

in the NEWS

An excerpt from Trent in Oshawa History Professor Robert Wright's new book, *Three Nights in Havana: Pierre Trudeau, Fidel Castro and the Cold War World* was published in the Saturday, April 28 issue of *The National Post*.



On Thursday, April 26, Professor David Morrison discussed the creation of the new "David Morrison Lecture Series in International Development" on the *WOLF* and *KRUZ* radio, and in *The Peterborough Examiner*.

For his contributions to a United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Assistant Professor Chris Furgal was featured nationally on CBC Radio in Yellowknife and on Radio Canada. He also appeared on television segments on *The Weather Network*, *RDI*, *Rogers Cable network* in



Ottawa, and *CHEX TV*. Articles about his work were also published in *Peterborough This Week* and in *Peterborough Today 2007*

On Wednesday, April 25, *CHEX TV* aired a segment with associate dean of science Jim Sutcliffe discussing a predicted increase of mosquitoes due to warm winter temperatures.

Trent's *Journal of Undergraduate Studies* co-founders, Christopher Allen and Syed Hussan were featured on CKPT Radio on Wednesday, April 11 in a *Peterborough Examiner* article on Thursday, April 12.

The Tuesday, April 3 edition of *The Peterborough Examiner* featured an article on Trent student Ricardo Tranjan and the Trent International Program (TIP) Awards. ☞



TOP ALUMNI HONoured AT GALA EVENT

2007 Alumni Award winners (from l to r): Darren Murphy, Dalal Al-Waheidi, Robert Condon, Stephen Stohn, Richard Johnston, Ian Tamblyn

Six of Trent's most accomplished alumni were honoured during a night of firsts at an Alumni Awards dinner held on the set of the dramatic television series *Degrassi: The Next Generation*, on Saturday, May 5. Hosted by the Trent University Alumni Association, the event marked the first time that the Distinguished Alumni Awards and the Spirit of Trent Award were presented at the same event. It was also the first time that the Trent University Alumni Association Young Leader Award was bestowed.

Distinguished Alumni Awards

The 2007 Distinguished Alumni Awards were presented to three members of Trent's earliest graduating classes: Richard Johnston ('64), Stephen Stohn ('66) and Ian Tamblyn ('67).

A former politician and renowned higher education advocate, **Richard Johnston** was the second person to register at Trent when it first opened in 1964. Highlights from his career include: eleven years as an MPP for Scarborough; president of Centennial College; and advocate for nuclear disarmament. Mr. Johnston also served on Trent's Board of Governors. Currently, Mr. Johnston operates By Chadsey's Cairns Winery in Prince Edward County with his wife, Vida Zalnieriunas. His winery donated the wine served at the alumni awards event.

According to **Stephen Stohn**, "Trent really was the beginning of my life in so many

ways." Since graduating from the University, Mr. Stohn has enjoyed a very successful career in the entertainment industry. Starting his 40-year career as a performing artist, Mr. Stohn is a songwriter and a founding partner of a prestigious entertainment law firm. Along with his partner, Linda Schuyler, Mr. Stohn is also co-owner of Epitome Pictures and is actively involved in the production and distribution of several television programs, including the popular series *Degrassi: The Next Generation*.

The third recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award was award-winning musician **Ian Tamblyn**. Mr. Tamblyn graduated from Trent with a

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sociology degree in 1971 and is now renowned as one of Canada's foremost musicians. In addition to his own music, Mr. Tamblyn has been an enormously effective advocate and facilitator for other musicians, thespians, and artists. At the alumni awards event, Mr. Tamblyn honoured guests with acoustic performances of some of his Canadian-inspired songs.

Young Leader Awards

Dalal Al-Waheidi ('98) and Darren Murphy ('96) were the inaugural winners of the Young Leader Award, established to recognize significant contributions by Trent alumni under the age of 35.

Originally from Palestine, **Dalal Al-Waheidi** is now the

chief operations director for Free The Children, the world's largest network of children helping children through education. According to award presenter and director of the Trent International Program, Michael Allcott, Ms. Al-Waheidi "took full advantage of all Trent had to offer" and used her experiences to become a true leader. Earlier this year, Ms. Al-Waheidi was honoured alongside President Bonnie Patterson as one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women.

