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GUEST EDITOR, PAUL DELANEY '64

Unheralded Success

So much has been said about the vision of T.H.B. Symons and the other “founding fathers” of Trent in the early 1960s. Let’s face it—most of us who are reading this magazine would not be where we are had this early group not acted on their dreams. For the past three years, as Alumnus-in-Residence, I have had a unique opportunity to see this place from so many perspectives. Being the only person on the Symons Campus and at Traill for weeks at a time with virtually no stress is pretty special. I’ve had the chance to read the plaques on benches, walls, and rocks, to dig into archival material, and to chat easily and often with so many of those who made and continue to make Trent what it is.

As I write this guest editorial, I cannot help but think how fortunate I am once again. How has it happened that a would-be-but-was-not English major was asked to write an editorial in one of the finest alumni magazines in the country? (Talk about vision. This whole page could be devoted to the magnificent efforts of **Liz Fleming '77** for the past 17 years, to **Tony Storey '71** and **Kathleen Easson '78**, and to their Editorial Board.) The fact is that once again I have been given an opportunity to do something because someone believed in me, and I have met so many others who have had similar experiences.

Amazing things are still happening at Trent; it didn’t stop with the building of Peter Gzowski College! The new DNA facility on the hill above Otonabee College is now complete. Traill, while showing its age, continues to provide a unique and vital role. Fellow alumni, come and see Alumni House. Check out Trent’s numerous athletic successes. Find out

about President Bonnie Patterson being named as one of the 100 most powerful women in Canada, and alumna, **Dalal Al-Waheidi '98**, who was named one of seven “Future Leaders.” (Dalal came to Trent from Palestine and is now the International Projects Director of the NGO Free the Children.)

I could go on and on about the many distinguished and noteworthy alumni across Canada and around the world. If I did, however, I’d be defeating my purpose. It’s time that we saluted those unheralded Trent graduates who are also making a difference. They are definitely not among the rich and famous, but they are the others who are making a difference. They are librarians, counsellors, archivists, environmentalists, activists of all kinds, musicians, scientific researchers, youth workers, coaches, writers and clergy, as well as leaders in business, information technology, health care, security services, NGOs and First Nations. Thousands are parents who have passed to their children values that they learned at Trent. So many Trent graduates have become teachers, and their influence is incalculable. Most of these individuals do not seek recognition...and they rarely receive it. We salute you and we thank you for exemplifying the spirit of Trent. **T**



MATT GRIEM '97

Why Connect?

I've often said I have yet to meet a Trent alumnus or alumna who wasn't enthusiastic about their time at Trent University. Be it memories of a special "college weekend" event, a great professor or staff member who took the time to add a "personal touch," or even a late-night toboggan ride down the drumlin behind Lady Eaton College, Trent alumni always seem to have a good story to tell about the University and seem ever willing to praise the institution that shaped them intellectually, morally, and even spiritually.

I've been fortunate enough in my first year as the Trent University Alumni Association President to meet a number of Trent alumni who have taken the time to share their most precious memories and experiences with me. Of course, you might argue that because of this I'm a bit biased. It would be rare for someone who didn't like their time at Trent to actively seek out the President of the Alumni Association to tell them how much they didn't like their time at this University! However, I have not been the only person to witness this "Trent" phenomenon. Those who haven't attended, or for that matter even visited, the University have often commented to me about how special Trent is to those who have been there.

Here's a recent case-in-point: Not too long ago, my wife was

travelling back from her hometown and happened to strike up a conversation with the university student who sat beside her. Not knowing where the student was studying, my wife asked how he liked his school. The response of the student was emphatic: he felt his school was the best place for him, and that it really had changed his life. He then proceeded to talk about the small class sizes, the ability to take a number of different types of courses within his degree, the vast tracts of nature surrounding the campus, the freedom he felt to speak his mind, and the active encouragement of the professors to participate in class.

After years of hearing me excitedly speak about the same things, in the same manner, my wife asked, "You're a Trent student, aren't you?" The reply was, of course, "yes."

But despite all of the enthusiasm for Trent, the feeling of a direct connection to the University can become more distant over time. Understandably, this often begins after Convocation, where the last thing on most graduates' minds is how to stay in touch with the university they just graduated from. With the future in mind, alumni may ask: I enjoyed my time at Trent, so why continue to connect?

For me, some of the reasons to connect with Trent were quite evident this past fall, when the Alumni Association hosted three separate events during the Head of the Trent/Homecoming Weekend (one of the busiest in recent memory). Through our extremely successful Commoner Reunion and other alumni reunion events, friends who hadn't spoken to or seen each other in many years came together to reconnect, reminisce, and, most importantly, make

plans for the future.

In addition, alumni and their families who hadn't seen the campus, perhaps since they graduated, became reacquainted with the University and saw some of the newer features that have become part of today's Trent experience, such as Peter Gzowski College. They were able to see first-hand how Trent continues to be a place for students to learn and grow.

The Alumni Association also hosted a successful Annual General Meeting during this busy weekend, where Council reported both its challenges and successes from the past year and heard from our membership. We also welcomed four new council members through our elections: **Adam Feather '02, Brandi Gillett Woods '93, Francis Fung '97,** and our student representative **Peter Stephenson '04.** Congratulations!

For those who weren't able to connect in Peterborough, the Association has also been working to bring the University to you. This past September, we saw the revival of our Toronto Chapter through an after-work event at the Beer Bistro, where a number of our Trent alumni networked, chatted, and enjoyed some of the finest beer the city has to offer.

But should you need a more altruistic reason to renew your connection with Trent, you could perhaps volunteer to help the University through your expertise, tutor a student, or help a recent graduate who is looking for a first employment experience.

For many of us, the Christmas and winter holidays remind us how important it is to connect with the ones we care about. In the New Year, why not connect with Trent to see where it might lead you? Best wishes in 2007! [T](mailto:mattgriem@trentu.ca)

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PRESIDENT BONNIE M. PATTERSON

As I think about our goals for 2007, I realize what an exciting time this is for Trent. Plans that we carefully implemented over the past years to support Trent's strategic directions through 2010 have quickly gained momentum. Now we can begin the dynamic process of working with the Trent community to articulate our preferred future as we prepare for the University's next historic milestone in 2014 when Trent turns 50.

One major initiative we are focussed on is the provincial government's \$4 billion funding announcement to support colleges and universities made by Premier Dalton McGuinty during his visit to Trent last September. This was an exciting day on campus, providing a unique opportunity for students to meet Premier McGuinty first-hand. The Premier chose Trent's beautiful campus as the setting for this historic announcement by the Ontario government to provide a three-year funding allocation to post-secondary institutions, as part of their \$6.2 billion Reaching Higher program. Trent submitted a \$3.3 million proposal for 2006/07, and if approved, this investment will benefit the University in many ways. In particular, this stabilized approach to provincial funding will support our plans to provide students with greater access to an exceptional university education.

Building our Future

The first step in securing three-year funding was to complete a multi-year action plan. In November 2006, Trent submitted its strategy, part of which outlined how we intend to grow and measure our success in three key enrolment areas: first generation students (those from families where neither parent has attended university), Aboriginal students, and students with disabilities. First-year students supported this process by participating in a survey where they self-identified if they belonged to one of these three groups, and through this process, we gained some new information about our student body. More than 50% of students choosing Trent are first in their family to do so. Our goal is to make Trent more accessible to these three groups of students using a range of innovative strategies.

Meanwhile, the University continues to invest in dedicated faculty committed to outstanding teaching and innovative research. Pending budget approval, Trent plans to hire an additional 25 full-time faculty over the next three years, enabling us to maintain the student-to-professor ratio that is a distinguishing feature of the Trent experience. This remains a key tenet of our focus on the student to ensure each Trent learner has access to the best professors at the forefront of their field.

Part of this planning exercise will align Trent's priorities with public policy objectives and at the same time emerge through a more comprehensive visioning process, with a path we feel meets community aspirations. Beginning in the fall of 2006, a series of University-wide consultations were held across campus and in the community. A key participant in the leadership team is alumna **Dianne**

Lister '71, vice president of external relations and advancement. A draft Trent@50 document has been prepared for University stakeholders to comment on, defining the three key pillars necessary that will put Trent on solid footing for the future: a bold vision statement and expression of how we will get there, an updated strategic directions plan from 2010 to 2014, and developing a "culture of philanthropy" to ensure financial sustainability for the future.

