fair Trade Coffee: The Prospects and Pitfalls of Market-Driven Social Justice*, on March 15. His book looks at the broader political-economic and historically-rooted structures that hinder the spread of fair trade coffee to all coffee growers.

2007/2008 Ashley Fellow Announced

Trent University is pleased to announce that Cynthia Good, a highly respected Canadian book publisher and editor, has been appointed Ashley Fellow for the 2007/2008 academic year. Nominated by the Department of English Literature and Catherine Parr Traill College, Ms. Good is the director of the Creative Book Publishing Program in the School of the Performing and Creative Arts at Humber College in Toronto. While at Trent, Ms. Good will meet with students and members of the Trent and Peterborough communities to speak about aspects of publishing and cultural policy in Canada. She will also mentor Trent students and act as an invaluable resource for the English Department's new Masters program in Public Texts.

Taekwondo Team Makes Impact at Competition

Universities from across the province gathered in Kingston on Sunday, March 25 to compete in the first-ever Ontario University Taekwondo Competition League tournament. The Trent Taekwondo Club sent two teams and one individual. The women's team came in second place behind the RMC team while the men's team came in fourth in sparring. In patterns, Trent cleaned up taking three out of four medals (first, second and a third place position). Jamie Zimmerman took third in black belt forms and second

in black belt sparring. In total, six competitors earned eight trophies at the event.

Environmental Teachings at Camp Kawartha

Fifty-four Queen's-Trent Concurrent Education students and students in Trent's Emphasis on Teacher Education Program held an Environmental Science Workshop Day for 140 grade 4, 5 and 6 students from Millbrook-South Cavan Public School on Thursday, March 1 at Camp Kawartha. The event featured a series of 12 different workshops designed to promote environmental stewardship.

"I began this program three years ago because of the difficulty that teachers seemed to be having with teaching science in schools," said program founder and Trent professor Michael Fox. It is Prof. Fox's hope that by giving



his students the assignment of presenting relevant science to primary school children, they will gain an appreciation for the underlying material, as well as an understanding of how to present it in a school environment.

History Department Celebrates Launch of Books

Several professors in the Department of History have recently launched new books, each of which represents a significant contribution to our understanding of world history, advancing knowledge in several fascinating areas. The books include: *Condenado a Muerte (1939-1941)* by Professor Antonio Cazorla-Sanchez; *Argentina and the United States: A Partnership Contained* by Professor David Sheinin; *No Insignificant Part: The Rhodesia Native Regiment and the East African Campaign* by Professor Tim Stapleton, chair of the History department; and *Three Nights in Havana: Pierre Trudeau, Fidel Castro and the Cold War World* by Associate Professor Robert Wright.

UPCOMING events

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April 13-14: Canada on Display History Conference, Traill College. For details: www.trentu.ca/canadaondisplay/.

April 15: Bike Drive: donate used bicycles to communities in developing countries. Athletics Complex parking lot, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Minimum \$10 donation required to assist with shipping costs.

April 20-22: *The Place Between*, in association with Native Earth Performing Arts and Chëyikwe Performance. Welcome gathering, artists talks, and performance, NOZHEM: First Peoples Performance Space, Gzowski College.

April 20: Kawartha World Issues Centre (KWIC) presents Global Youth Day: Youth Living Sustainably, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Market Hall. Visit www.kwic.info for details.

May 4-5: *Gegwah*, a new work written by playwright, Alanis King. Welcome gathering, artist talks, and performances, NOZHEM: First Peoples Performance Space, Gzowski College.

May 9-11: Association of Ontario University Human Resources Professionals (AOUHRP) Annual Conference, Trent University.

May 30, 31, June 1: Convocation. ☞

Dr. Fanny Dolansky Featured in Annual Alumni Lecture

Trent alumna Fanny Dolansky returned to her alma mater on March 6 to deliver the 2007 Alumni Lecture. An associate professor of Latin literature, Roman family history, and Roman religion at Brock University, Ms. Dolansky spoke on "Women, Religion, and the Welfare of the Family." Ms. Dolansky graduated from Trent in 1997 with a B.A. in Classical Studies. Upon her convocation, she received the Governor General's Silver Medal for achieving the highest overall academic standing among undergraduate students. The 2007 Alumni Lecture is presented by the Trent Alumni Association in conjunction in conjunction this year with the Department of Ancient History and Classics. The lecture contributes yearly to the intellectual vitality of Trent. ☞

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