Darren Murphy has also experienced much success since graduating from Trent only seven years ago. Throughout his career, he has held senior positions with CanWest Media and Osprey Media

Inc. Most recently, he was named the publisher and general manager of *The Peterborough Examiner*. He is also a highly active community leader, serving on the board of the United Way of Peterborough, the Ontario Press Council, and the Festival of Lights. In his acceptance speech, Mr. Murphy credited some of his success to his time at Trent, saying: "I feel well-equipped and capable in meeting the challenges of running a newspaper on a daily basis due to the experiences I had at Trent."

Spirit of Trent Award

Long-time Trent employee and alumnus **Robert Condon** ('69) received special honours as the recipient of the Spirit of Trent

Award. This award is presented to an alumnus or alumna who has made a difference through contributions to the University, the Alumni Association or the community.

Before retiring in February 2006, Mr. Condon's career at Trent spanned three decades. Throughout his time at the University, he worked in the Physical Resources Department and in Athletics and Recreation and made a significant impact on Trent students, faculty, staff and the community. In presenting the award to Mr. Condon at the event, PSB Wilson, Trent's former director of athletics, said: "Bob was a huge mentor of Trent students. He was an ambassador for Trent, and cared about Trent."

President Patterson and Alumni Association President Matt Griem co-emceed the high-profile event. Also speaking during the awards ceremony was Dr. Roberta Bondar, who is now in her second term as Trent's chancellor. In congratulating the alumni winners, Dr. Bondar reinforced the value of the Trent experience, saying: "In extolling the virtues of Trent, which I love doing, I tell people that Trent really is shaping the world, through its students, alumni and faculty."

To learn more about Alumni Award criteria, and how to make nominations, please visit www.trentu.ca/alumni. ☞

FOUR TRENT STUDENTS FIRST GROUP TO "GO NATIONAL"

In the fall, four Trent students will make University history as participants in the inaugural year of the Go National exchange program. The program grants students the opportunity to spend one year studying in another part of Canada while attaining credits towards their Trent degree.

For Peterborough native and second-year psychology and business administration major Vladie White, the program represents an opportunity of a lifetime, allowing her to fulfill one of her biggest dreams – to try-out life in one of Canada's biggest cities, Montreal.

"I love big city life," says Ms. White, who will join the ranks of the Concordia University student body in September. "I have been thinking of doing an exchange since my first year at Trent and this was the perfect opportunity."

Go National was born of a vision of Trent President Bonnie Patterson, who wanted the University to offer

a Canadian student exchange program to compliment Trent's study abroad opportunities.

"Currently, a Canadian University Exchange program does exist among the larger Canadian universities," explains Marlene White, coordinator of the program. "Go National represents the opportunity to have a similar grass roots exchange for smaller universities. The overall goal is to allow students to experience education in another part of out the country while, at the same time, act as ambassadors for Trent University. As ambassadors our students will be able to communicate about life at Trent and encourage other students to study in different parts of our country. It is going to be a very enriching and rewarding year for the participants."

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As the first participants of the new exchange program, Vladie White, along with Bridget Vickers, Patrick St. Amand, and Kambili Husbands will spend their next



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academic year studying at another Canadian university. As part of the program, they will each be asked to maintain a journal about their experiences, which they will share with the Trent community upon their return.

"I see this as a real opportunity to broaden my horizons. It is something that will make me more grounded," says Mr. St. Amand, a concurrent education student studying English and history. Mr. St. Amand will be spending his third

year at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Ms. Vickers will also be heading to the east coast for her exchange. She will be continuing her concurrent education and environmental studies degree at the University of Prince Edward Island. She will even complete a teaching placement in the maritime province.

"I love trying new things and meeting new people," Ms. Vickers said when asked why she applied for the program. "An exchange

gives you a different experience and allows you to bring those new experiences back and to grow as a person."

The fourth member of Trent's inaugural Go National team is Kambili Husbands. Ms. Husbands will spend her fourth year at Concordia University in Montreal finishing her degree in women's studies.

For all participants in the Go National program, the experience to date has been a positive one. All students have received a great deal of support from their professors and the heads of their respective programs, ensuring that all courses and credits are transferable to their Trent degree. Each of the four participants has also received a \$1,500 Go National bursary to be used towards covering various costs such as tuition, books, and travel.