As always, the Trent community is deeply engaged, generously sharing its input during these vision presentations. Strengthening philanthropy as a core value at Trent by establishing a continuous campaign has generated a great deal of positive feedback. There are several exciting features of this new model, including creating thematic centres of excellence that reflect Trent's areas of educational and research achievement, and defining facility needs to enhance student life, staff contributions to their growth and faculty research.

I encourage all alumni to join in the discussion about Trent's future to ensure all the voices of Trent are heard. Further information and updates are available by visiting www.trentu.ca

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Young Donor Makes a Big Impact

Janice Cunning invests in culture of philanthropy at her alma mater

There are two things that Janice Cunning '89 has come to feel very strongly about over the years: philanthropy and a university education. In her work with a consulting firm that serves non-profit organizations, she feels "a deep appreciation for the role that philanthropy can play in changing people's lives." As a graduate of Trent she believes that a university education can change a person's life for the better and that all students deserve the opportunity to pursue post-secondary education. Over the past year, Janice has been able to combine these two passions by supporting her alma mater through a planned gift in her will and the establishment of a student bursary.

"For me it was important to reflect on my own values and I believe that supporting education is the best way to have a positive impact," Janice says, explaining how she came to her decision to give to Trent.

Janice, who works for KCI (Ketchum Canada Inc.), has been a regular donor to the University since she graduated in 1993 with an honours degree in history. Through her donations and regular attendance at alumni events held in Toronto, she has maintained a close relationship with Trent – something that has been important to her because she believes "that the education that I received at Trent has been key to my career success."

Now she is increasing her level of support to the University by remembering Trent in her will and establishing a new student bursary. For her, it has been a natural step.

"I have been supporting Trent over the past few years and wanted to make a stronger impact



"Many young people aren't in the position to make a major gift, but everyone can make a planned gift at any stage in their lives."

with my support," she explains. "Philanthropy is an integral part of my life. My company consults in the area of planned giving and during an internal conference we had a session on planned giving and major gifts. The session began by asking people to reflect on their own philanthropic priorities and we discussed whether people had made a planned gift. I realized this was something I wanted to do."

Making the decision to create a will went hand-in-hand with Janice's purchase of her second home in Toronto, and providing a planned gift to Trent was a good way of ensuring that, down the road, someone else is able to benefit from a similar life-changing educational experience to the one she herself had at Trent.

"Having a will has given me a sense of security to know that my

wishes will be honoured," she says. She also encourages other young people to start thinking of establishing a planned gift of their own. "Many young people aren't in the position to make a major gift but everyone can make a planned gift at any stage in their lives."

In addition to her planned gift, Janice has also set up a bursary in her family's name in honour of her parents.

"The bursary is named the Cunning Family Bursary. I chose that name because my parents were both financially and emotionally supportive during my post-secondary education. They helped me pay for most of my education which allowed me more time to focus on my studies," she explains.

Janice will be funding her family bursary over the next five years, starting in January 2007. Her bursary contributions benefit not only from the Ontario Trust for Student Support matching program, which according to Janice "certainly made the idea of funding a bursary more accessible," but also from a corporate match provided by her company. KCI encourages staff to make donations each year to organizations of their choice and then provides a 75-percent corporate match for all contributions up to a maximum of \$2,000 per staff member. Once her pledge is fulfilled her new bursary will be worth over \$21,000, which will generate over \$800 annually to students in financial need.

"It is my hope that this bursary allows students to gain the skills they need to pursue their own unique dreams," she says. For more information about planned giving at Trent, contact Sherry Booth at (705) 748-1011 x 7593 or see the bottom of page 32. **T**

The Future Looks Bright: Opening Day of the New DNA Building

Friday, October 27, 2006 marked a great day for Trent University, and for the future. Amid throngs of dignitaries, community leaders, and Trent students and staff, President Bonnie Patterson proudly announced the official opening of the new DNA Building.

During her opening remarks, President Patterson remarked enthusiastically that “the DNA program and the new DNA Building represent one example of how Trent University is strategically raising its national profile and showcasing its teaching and research excellence in DNA Forensics.”

A multi-purpose facility, the DNA Building serves as home to Trent’s Natural Resources DNA Profiling and Forensics Centre (NRDPFC) and houses 56 researchers and staff from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR). The NRDPFC is built upon a key partnership between Trent University and the MNR, and is dedicated to wildlife forensics. Researchers affiliated with the NRDPFC have been involved in groundbreaking wildlife DNA research since 1998.

All levels of government were key partners in the development of the new facility. Representatives from each were on hand to celebrate this historic occasion, including Dean Del Mastro, MP for Peterborough; the Honourable David Ramsay, Minister of Natural Resources; Jeff Leal, Peterborough MPP; and former Mayor **Sylvia Sutherland ‘68**.

Over the course of the morning, more than 80 guests from government, granting agencies, and media participated in organized tours. These tours highlighted the Automation Lab, which features robotic equipment that can rapidly process thousands of wildlife DNA samples, the Post-Mortem Lab,



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which is used to examine wildlife specimens, collect diagnostic samples or evaluate the cause of death, and the Forensics Teaching Lab, designed specifically for the Trent-Fleming forensics degree program.

It is the integrated nature of this facility that makes it so unique, combining teaching, research, and commercial functions. Minister Ramsay was delighted to see the fruition of all the hard work from so many partners, commenting that “we believe this is a well-placed investment, and an exciting opportunity for MNR staff to strengthen their working relationship with Trent University faculty and students.”

Trent students are equally as excited about the new building. While holding a 4,000-year-old whale bone used in her research, Ph.D. student Brenna McLeod explained, “there is now a greater opportunity to share expertise between students, while increasing the calibre and appeal of graduate students.” The new DNA Building will contribute to Trent’s reputa-

tion as a major centre for DNA profiling, forensics, automation, and diagnostics, and will provide students and faculty with access to the latest technology and research laboratories.

Following the tours, guests enjoyed brief presentations by Professors Neil Emery and Craig Brunetti, who showcased their leading-edge DNA research. In the afternoon, open-house tours were conducted for Trent staff, faculty, and students.

The DNA Building is the first phase of a multi-level development for the Regional DNA Cluster, a multi-party collaboration among Trent University, Fleming College, the Ministry of Natural Resources, the City of Peterborough, the Greater Peterborough Area Economic Development Corporation (GPAEDC), and the private sector. Ground for the building was broken in July 2005, and the first occupants moved in on August 14, 2006.

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Step Inside the DNA Building

Once you enter the new DNA Building, it is no surprise that it is gaining renown for being just as sophisticated as the CN Tower.

While the outer shell of the DNA Building reflects the campus's natural surroundings through its use of stone and metal, the inner spaces are an expression of functionality and flexibility. Modular in design, the building houses a combination of wet and dry laboratories, some of which are organized in a traditional layout while others are open-concept. Laid out in a grid-like design, the open-concept labs can be reconfigured quickly in order to adapt to ever-evolving scientific needs.

The single- and semi-two-storey building also places a strong emphasis on shared research space. Housing labs and office space for Trent faculty, MNR staff, and independent researchers from companies such as Genopod Inc., a manufacturer of DNA sample containers and lab-related electronic equipment, the DNA Building provides an environment that is conducive to teaching, learning, and discovery on a variety of levels.

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Alumni Golf Tournament: A Hole in One for Bursaries

Trent alumni and other golfers gathered at the Port Hope Golf Club on September 16, 2006 to enjoy a day of golf, fellowship, and the great outdoors. They also gathered to strengthen bursary support for student athletes at Trent.

Thanks to the generosity of golfers, donors, hole sponsors, and the matching funds opportunity presented by the Ontario Trust for Student Support, it is expected that the PSB Wilson Bursary Fund will benefit student athletes to the tune of approximately \$20,000.

Tony Storey, director of alumni affairs, paid tribute to lead supporters **Peter Sidgwick '77**, Wellington West Clearlight, and **TD Meloche Monnex** in shaping the strong results. Tony also described why the Alumni Golf Tournament is one of his favourite events of the year:

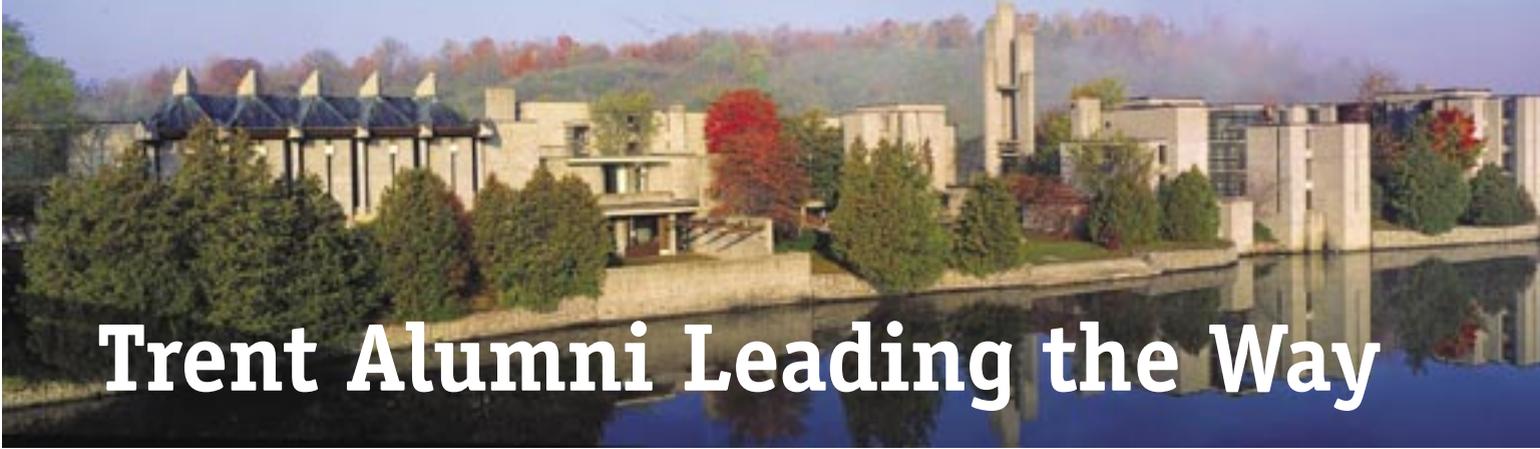
"It is a splendid outdoor day in a gorgeous lakeside setting. The tournament honours Paul Wilson, Trent's immensely popular and respected former director of athletics. It also fulfills the Alumni Association's commitment to fostering community and is a key philanthropic activity for the athletics and recreation program."

This year's tournament is scheduled for Saturday, September 15, 2007. All members of the Trent community are welcome to take part. For more information, contact Alumni Affairs at (705) 748-1399 or alumni@trentu.ca. [T](#)



The 2006 Tournament winners: Miles Ecclestone '72, John Casserly '72, Tom Phillips '74, and Brian McGregor '66.





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Admit It Trent Alumni are Making the Grade in Post-secondary Admissions

BY TROY HAMMOND '90

Each autumn, as university campuses welcome the newest first-year class, the buzz of excitement is contagious. Students leaving home, perhaps for the first time, are anxious to experience their newfound independence, professors are eager to impart their knowledge, and parents breathe a collective sigh (of relief?). University admissions officials share in the same excitement. After all, they play a large role in the recruitment and creation of each incoming class, spending countless hours travelling from high school to high school to promote the university, and carefully poring over grades data, supplementary profile forms, and other information.

Trent has earned a reputation as a place where the individual matters, even before they are officially welcomed as students. Certainly, the advent of advanced computer software allows for easier collection and interpretation of high-school grades, thereby eliminating some contact with students; however, great emphasis is still placed on making a personal connection with the applicants. Individual high-school visits, a highly visible presence at the annual Ontario Universities' Fair in Toronto each September, international recruitment initiatives, immediate correspondence via email and telephone, and a new advertising "brand" for the University all contribute to the professional, yet still personal, interactions with prospective students.

Trent alumni have not only gone on to represent and work for their alma mater, but have also found exciting careers at other post-secondary institutions across the country and abroad. For



Trevor Corkum '94 is one of many Trent alumni who now recruit students to post-secondary educational institutions.

example, **Paula Ceroni '94** is the International Student Recruiter and Admissions Officer at the University of Victoria in British Columbia. She began her career in student recruitment while employed at Trent for two stints as a liaison officer. Her upbringing in Chile, her ability to fluently speak Spanish, her personal travels, and her involvement with the Trent International Students' Association were ideal qualifications for her current position.

Pieter Funnekotter '99 studied business administration at Trent before working as a liaison officer for two years prior to accepting a position at Bournemouth University in England as the Marketing Development Officer for Flexible Learning. He says, "My degree helped in boosting my problem-solving skills and gave me the fundamentals of business and marketing. My experience working for Trent really put that to practice."

Spencer Harrison MA '03 (whose work as an artist is profiled on page 16) began working at Trent as he was completing his

M.A. in Canadian Studies. Now the Senior Recruitment Officer at the Ontario College of Art and Design in Toronto, Spencer was a liaison officer and enrolment management assistant. "In the final year of my Master's I was looking for a way to pay the bills while I wrote my thesis, and because I think Trent is a 'one of a kind' institution that I truly love, it only made sense to apply as a contract liaison officer.

"Trent is an extraordinary institution that helps develop very strong communication, critical thinking, research and problem solving skills. This, coupled with the sense of community that is fostered at Trent, enabled me to unearth my beliefs in post-secondary education. These tools are used everyday in my current position, recruiting students to OCAD."

Trevor Corkum '94 studied at Trent for two years before completing his undergraduate degree at the University of Victoria. He has since returned to Trent to take on the position of International

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Recruitment and Admissions Officer. "Trent has a great reputation for being a tolerant, globally-focused university. Being in small classes at Trent allowed me to connect with students from other parts of the world and gave me the desire to continue working in a profession which would bring me into contact with a diversity of opinions and ideas," he reflected.

Jeff Macnab '78, Associate Registrar, Recruitment and Admissions, at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology has observed that "parents are much more involved in the educational futures of their children.

"Students are outcomes-focused and are attempting to plan the next 30 plus years of their lives at a very young age. They work hard and are overly scheduled in my opinion," he says.

Similarly, Ryerson University Admissions and Recruitment Officer **Krista Borrowdale '89** noted, "students are under a lot more pressure now than they were when I was in university. Whether self-imposed, from parents or guidance counsellors, or societal perceptions, this pressure seems to result in students feeling a need to know exactly 'what they want to be when they grow up.'"

Krista also joked that during her years working at Trent one thing that hasn't really changed is the fashion sense of university students. "This year there is more 80s-esque fashion than I ever wanted to see again. I've already seen the pink polo shirts on guys, I'm just waiting for the huge shoulder pad on the girls!"

Spencer Harrison reflects on the type of students that Trent attracts. "[Students] are younger by a year than those we saw on campuses five years ago. Many of them are very influenced by their parents and they want to know that there is a job at the end of their degree.

"Recruiting these students," says Spencer, "often requires meet-

"Students are outcomes-focused and are attempting to plan the next 30 plus years of their lives at a very young age."

ing the needs of the parents first, before that of the student. I think Trent University still attracts students with a social conscience, who are politically active and want to change the world. I think these are the same students that were attracted to Tom Symons' original vision of Trent University."

For his part, Pieter feels that British students are much different than Canadian students. They're less concerned about the environment of the university and much more concerned about their job prospects. The student experience is very important, but it takes place outside of the university setting. They go to university in the morning, and go home at night. For Pieter, Trent was a much more life-consuming experience.

Despite changes in student attitudes towards university, Krista

believes that the planning process is crucial. "I always try to remind students that they should study something they will enjoy and excel at rather than something they think will get them a job right after graduation. The former usually leads to the jobs regardless and can take a student anywhere they want to go, whereas the latter can result in poor performance and/or dissatisfaction with university. University should be fun, you should learn things too, but it should be fun!"

And attractive to students it is. According to the 2006 National Survey of Student Engagement, 85% of first-year students rate their educational experience at Trent as either good or excellent, while 91% of upper-years say the same. Those recruiters and admissions officers are obviously finding the right students for the right university. **T**

Reflections

In 1989, I was a Grade 13 student and quite interested in Trent University. I was looking for a small university, and was also attracted to the natural setting of the Trent campus. That year Trent conducted individual interviews with interested students at their respective high schools. Liaison Officer **Carol Mishaw '85** met with me for over twenty minutes. Her genuine enthusiasm and love for "her" university made me realize that Trent was, indeed, the right choice for me too. About the third week of my first year I ran into Carol on the dance floor of the Commoner. With all inhibitions aside I said, "Hey, you interviewed me at my high school last year," to which she responded, "Hi Troy, I'm glad you decided to come to Trent." I almost fell to the floor that she even remembered me, as I am sure that she had probably spoken with hundreds of prospective students the year before. That moment is one of many fond memories I have of the people at Trent and what makes it such a special place. What are some of your memories of Trent recruiters and admissions officers? Are you an alum who worked in the Trent Liaison Office? Send your anecdotes to Trent Magazine at alumni@trentu.ca

Playwright and Alumna Jennifer Sipos Returns

On November 16, Trent 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 Jennifer's first return to Trent in 11 years, after graduating in 1995 with a degree in English Literature and French. Since leaving Trent, Jennifer has gone on to enjoy a successful career as a playwright.