"At Trent we are committed to educating our Canadian students with an understanding and appreciation of the diversity and complexity of our great nation," adds Marlene White. "Ultimately, it is our hope that Go National will expand to include more universities and lead to a full fledged national exchange program." ✎

CONFERENCE SEASON AT TRENT HITS ITS STRIDE

Each year, the end of April marks a time of significant transition at Trent University. For faculty and students, spring means the end of another academic year but for Trent University's Conference and Hospitality Services, it signals the beginning of the department's busiest season.

Between May and September each year, the University's spectacular 1,460 acre landscape is transformed into a conference mecca where groups converge to discuss issues and where milestone celebrations unfold. For the 2007 season, Trent will play host to over 40 conferences and events. One particular highlight is the Women's World Under-19 Lacrosse Championship. For this event, scheduled for August 4 to 12, over 250 athletes from around the world will compete at Trent.

On the conference side, over 4,000 delegates are expected to converge on Trent's Symons Campus for a wide range of discussions. Among the nine new conferences hosted for the first time at Trent are the Ontario University Human Resources Professionals Conference, the Canadian Mental Health Association – Early Psychosis



Conference Services staff (from l to r): Danielle Britton, Roula Kovios, Louise Campbell, Lori Johnston

Intervention conference, the International Conference on Analytical Sciences and Spectroscopy, and the EcoJustice Education Conference and Retreat, which is being organized by Trent's School of Education and Professional Learning.

Based on past positive experiences, many other groups will be making a return to Trent this summer. One such group is Coast-to-Coast Against Cancer's Tour for Kids. Last year, Trent's Conference and Hospitality Services team welcomed 300 cyclists who were raising money for children's cancer camps in Ontario. Reflecting on her first experience at Trent, Lousia Cantelon, national events director for Coast-to-Coast Against Cancer, said: "Trent University intuitively identified and understood our need for rest and relaxation. The staff and organizers at Trent University have exceptional event planning skills."

In addition to conferences and corporate events Trent University's spectacular riverside campus will also provide the backdrop for 15 weddings this summer.

Conference and Hospitality Services is operated by a complement of four dynamic professionals: Lori Johnston, the newly appointed interim manager; Louise Campbell, administrative assistant; Roula Kovios, sales and marketing manager; and Danielle Britton, manager of hospitality services and bar operations. This dedicated team manages conference and event planning services to all sectors with consistency and the highest level of quality striving to ensure guests enjoy a rewarding conference experience.

"Since February of this year, the department has set a new fortifying direction on becoming a customer service leader by developing better relationships, and building a solid reputation as a leading learning environment and meeting destination," Ms. Johnston says.

With top-notch facilities and a breathtaking natural setting, Trent University has something to offer everyone. For more information on upcoming activities or how to host a meeting at Trent, visit www.trentu.ca/conferences or contact Roula Kovios at (705) 748-1011 ext. 7198. ✎

TRENT'S LEADING HISTORY SCHOLARS HONoured



The next generation of Canadian history scholarship: Prof. Chris Dummit, the newest member of Trent's History Department, poses with Professor Emeritus and department founder, Alan Wilson.

The legacy of historical scholarship at Trent University was celebrated during a special two-day conference in April entitled "Canada on Display." Held on April 13 and 14, the conference was hosted by the Department of History to recognize the remarkable contributions of Professors John Jennings, Elwood Jones and Dale Standen, all who have retired or are about to retire from Trent after lengthy and distinguished careers with the University.

"This event honours the 'second century' of history studies at Trent," stated session chair Jamie Benidickson, noting that the combined careers of Profs. Jennings, Jones and Standen totalled nearly 100 years of teaching.

Each of the 23 session chairs and presenters during the conference were Trent alumni, and collectively their papers showcased the exceptional contribution

made to the study of Canadian history over the years by Trent University professors and their former students. Each session featured three to four presentations that tied together the academic concerns of Professors Jennings, Jones and Standen who were interested in questions relating to museums, archives, and the public display of history.

"Canada on Display" revealed how extensively Trent history alumni have influenced the field, with additional speakers representing universities and significant historic institutions from around the world, including Pitt Rivers Museum in Oxford, England, the University of Victoria, the Winnipeg City Archives, and Queen's University.