With two plays produced to date, Jennifer was a natural choice for leading the workshop, which was designed to advise budding writers on how to get a play produced professionally. One of the many tips she offered throughout the talk was to "write down everything," recounting that "one of my own plays was the result of five years' worth of scribbling on receipts, notebooks, and napkins."

Jennifer 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.

Since graduating from Trent, Jennifer has not just been busy writing plays. She is also currently enrolled in a Ph.D. program at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) in Toronto, where she is studying critical theory and the creative process. Like so many Trent alumni, Jennifer also has a number of other projects on the go. From her comedy show and academic work, to a full-time job, her demanding schedule is part of what made her return to Trent so special.

"I have always wanted to do this—to return to Trent," Jennifer told the crowd. "It is such a community here. I experienced so

many creative moments while I was here."

The evening was also special for the young writers at Trent who came to hear her talk. They were also given a chance to interact with and learn from someone who has "been there," which is a valuable lesson.

And the students were left with a resounding message from Jennifer: "The page is empty; it must be filled." **T**



Professor Emeritus Robert Carter's New Book Explores Japanese Arts

Professor Robert Carter's newest book, *The Japanese Arts and Self-Cultivation*, will be published by the State University of New York Press. Prof. Carter was a member of the philosophy department of Trent University for nearly thirty years. His research on Japanese philosophy led him to visit Japan on nine different occasions. After retirement, Prof. Carter taught in Japan for two years as an Invited Professor, and at the University of Hawai'i as a Visiting Professor.

Prof. Carter's newest book is a sequel to *Encounter With Enlightenment*, which is a theoretical study of Japanese ethics. Thanks to his second Japan Foundation Fellowship in 2003, Prof. Carter spent two months in Japan consulting with and interviewing the grand masters of several Japanese arts: the Way of Tea, landscape gardening, the Way of Flowers, the martial art aikido, and pottery. This latest book is written in an easy-to-read, accessible style which will allow non-specialists to learn about the teaching of ethics and life values through physical practice. Rather than all learning coming through the "head," the various practices lead one to ethical insight through the training of the body. Perhaps that is why the Japanese work, *kokoro*, has come to mean both mind and heart, incorporating both reason and emotion. Reason is a function of the brain, while the emotions are seated in the body.

The Japanese Arts and Self-Cultivation is Professor Carter's eleventh book. His other books include studies in education and ethics, Japanese philosophy, several edited volumes, joint-translations from the Japanese, and two books of poetry. He has lectured at universities and conferences all over the world, and presently is developing his skills as a trumpet player at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto.

He has two children: **Scott '86**, a computer specialist in Kingston, and **Meredith**, project-manager for the Otonabee Region Conservation Authority in Peterborough. He is also a grandfather for the first time; Meredith's son, **Emerson**, who is 16-months old.

Professor Carter lives with his wife, **Deanie LaChance**, who is a member of the Counselling Centre at Trent. They reside in a home "in the wood," near Buckhorn. **T**

Toronto Chapter Update

BY JOSHUA MILLS '97

On a beautiful mid-September evening last fall, approximately 50 Trent alumni within the Greater Toronto Area gathered at the Beer Bistro in downtown Toronto. The bistro's reception area and the patio were packed with Trent alumni ranging from the class of '64 to the class of '01. All of the partygoers took advantage of this enjoyable opportunity to connect with old classmates, to make new friends, or to tap into the vast Trent University professional network.

The evening's special guests included our very own Director of Alumni Affairs, **Tony Storey '71**, our new Alumni Association President, **Matt Griem '97**, and the Vice-President of External Relations & Advancement, **Dianne Lister '71**.

In addition to enjoying interesting conversations with our Trent alumni and sampling great food and beverages, participants received Trent mementoes including a very attractive Trent poster. The evening was capped by a great door prize donated by the Alumni Affairs Office. The lucky winner of the warm and stylish Trent sweater was **Francis Fung '97**.

Special thanks go to **Lenae Dupuis '91**, **Kathleen Easson '78**, and the Beer Bistro. The evening would not have been a success without all of their hard work and support.

For information on upcoming events, visit the Trent Alumni website www.trentu.ca/alumni and keep your contact information up-to-date. The Toronto Chapter's next event will take place in March. Also, if you are interested in volunteering for a future event or have a suggestion for the Toronto Chapter team, please feel free to contact Joshua Mills at jomills@deloitte.ca. I look forward to seeing you at our next event! 

A Letter from Newfoundland

Dear Alumni Association,

Today I am full of displaced irritation: I had planned on being in Peterborough today [September 30, 2006]—30 years since my first exposure to Head of the Trent. However, a subpoena I recently received requires that I be in Gander in two days. I can't do both: I will have to give evidence in civil court that two vehicles did not really collide four years ago. It's traditional Newfoundland stubbornness, so I hope the two drivers who are suing each other are tossed on their ear by the judge. Still, it interferes with this weekend!

Last night I looked up into clear skies and savoured the warm autumn breeze. Thirty years since I was a freshman at Trent... Even today, the recollection of the sounds and scents of Peterborough in the fall permeates my sense of that time of my life and of every autumn since then. I have never really left. Nor has Trent ever left me.

My strongest connection to Trent has always been in the experience of its beauty: there are people whom I miss, but the loss of those relationships through the abrasion of time leaves me with a vague heartache and a sense of embarrassment. Still, the aesthetic of concrete against wood and brick in sod remains. The maternal shape of the drumlin, the medieval web of vines and stone, and the determined profile of the bell tower all stand forth with vivid clarity.

Today the Reginald Faryon bridge will be crowded, but I see it in my mind's eye as through a time machine: the flickering of crowds and emptiness, form and light, snow and mist and the scent of the river below. Michael Cullen's evocative photographs of rowers and river have helped me convey that beauty to my younger daughters—his prints have hung in their bedrooms. Maybe one day those little girls will want to return there themselves.

Today I am drinking my coffee from the same mug I used 30 years ago (purchased on a two-for-one student coupon from Peterborough Jewelers the second week of classes in September 1976). I haven't been to an alumni reunion in years. This isn't for lack of trying. Canada is a big country; I can't pop over to the university for a day trip.

So, here's what I want to say to you: THANK YOU. Your presence at the end of this digital trail is a touchstone and a blessing. Your work is important. To know that you are still doing what you do validates my experience. I am sure it is that way for many other alumni. Please take care of yourself. Time is etching its tracery upon us all.

Kindest regards,

Michael R. Hall '76
Kelligrews, Conception Bay South, Newfoundland

"A rare commitment to engage": Excellence in Internationalization at Trent

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" workshop series, the University has taken a proactive approach to reviewing past activities in the area of internationalization and 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 during the week of September 25 to present at the two-day workshop.

Internationalization can 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. Beck and Dr. Jane Knight—to present their current research to the Trent commu-



From left to right: Kumari Beck, Dr. Jane Knight, Professor Chris Metcalfe and Susan Clark, vice president, academic.

nity. 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 internationalization.

Ms. Beck's research involving biology and physics classes at SFU revealed that faculty who focus on creating better learning environments, instead of looking for specific classroom techniques, will become more effective teachers of international students. Her conclusions are based on the premise that knowledge is constructed in cooperation with others; therefore faculty who create opportunities for all students to share their experiences and accept various approaches to problem solving will help them find academic success.

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 the University of Toronto, Dr. Knight is Canada's foremost scholar on internationalization and has conducted several worldwide survey projects of significance in the field. Her presentation at Trent 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.

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

Trailblazers and Trendsetters: Trent Women Lead the Way

Trent president Bonnie Patterson and Trent alumna Dalal Al-Waheidi '98 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 November 21 in Toronto. President 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," President 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 the Women's Executive Network, an independent advisory board selected the winners



President Bonnie Patterson and Board Chair Reid Morden

in eight categories, including the Trailblazers & Trendsetters and Future Leaders categories.

In being selected for the Trailblazers & Trendsetters Award, President 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," President 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 President 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 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, then I will have done something right."

For the full list of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women visit www.wxnetwork.com. **T**

A Place For You

BY JOHN MULLIN '01

For Spencer Harrison MA '03, unlike many Trent alumni, his Trent experience did not start as an undergraduate. In fact, his Trent experience didn't even start as a student—at least, not exactly. Spencer began his time at Trent as artist-in-residence at Champlain College. His story takes us from Trent, to Alberta, back to Trent, and ends up (for now!) at the Ontario College of Art and Design.

To begin with, it is important to understand some things about Spencer. While it is unfair to define people by what they do, Spencer is an artist. He is also a scholar, and most of all, he is someone who cares about the world around him and the people in it.

Artist-In-Residence

When Spencer came to Trent as artist-in-residence, he did not live at Trent. His art and studio, however, came to life in the Champlain private dining room. His work focused on a theme important to him, as it is to many members of the Trent community: ending violence against gays and lesbians. The piece in question covered several artistic media: painting, sculpture, and installation. Made of acrylic on muslin bandage, the work was interview-based and featured small works that were eight-by-ten-foot portraits. The portraits were direct translations of the violence against gay men and lesbians revealed in the interviews conducted at Trent.

The largest pieces were eight feet in height by 75 feet in length, portraying fragments of aggressors coming at the viewers, who stood inside the piece. The work was suspended from the ceiling in a circular form so the viewer was surrounded. These pieces vicariously placed the viewer at the centre of a

gay bashing. The name of the exhibitions was The Queer Project.

The completed work was a major achievement for Spencer—and it brought him unexpected popularity. “My work began being written about by the media—this wasn't new ground for me,” Spencer explains. “Unfortunately, I think they were asking the wrong questions.” Spencer noted that while his work was being written about more and more, “newspapers were covering me in the medical, policing or life sections. They didn't seem to be covering me in the arts sections.”

This led Spencer to begin asking his own questions about his work—fundamental questions such as whether his creation was truly “art,” and what value his work had as social criticism. The result of this process of questioning was an M.A. thesis in Canadian Studies, entitled “The Queer Project: The Distance Between History and Truth.” The thesis was an emotional experience for Spencer. The writing “tied together personal experiences and personal narratives.”

The impact of his work was considerable—Spencer recounts an experience where a young student revealed his homosexuality to Spencer. This would not have been so significant were it not for the fact that Spencer was the first person this student told. Spencer reflected that the response to his art “was different for everyone. Where I thought it would be taken a certain way, everyone had their own interpretation of it.”

Spencer was also artist-in-residence at Peter Robinson College. “Peter Robinson College may not exist any more—but it sure does in spirit.” As if to underscore this point, Spencer recounts an experience from three years ago. On a



train in Florence, sporting his Trent cap, he was stopped suddenly by another traveller. The young man identified himself as a Trent graduate—and his first question for Spencer was, “What college were you with?” To make a long story short, the two discussed their Trent days and found they had had a very similar experience, despite being a decade apart in age.

The Liaison Days

Some time after getting his M.A., Spencer began working at Trent as a liaison officer. “I wanted to be a liaison officer for four months,” Spencer recalls, “but I ended up doing it for five years. There is a reason I did it for so long—my passion for this school.” His passion for Trent comes firmly from



Spencer Harrison has donated two works to Alumni House: "A Place for You" (above) and "Unfinished Memories" (left).

"It was an amazing experience, to talk to a student in high school, and then see them four or five years later as they were graduating. It was a great feeling when they would come up to me and say 'thank you.'"

The Donations

Spencer has donated four lovely pieces of art to Trent since his graduation. The first sits in the Disability Services Office—and for good reason. As a student who took advantage of their services, Spencer was happy to give them a gift to commemorate the valuable help they gave him. The piece, "It's About Belonging," became their logo—an eight-by-four-foot painting that illustrates his experience of life as a learning-disabled student within the Trent community.

The second piece is in the President's office. Spencer describes it as "images that make me think of Trent." The third piece is a painting of a canoe that was purchased by the Canadian Studies Program. The final piece is located in Alumni House: a remarkable painting of a rower.

There is a fifth and touching piece whose title is used as the title of this article. "A Place For You" is dedicated to Spencer's late friend **Rob Dejong '93**.

his experience. When asked about what made a Trent education valuable, Spencer states simply that "Trent grads are able to sell their ideas—and stick to them. That comes from two things: the tutorial system and the great professors."

Spencer believes, that despite seeing the number of Trent students double during the past ten years, the tutorial system and small class sizes have not been threatened, nor has there been a decrease in the quality of teaching.

As rewarding as his time as artist-in-residence was, however, it seems that Spencer's time as a recruiter for Trent was his most enjoyable experience. It was his job to go to Ontario high schools and tell young people why they should come to Trent. With a laugh, Spencer notes that, "I am probably directly responsible for bringing more people to Trent over the last five years than any other individual."

"I met Rob when I was the Artist-in-Residence at Champlain College. Rob was living in residence and began visiting my studio on a regular basis. We became quite close friends. The next year he began rowing, which was no small feat considering he had cystic fibrosis, which is a disease that impacts the lungs. He used a respirator on a daily basis just to maintain a normal life and added rowing to his list of things he wanted to accomplish in what he knew would be a short life. He was the person responsible for the banners that now adorn the bridge during Head of the Trent. When he passed away he was a few credits short of his degree but a group of friends petitioned to have his degree granted posthumously. When he passed away the Trent rowing club purchased and christened a double in his name. It is one of the fastest boats that the club owns and is often loaned to the National Team. It has an eerie "moan" or "scream" when it is being rowed at a fast speed.

The boat is the inspiration for this new piece, and this painting is sure to be a wonderful addition to Alumni House.

The Future

Spencer is no longer working for Trent, nor is he a student here any longer. He has moved on to the Ontario College of Art and Design (OCAD) to "do the same job as I was doing at Trent." Spencer tells me that "although OCAD is a perfect fit for me, my heart is still attached to Trent." These are not idealistic words – Spencer identifies one of his long-term goals as the establishment of a Faculty of Fine Arts at Trent.

Spencer will also be beginning a Ph.D. in Fine Arts in Toronto or London, England, to complement his academic and professional life. No matter where Spencer goes, though, he knows that at Trent there is always a place for him. **T**

Memories, Friendships, and Beer: A 'Common' Combination!

BY JOHN MULLIN '01

It is not an easy thing, to hold an event on the same day as the annual Head of the Trent rowing regatta. The Head of the Trent is typically the biggest annual event on the Trent calendar, and it attracts anyone and everyone to Symons Campus for memories and fun.

However this year, there was an event that had no trouble attracting people during Head of the Trent: the reunion of the Commoner.

On September 30, former employees and patrons of the famous Trent pub gathered in the parking lot of the Commoner to remember and pay tribute to the special place that was a huge part of their university experience. The energy of the event was amazing—it resembled a mixture of a wedding reception and a family reunion. It was certainly a warm-hearted experience, as long-time friends reconnected during this jovial gathering.

"Wow, you guys look OLD!" came a shout from the beer line, to be met with, "Really? Have you seen a mirror lately?" and some hearty laughs.

The spirit of this event is captured in that sort of banter, filled with lots of laughs among old friends, some of whom may have been seeing each other for the first time in years. Hardly could you look in any direction and not see people hugging, slapping each other on the back, or recounting wild stories.

Two of the people at the centre of far too many of these stories were Colin '91 and Morgan '92. Their refusal to share their last names at first seemed odd, but their reasoning became clear soon



From left to right: Darren Huston '85, Tony Storey '71, and Andy Radford '85.

enough. These two fellows were the managers of the Commoner for the 1995-1996 season. It was perhaps a mistake to ask them to recount some memories, because even without last names, their identities are far from safe.

"Well..." mused Colin, "there was Rugby rookie night ... drinking in the attic ... throwing old records off the roof..." At this point, Colin stopped and shot Morgan a look, wondering whether to continue. "Oh, that was nothing. Remember Head of the Trent that year?" asked Morgan—and this was enough to draw a massive roar, and high fives all around. As I came to discover, that was the year during which they estimate 600 people were in the Commoner—despite a fire-code maximum of 200!

"It was funny," Morgan continues, "because this cop walked in, and you couldn't move in there. We got lucky, because the cop was an ex-staff member!" This was relevant, and not because he may have looked the other way on a fire-code violation. As Morgan told me, "the staff was certainly a close-knit

bunch." As if that weren't apparent enough, the proof was all over the grounds, with literally hundreds of people in attendance, all because of the Commoner.