Highlights of the conference included: Trent Research Associate Nancy Christie's interpretation of the nineteenth century Canadian family as a site of both male and female agency, and not just as a patriarchal institution; and the unique story of how William

Mackenzie King's famous diaries were nearly lost, which was unravelled by Professor Christopher Dummit, who will join the Trent History Department this July from the University of London. The fascinating biographies of twentieth century social worker Jane Wisdom and Depression-era journalist Violet McNaughton were profiled respectively by Professor Suzanne Morton of

McGill and Professors Marg Hobbs and Sue Wurtele of Trent. In perhaps one of the most memorable sessions of the conference, Professor Bill Waiser from the University of Saskatchewan delivered a passionate presentation arguing for historians to take advantage of television and other popular media to tell Canada's history more effectively to wider audiences. Prof. Waiser is the

host of a popular local history program on CBC TV in Saskatchewan called "Looking Back." With more than 70 people in attendance, "Canada on Display" represented a unique milestone for Trent as both established and new history professors gathered to honour this symbolic "changing of the guard" as Trent prepares for its 50th anniversary in 2014. 

ON THE CUTTING-EDGE: NEW PROGRAM DEVELOPMENTS AT TRENT

Two new leading-edge programs are coming to Trent University, providing students with the unique opportunity to be among the first in Ontario to graduate with expertise in the emerging areas of mathematical finance and ecological restoration.

Specialization in Mathematical Finance

Mathematical finance is one of the fastest growing areas of mathematics. Based in large part on Nobel-prize winning breakthroughs in finance theory involving advanced mathematical concepts, has emerged from the financial industry for graduates with strong mathematical skills. It is from this need that Trent's new Specialization in Mathematical Finance was created.

"The demand from both industry and students led to the development of the program," explains Dr. Marco Pollanen, program coordinator of the new specialization. The academic option will first be offered to students starting in September 2007. Upon completion, students will receive a B.Sc. Honours in Mathematics with Specialization in Mathematical Finance.

"The goal of this specialization is to produce graduates with rigorous mathematical, statistical and computing skills, who have the ability to apply them to the quantitative analysis of industrial, commercial or financial business decisions," says Prof. Pollanen. "Students who graduate with this specialization will have a very strong set of marketable skills applicable to many industries."

At the undergraduate level, Trent is only the second Ontario university to offer a Mathematical Finance option. For more information, visit www.trentu.ca/math/finance.

Ecological Restoration B.Sc.

In partnership with Fleming College, Trent University is also leading the development of another emerging field with the new Bachelor of Science in Ecological Restoration program. This Honours B.Sc. and diploma program is currently in development and is designed in response to growing environmental concerns and the resulting need for skilled and knowledgeable employees in the environmental sector.

Technically defined as the process of assisting the recovery of an ecosystem that has been degraded, damaged, or destroyed, Dr. Tom Whillans, chair of

Environmental and Resource Studies at Trent and one of the founders of the new program, describes ecological restoration as "the ecology of hope." According to Prof. Whillans, ecological restoration is emerging as a more "optimistic" science. It is a field in which students feel they can make a difference and see the visible outcomes of their work.

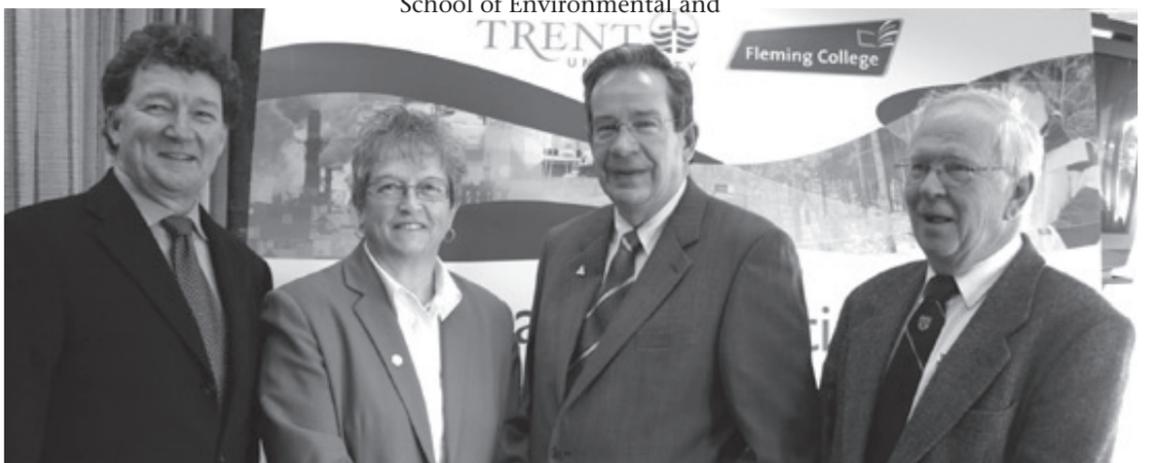
"At a time when the environment is top-of-mind with individuals, governments and NGOs across the globe, the launch of the Trent-Fleming Ecological Restoration B.Sc. is both topical and meaningful," says Trent University

President Bonnie Patterson. "This program builds on the excellent reputations of both institutions in programs related to the environment – and on a relationship of trust and mutual respect that has been developed between Trent and Fleming."

The only program of its kind in Ontario, the newest Trent-Fleming collaborative program received a significant boost recently when the Ontario government, through the College University Consortium Council (CUCC) Change Fund Initiative, awarded Trent University's Environmental and Resource Studies Program (ERS) and Fleming College's School of Environmental and

Natural Resource Sciences (SENRS) \$196,500 to assist in the development of the joint program. The CUCC funding was made available by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU), and has played a key role in sparking the development of the innovative new program.

Students of the new Ecological Restoration B.Sc. and diploma will complete years one and two at Fleming College's Frost Campus in Lindsay, and then attend Trent for the third and fourth years of this program. The first intake of 30 students is expected for the fall of 2008. 



Fleming College President Tony Tilly, Trent President Bonnie Patterson, Peterborough MPP Jeff Leal and CUCC Executive Director Dr. Robin Armstrong celebrate the announcement of the new Ecological Restoration B.Sc. program.

Roberta Bondar Receives Lifetime Achievement Award



Trent University Chancellor Dr. Roberta Bondar was presented with the Royal Conservatory of Music's Lifetime Achievement Award on

April 19, as part of the Conservatory's fifth annual Celebration of Excellence Awards event in support the Learning Through the Arts (LTTA) program.

"This award holds a special significance for me as it reinforces the value of combining arts-based and scientific pursuits in the learning process," explained Dr. Bondar.

Roberta Bondar Fellowship Established

Trent University has announced the establishment of a new endowed fellowship entitled The Roberta Bondar Fellowship in Northern and Polar Studies (RBFNS). To establish the RBFNS, funds which currently support The Northern Chair Lecture Series have been converted into an endowment which will create a fellowship to support Northern Studies at Trent.

The RBFNS will be a post-doctoral teaching and research award and the fellowship will be supported entirely from funds generated by the endowment (approximately \$45,000 per year). It will be designed to attract up-and-coming young northern scholars to Trent for the period of one academic year (8-12 months), in which they would participate in and bolster Northern Studies at Trent University through teaching, scholarship, and public lecturing.

Trent Prof Lead Author of UN Climate Change Report

Dr. Chris Furgal of Trent's Environment and Resource Science Program and Department of Indigenous Studies was the lead author in the UN Climate Change Report released by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) on Friday, April 6.

Prof. Furgal was one of only two Canadians on the international research team. He wrote a chapter of the report that presented the latest effects of climate change on the world's polar regions. The complete summary report is the second of three volumes comprising the IPCC's fourth climate change assessment report and was

written by more than 450 of the world's leading scientists. A complete summary of the IPCC report is available at www.ipcc.ch.

New Endowed Lectureship Created

A generous \$100,000 gift by Trent University professors David Morrison and Alena Heitlinger has created an endowed lectureship that will introduce students to leading speakers on international development issues and significantly build on the University's reputation for its International Development Studies program.

"The David Morrison Lecture Series in International Development" will provide students, faculty and members of the Peterborough community with exceptional access to leading scholars and people engaged in policy and practical work in the field of international development. As an endowment, the lectureship series will continue in perpetuity and provide new learning experiences for Trent students and faculty.