"We used to have staff nights, where you would expect the staff could bond and get to know each other. The problem was, as soon as we announced one, we would end up with all of our staff, their roommates, friends, people they were dating and their friends...you would invite 12 people, and 100 would show up!" laughed Morgan.

Colin and Morgan were not the only ex-managers around that day, though. As I struggled to find Donal '91 and Dave '90 (again, no last names are needed!), someone kindly pointed them out, "They're over there—the two bald guys in hockey jerseys." I didn't know what to expect. Donal's jersey said "Action Man," and I soon discovered why.

"There was a Commoner rec hockey team," announced Donal, "and there were four levels—A, B, C and D. A-level was for good

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players—our team was in D. D was for the guys who couldn't skate and didn't have equipment!" As if to prove his point, Donal showed me a photo of himself in the locker room, wearing no equipment except a snowmobile helmet.

"There are two things in the history of Trent that could have been a fraternity," cut in Dave, "and they were rugby and the Commoner." It is not surprising, perhaps, that the Commoner was the place the rugby team most often congregated!

When I asked these two about their favourite memories, I received a unique answer: the job interviews! "We used to try and intimidate people," laughs Donal. "We wanted interviewing for the Commoner to be the most difficult interview of the person's life!"

"There were so many memories" Dave carried on, "Halloween parties, stags, air-band night, the time I dressed up as Mrs. Claus..." At this point, Dave trailed off a little,



Left to right: Ann Farquharson '76, and Roy '75 and Nancy '75 O'Brien.

but the photo Donal showed me of him as Mrs. Claus told the rest of the story.

As we continued to thumb through photos, Donal pointed out one featuring a very dirty floor. Even the floor, it seems, had a story at the Commoner. "You see the colour of the floor? It's covered with Commoner grime!" he exclaimed. Donal went on to explain that over the years, dirt, beer, cigarette butts and who-knows-what-else accumulated to

cover the floor with delightful black soot. It was part of the charm of the place – just don't fall down!

There is more than just grime on the floor, though. In a hushed voice, David tells me that there is also a safe in the floor—rumoured to be full of money, and still there! "It was funny, one of the managers could always remember the combination, and the other one couldn't." After the closure of the Commoner, the location of the safe (and the contents therein) remains unknown.

In an odd way, the story of the safe reflects the story of the Commoner generally. Locked up in that old, unsafe building are memories that only the grimy floors and rickety walls recall. But if you happen to meet an ex-Commoner, buy them a beer or two and the stories will come to life—and the memories, which exist in the collective consciousness of anyone who passed through it, will never die. **T**

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Head of the Trent & Alumni Homecoming

The annual Head of the Trent rowing regatta and alumni homecoming was held at Trent on September 30, 2006. This long-standing Trent tradition brought thousands of alumni and visitors to the Symons campus to participate in activities ranging from the rowing regatta and varsity athletic events to reunion barbecues and receptions. Some of the highlights...

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 heard brief presentations by President Patterson, **Dianne Lister '71**, Vice-President, External Relations and Advancement, and Bill Byrick, Director of Athletics and Recreation.

"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," said President Patterson.

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 former Peterborough Mayor and Trent alumna **Sylvia Sutherland '68**, members of Trent's Board of Governors, and Trent athletes and coaches.

Commoner Reunion & 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. 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 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 artefacts. The highlight of the afternoon was the christening of a new varsity rowing eight, to be known as "The Commoner."

Soccer Players Reunited

The alumni soccer game has become an annual tradition at the Head of the Trent, thanks in large part to **Dave Knapton '88**. Dave has been organizing the reunion game since he graduated from Trent in 1993, and year after year

many of Dave's original teammates join with new alumni to play at their home pitch once more.

This year more than 25 alumni returned to play on the new field. For the first time, alumnae from the women's teams were also involved. As well, for the first time, the players were able to support Trent's varsity soccer program directly, by contributing \$10 from their individual registration fees. "Through our efforts we hope to give the sport and the Trent program a higher profile," said Dave.

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 rowers who compete at all levels: recreational, varsity, and even the national level, such as Trent's own Brent Holmes. In addition to competing in the Under 23 World Rowing Championships in Belgium last July, Brent is also president of the Trent University Rowing Club. **T**

Sunshine Sketches

1966

Tony Lovink '66 has been accepted by the University of Ottawa with an admission scholarship to complete his PhD in religious studies. The focus of his research is on the religious experience of African, immigrant and refugee adolescents in Canada to understand how they form their values here. He would be interested in corresponding with other Trent alumni that have similar interests. His e-mail is alovink@rogers.com.

1972

Peter Heffernan '72 received his PhD from Université Laval in 1995 and is now a Professor of Education at the University of Lethbridge, Alberta. In Toronto, he was recently awarded the prestigious Prix Robert Roy by the Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers in recognition of his leadership and accomplishments in second language education in Canada. In Alberta, he was also recently awarded the Prix Louis-Philippe Cormier by the Association canadienne-française de l'Alberta for his leadership in promoting francophone education in that province. Peter is the senior professor in Alberta in second language/culture education.

1985

Kelly Eastlake '85 her partner Sherri Keller and their son Jairus welcome their new daughter and baby sister to their lives (**photo 1**). She was born on August 22, 2006 at home with big brother standing by.

1986

Cathy Waite '90 and **Brent MacFarlane '86** were surrounded by the love of friends and family, and lots of Trent alumni as they celebrated their marriage on June 3, 2006 (**photo 2**). Trent alumni in attendance included Cathy's maid of honour, **Sarah Harrison-Cragg**, **Kosta Brindakis**, **Kathie Howes**, **Alison Meteer**, **Kate Lightfoot**, **Don Smith**, **Tariq Rafi**, **Dinesh Wijesinha**, **Randy Greenlaw**, and last but not least, **Grant Gordon Stell!** Following a romantic honeymoon in Jamaica, the happy soulmates are now residing in Belleville.

1989

My name is **Nancy Sladich '89**, class of 1989. Just wanted to let you guys know that I was married on June 24, 2006 to Peter Ortenburg and that I will be changing my last name to Ortenburg. I attended Trent 1989-2003, Geography/History Honours with ConEd. The wedding took place in Oakville, on June 24, 2006 (**photo 3**). Continuing Education friend **Scott Anderson '89** was part of the wedding ceremony. We'll be living in Oakville.

1990

In August 2006, Julia and Brent Easey along with their boys, Isaac and Joel, hosted a BBQ for their Trent friends in Simcoe (**photo 4**). In attendance were: (back row) **Siobhan Hill '90**, **Liz King (Kent) '90**, **Anita Griffith '90**, **Liz Burrill '90**, **Pam Dickenson '90**, (front row), **Julia (Jeacle) Easey '90** and **Angela (Hawley) Metcalfe '90**. Most of this group has been meet-

ing together at each other's homes throughout Southwestern Ontario as a book club for over five years. On this day we also enjoyed the company of Angela's husband Steve and her children, Dawson and Emily, along with Liz's son, Alex.

1991

Amanda (Bothwell) Archibald '91, **Brian Archibald '92** and big sister Shona are proud to announce the arrival of Maggie, 3lb 11oz, Isobel 2lb 13oz and Ewan, 4lb 9oz (**photo 5**). All born at the Ottawa Hospital, General Campus on March 16th 2006, at almost 31 weeks. Maggie, Isobel and Ewan spent four weeks at the Rich Little Nursery, Civic Hospital before coming home. All three babies are doing well and are thriving.

1993

Janice Quirt '93 and **Jonathan Gingerich '94** tied the knot on November 12, 2005 at Casa Loma in Toronto (**photo 6**). The event was attended by several fellow Trent alumni and homage was paid to the Commoner with a stirring rendition of "Home for a Rest" on the dance floor. The couple then jetted off to New Zealand for three weeks where they managed to bump into more Trent alumni in Wellington. After making the move from Yonge and Eglinton in Toronto to suburban life in Burlington, the year was rounded out with the arrival of Joshua Gordon on July 15, 2006.

Craig Zimmer '93 was married on August 18, 2006 to Andrea Kindlon at ceremony held in Oshawa (**photo 7**). The event was attended by a few Trent alumni including groomsman **Paul Jacula '93**, fellow former Trend Manager **Paul Raper '93** and his wife **Cindy '95**. The two

of us met while teaching at St. Mary Catholic Secondary School in Pickering. In September 2006, Thompson-Nelson released his first book, entitled *Canada A People's History: Emerging Loyalties*. It is a tie-in to the popular series presented by the CBC. He co-authored the book with two other teachers.

1994

Tina Marie Bebbington '94 married Kristopher Luker on April 26, 2006 (**photo 8**). Their oceanside wedding was held in Victoria, BC. Tina's former Champlain College floor-mate **Stephanie Abba '94** served as Maid of Honour.

Greg Element '94 and **Terese McIntosh '94** are pleased to announce the birth of their first child **Elijah Gregory**, born October 13, 2005 (**photo 9**). Greg, Terese, Elijah, and Hailey the bad dog live in Peterborough where Greg is chemist for the city and Terese is just finishing up her Ph.D. at Trent.

1995

Ron and Sarah (Keys) Wells have been together for 10 years now! We have two little additions to our family, Evelyn, born March 8, 2005, and Hannah, born June 7, 2006 (**photo 10**). We have recently moved to Calgary where Ron is doing a Postdoctoral Fellowship. Sarah will be staying home with the girls. And yes, that is Atticus in the picture too! We would love to hear from friends at sarahdwells@yahoo.ca.

1996

After almost 10 years together, **Kendra Couling '96** and **Jamie Fligg '96** were finally married at the University of Guelph Arboretum on September 9, 2006,

much to the happiness of friends and family (many of whom are Trent grads) (**photo 11**). They are currently living in Thunder Bay where Kendra has completed her M.Sc. and where Jamie is working as a fisheries biologist in the Thunder Bay district of Ministry of Natural Resources. Although they love the skiing and the outdoors that Thunder Bay offers, Kendra and Jamie hope to return to southern Ontario sometime soon.

Julie (Clare) Wallace '96 and **Andrew Wallace** were (finally) married on October 16, 2004 with many Trent alumni in attendance (**photo 12**). They would like to announce the birth of their son, **Brandon Ian**, born on August 22, 2006 in Ottawa. The family is currently living in Embrun and would love to hear from old friends at julie.wallace@rogers.com.

1997

Deanne (Gaebel) Casey '97 and **Sean Casey** are thrilled to announce the birth of their first child **Owen David Francis Casey**, born February 28, 2006 weighing in at 9lbs 1oz (**photo 13**).

1999

Rachelle Laurin-Borg '99 and **Robert Borg** were married August 30, 2003 and are pleased to introduce you to the light of their life, **Benjamin Joseph Borg**, born August 26, 2005 (**photo 14**). She writes, "I pray all of my Trent friends with whom I've lost touch are happy and well. I think of you often."

Michael Reynolds '99 married **Cynthia Chan** on July 12, 2003. They have welcomed a daughter to the family, **Caitlin**, born July 26, 2006 (**photo 15**). Michael completed his masters and doctoral degree at the University of Waterloo and has returned to



Trent as an assistant professor in the psychology department. Proud parents **Jenn Mindle '99** and **Dwayne Barrett** are excited to announce the birth of their first child, **Austin Cobby James Barrett** (**photo 16**). Austin was born on August 21, 2006 at Belleville General Hospital.





A Glass Act

BY JOHN MULLIN '01

For David James '68, change is a way of life. So, too, is excellence. Whether it is in his career as a journalist, his work as a management consultant, or now his award-winning cast glass sculptures, David is always looking for new challenges, and he is never content until he has done his best.

After graduating from Trent in 1972, and earning first place in the graduate journalism program at the University of Western Ontario, he began working at CBC Radio. Ten years later, he was the CBC's Paris correspondent. Following this, David went on to pursue an MBA, which led him naturally into a career as a management consultant. After fourteen years of working for McKinsey & Company in North America and Europe, David embarked on yet another new career path: the life of a fine artist.

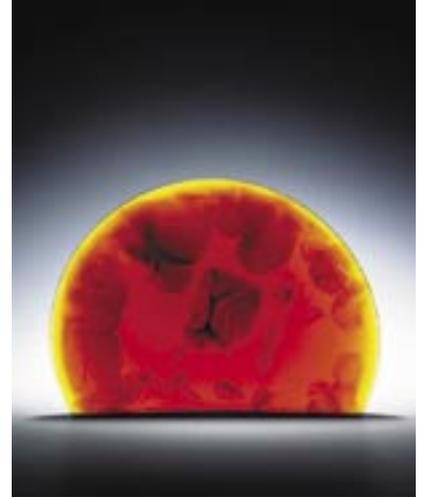
A common thread to an apparently unrelated collection of interests is his deeply inquisitive spirit, coupled with intense personal motivation. "Curiosity, a creative streak, and my need for independence of action are what drive me," says David. David's success is largely due to his passion.

His art has taken him many places, including the past. Among other venues, his work is exhibited at the Sandra Ainsley Gallery in Toronto, which David describes

as "one of the nicest galleries in North America." And there, one day, it was spotted by Anne Patterson. Coincidentally, Anne's husband David '66 resided at Peter Robinson College during the late 1960s when David James was also there. Anne went on to buy David's piece for her husband, a collector of glass art.

"When I called Sandra (the gallery owner), she told me that 'David is interested in your work.' My response was, 'David who?'" When told that it was his old colleague from Trent, **David Patterson '66**, David was thrilled.

During their days at Trent, the two Davids, while not close friends, certainly shared similar interests. David Patterson was a student activist who organized some protest rallies that David James took part in. The irony here is profound: David Patterson, the former student activist, then went on to get an MBA and is now the CEO of Northwater Capital Management, a firm that manages over \$10 billion in assets. As David James puts it with a laugh, "The model activist is now the model capitalist, albeit with a social conscience." However, the irony goes further. David James, who was a history and politics student, went on to become a business consultant himself and worked with CEO



David Patterson '66 and David James '68. Above are glass art pieces created by James.

clients, and now has returned to the artistic spirit of the '60s.

One of the results of Anne's purchase was to give the former students a chance to meet and reminisce. "What we have here is two old PRC chaps brought together by their love of glass," says David. [T](#)

- The first documentary ever broadcast about Bruce Cockburn was aired on TURS and prepared by David, a co-founder of TURS.
- His work "Tranquillity" won the New York Museum of Arts & Design Award at the Habitat Galleries International Invitational in Detroit
- His works were selected for the book 500 Glass Objects, published in 2006 Contemporary Glass Art of the World.
- Check out his section on the web at www.glassartcanada.ca/davidjames



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TISA-lympics: Unity Through Sport

BY PAUL DELANEY '64

A young international alumnus named Kori St. Cyr '03 from Ottawa returned to Trent last Thanksgiving weekend to help other alumni and many spectators cheer on 130 international students at the second annual TISA-lympics. Originally from the Bahamas, Kori spent four years at Trent and received an Honours B.Sc. during last June's rainy convocation. During his final year at Trent Kori headed up the Trent International Students Association (TISA). Recognizing that most international students would not be returning home for the Thanksgiving holiday, Kori came up with the idea of having a mini-Olympics and introduced the first event on the October 2005 long weekend. It became known as the TISA-lympics, and it was a tremendous success. The only disappointment that year was that there was no team representing Canadians, most of whom had gone home.

From October 7-8, 2006, approximately 250 attended the second annual TISA-lympics. Eight regional groups took part, and for the first time Team North America (i.e., Canadians) participated. TISA organized the event, with much assistance from the Athletics staff. The planning committee consisted of Nusrat Mutmainneh, Malisa Kurtz, Christopher Evelyn, Bobby Yang, Jessica Lee, Alain Pescador, Lebogang Mothibatsela and Christopher Allen. The events included basketball, football/soccer, volleyball, and badminton.

The theme of the TISA-lympics is "unity through sports," and for anyone who attended the event the truth of that statement was dramatically evident



throughout the two days. At the moving opening ceremony in the Athletics Complex, Trent alumni's ambassador (and founding Trent Athletics director) Paul S.B. Wilson delivered a passionate "charge to the athletes." During the closing ceremony, an exciting moment came when alumnus-in-residence **Paul Delaney '64** presented the Championship Trophy to this year's winning team: the Trent South East Asian Organization (TSEAO). In second place was the Trent African Caribbean Students Union (TACSU), followed by the Latin Americans (HOLA), the Middle East group (TMSA) (many of whom, as Muslims, were fasting during the two days of activities), the Chinese, the Canadians, the Europeans, and the Japanese. **T**

P.S.B. Wilson engages in a serious conversation (no doubt about cricket) with Kori St. Cyr, an international alumnus from Bahamas now working in Ottawa. Kori was the former head of TISA and the TISA-lympics (now held annually on Thanksgiving weekend) was his idea. Paul Wilson delivered the "Charge to the Athletes" at the opening ceremony both years.