Trent Hosts Annual Regional Science Fair

Three PCVS students won top honours at the Peterborough Regional Science Fair held at Trent University on April 10. For their award-winning projects on scary sounds and the effects of hair dye, Mark Onderwater, Farah Tamachi and Grayson Lee will represent the region at the Canada Wide Science Fair (CWSF) to be held in Truro, Nova Scotia in May. The Science Fair enjoyed another successful year at Trent, attracting nearly 300 students ranging from Kindergarten to Grade 12. Approximately 140 volunteer judges were involved in evaluating the projects and identifying those of the highest merit.

Student-Developed Model Presented to UN

Six computer science students put their classroom learning to the test when they were charged with developing a new software tool, designed to assist the world's leading scientists select and evaluate the most effective model for measuring carbon and greenhouse gases.



Christopher Dacosta, Karthik Abiraman, Wilfred Blight, Hongsen Liu, Kevin Jay, and Ian Stewart, took on the project as part of their fourth-year computer science course in software engineering. Trent Geography Professor Raul Ponce-Hernandez was their client who identified the need for such a tool as part of his work on climate change for the United Nations. In March, Prof. Ponce-Hernandez presented the schematics and details of the student-developed system to an eager international audience as part of his contributions to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCC).

The associate dean (undergraduate studies) is a new position that reports to the dean of arts and science and supports the dean in matters of academic policy and planning and in other matters as they relate to undergraduate programs and undergraduate students.

History Prof Heads to Botswana on WUSC Mission

Professor Tim Stapleton, chair of the History Department at Trent University, participated on a team of leading Canadian academics during a recent World University Service of Canada (WUSC) mission to Botswana from April 27 to May 9. The purpose of the mission was to expand student and institutional collaboration opportunities between universities in Canada and Botswana.

Students Win \$2,000 in Province-Wide Competition

Trent University students Caitlin Bragg, Julia Canning and Andrea Maitucci won \$2,000 at the "Building a Sustainable Future" competition held by the Cement Association of Canada on April 3 in Toronto. Their winning project presented a sustainable health, agricultural and economic model for a hypothetical Aboriginal community located on the banks of the Otonabee River in Peterborough. The three students opted to donate their prize money to support the Curve Lake Reading Program.



International Student Shines in Peterborough Production

Trent international student Lebogang Mothibatsela shone as the lead performer in the Heritage Pavilion Stage production of Beau Dixon's new play, "Once A Flame," which ran for a three-week school tour in early March. The play, based on the true story of Marie-Joseph Angelique, the young slave woman who was accused of

UPCOMING events

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May 11-13: EcoJustice Education Conference and Retreat, Trent University. Sponsored by the School of Education and Professional Learning.

May 16: Aramark barbecue; free bike tune-up with Wildrock Outfitters, 11:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m. Lady Eaton College lawn. All proceeds from the barbecue to Peterborough Green-Up.

May 17: First annual Inside Trent: Lunch with the Experts 2007. Climate Change: A New Reality. Peterborough Holiday Inn Waterfront, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Open to the public; lunch provided. Call 748-1011 x7593 or to reserve a seat, e-mail sbooth@trentu.ca.

May 21: Victoria Day holiday.

May 23: President's Excalibur Golf Tournament, Black Diamond Golf Club. Cost: \$105, 1 p.m. start. More details: www.trentu.ca/athletics.

May 30, 31, June 1: Convocation. ☞

burning the old city of Montreal to the ground in April 1734. Ms. Mothibatsela is a native of Botswana. She has performed in school and public performances since primary school.

Alumnus Wins Ontario Newspaper Award

Kingston Whig-Standard reporter and Trent alumnus Paul Schliesmann ('77) received the Del Bell Award for Feature Writing at the annual Ontario Newspaper Awards event on April 21. Mr. Schliesmann swept the feature-writing category for his three-part series "Tracy's Journey," chronicling his wife's struggle with breast cancer and the impact of her four-year battle on the entire Schliesmann family. Mr. Schliesmann was also named one of three finalists for journalist of the year for 2006.

Residence Community Celebrates Diversity

From April 1-3, Trent's newest residence community, the Trent Global Living Community (TGLC), celebrated its international diversity during a cultural theatre production, entitled *Searchlight Stories*. Performances incorporated students' personal experiences and backgrounds from different cultures around the globe. Together, the cast members' own stories reflected a joint travel towards "home." Over 130 Trent students, faculty and staff attended the shows. ☞

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