TONY STOREY '71

It is Introductory Seminar Week 2006 at 8:00 in the morning. In the field directly north of Alumni House (the former Champlain College Master's Lodge) about 200 first year Champlain students are chanting, "Cham-plain... Cham-plain." The mood is one of good-natured and cheerful participation. Everyone is smiling and meeting new people. The Intro Week leaders have a relaxed but enthusiastic manner.

Suddenly a snake line of students appear ... they have danced their way across the footbridge from Peter Gzowski College and add their own chants and cheers to the growing din. Not to be outdone, Lady Eaton College's newest students arrive. The seeds of friendly college rivalries are being sown. It is a reminder for me of the friendships I fashioned in my first year at Champlain in 1971, and how they have endured with alumni and faculty and staff.

The establishment of Alumni House on the Symons Campus has been a landmark development for both the Alumni Association and the office of Alumni Affairs. There are three pillars of the Alumni House *raison d'être*: Identity, Citizenship, and Collaboration. The three pillars involve boosting the identity of the alumni-relations program on campus, asserting the

What It Means to Be in Alumni House



role of alumni as full citizens of the university community, and collaborating with departments, programs, and colleagues within that community.

With our move in the summer of 2006, we were well aware that we were stepping into very big shoes. Champlain Master Stephen Brown and his family were legendary for their hospitality and sponsorship of special university activities and informal opportunities hosted at the Master's Lodge. As one Champlain alumnus commented, "I partly grew up in the Master's Lodge." This is an important legacy for us to honour and try to live up to.

Older alumni also recalled the contributions made by the late W.L. and Peg Morton, the late Brian Heeney and his family, and Denis and Dawn Smith. We have been the beneficiaries of repeated fond memories of the Burbidges, MacAdams and Glasscos. Each era of our alumni has a story to tell about what the Master's Lodge meant to them.

Alumni House provides office space for Alumni Affairs and book-

able special-function space, along with overnight guest accommodation. Since we opened our doors in late August, we have been the delighted hosts for Continuing Education classes, dinners, luncheons and receptions, the Disability Services knitting circle, meetings, workshops, guest speakers and even a media centre for the visit of the Honourable Flora MacDonald.

We estimate that over 1,200 guests have made their way through Alumni House in its first three months of operation. All this activity takes place against an exhilarating backdrop of pride in alumni accomplishments. The living room alcove has become home to the Alumni Wall of Fame collection. Here you will find a shelf of books by **Don Tapscott '66** or the late **Larry Turner '72** or award-winning authors **Yann Martel '81**, **Richard Wright '70** and **Julie Johnston '75**. You can also browse materials and photographs from the founding years of Trent, donated by **Paul Delaney '64**, or play

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CDs by **Crooked Wood**, **Hughes & Wilson**, **Ian Tamblyn '67**, **Born Again Pagans**, **Jeff Hennessy '89**, **Robert Wright '79** or **Chris Lakerdas '84**.

A stroll through the dining room will allow you to admire the photography of **Michael Cullen '82**, wonderfully represented by 11 photo portraits from his highly regarded "The Chair" series. This room is also home to "Unfinished Memories" by **Spencer Harrison MA '03**, an original oil painting.

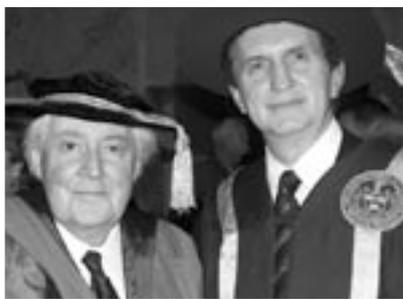
Throughout the House are examples of art and photography, memorabilia, trophies, and artefacts from the university's past. The brass bell from Thom Tower, long assigned to a storeroom, is now newly polished and looks quite at home on the fireplace hearth.

Along with the privilege of having the Master's Lodge at our disposal comes the responsibility for ensuring that the building and its furnishings are in very good condition. A mini-campaign has been launched to raise \$150,000 in direct improvements for the House and a further \$100,000 to establish the Alumni House Endowment Fund. I am pleased to report that as of late December 2006, over \$230,000 had been committed to the Alumni House campaign from 28 supporters.

Alumni are invited to make Alumni House their first stop when returning to campus. You will receive a warm welcome and we can provide a personal tour of our new home. Subject to availability, overnight accommodation can be booked in advance for a reasonable fee.

Spotlight on Alumni Accomplishments and Distinctions

Carol Brown '64 received the Ontario Co-operative Association Lifetime Achievement Award in October 2005 at the 7th annual SPIRIT Awards in Burlington, Ontario. From a participating



Tom Symons & Robert Campbell '71

parent, to joining boards of directors, to eventually filling the role of executive director, Carol has embraced the co-operative daycare sector. She served as education chair for the Organization for Parent Participant in Childcare and Education, Ontario where she supports and advances parent co-ops through writing, editing and revising many of the resources that are available to local co-ops. A colleague applauded Carol Brown's work: "Communication, flexibility and endless care in the most basic of details have made Brown a model for co-operatives."

Adrian Heaps '72 was elected to Toronto City Council in the recent municipal elections. He was the subject of interviews in both the *Toronto Star* and the *Globe and Mail*. He has proposed a "councillor exchange day" in which councillors would swap wards for a day. It is a no-cost suggestion that would foster greater appreciation among councillors for the varying needs across the city. Innovative thinking and an interest in politics are a family tradition: Adrian's grandfather was A.A. Heaps, co-founder of the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation (CCF).

The fourteenth president of Mount Allison University is **Robert Campbell '71**. He began a five-year term as president on July 1, 2006. This appointment follows his work at Wilfrid Laurier University as Dean of Arts. Dr. Campbell has already introduced a green-paper discussion document that attempts to characterize the eight core ingredients of the



Phil Playfair '83

university mission statement. The guest speaker at the installation ceremony was **T.H.B. Symons**, Founding President of Trent and Honorary President of the Trent University Alumni Association. Robert's spouse **Dr. Christl Verduyn '71**, an award-winning Canadian Studies, scholar has joined Mount Allison's faculty in the Centre for Canadian Studies.

Andrew Norrie '90 has been named a partner in Ray & Berndtson's Toronto office. He has extensive experience in the recruitment of mid-level and senior executives, as well as in leadership assessment. Andrew has successfully completed searches across Canada, the United States, and internationally.

The annual Pine Tree Lecture at Trent University was delivered by **Dominic Beaudry '95**. Dominic is the Education Director at Wikwemikong on Manitoulin Island. His lecture was "Socio-economic History of the Great Lakes Anishinabe at Manitoulin."

Three Trent alumni served as Analyst Jurors for the Canadian Investment Awards. **Maureen Loweth '76** is Dean of Business and Creative Arts at George Brown College and served on the IFIC Investor Education Award committee. **Jocelyne Daw '73** is Vice President of Social Engagement for Imagine Canada and chaired the Imagine Canada Corporate



Trent University board members with Tony Storey at the Alumni House Christmas Open House (left to right): Doug Young, Michael Butt and Fred Sherratt.



Ingrid Nola '73 & Marion Wilke-Whittington '78

Citizenship Award committee. She also chaired the Imagine Canada Socially Responsible Investment Fund Award committee. **Peter Henry '79** is President of Proteus Performance Management Inc. and served on the Pooled Fund Awards committee.

Former Trent Magazine editor **Liz Fleming '77** continues to be a regular freelance contributor to the *Toronto Star*. In August 2006 she learned to love kayaking around B.C.'s Gulf Islands as part of a story on gourmet kayaking trips. More recently she wrote about the Niagara Region's ice-wine industry.

Alison Ellwood '00, Maria Leonardo '05 and **Megan MacDonald '05** have been cycling across Canada with the aim of connecting and strengthening the network of breast cancer survivors and their families. Once the journey is complete, the stories from women, friends, and communities will be compiled into a publication called HerStory. For more information about the journey, visit www.herstory2006.com.

Globe and Mail journalist **Leah McLaren '95** is the author of *The Continuity Girl*, published by Harper-Collins in 2006. Her first novel follows character Meredith Moore, an on-set film-script supervisor who resolves to have a baby at the age of 35.

Phil Playfair '83 sold his interests in Advanced Utility Systems Corporations to Constellation Software Inc. Established in 1997, Advanced Utility Systems provided customer information and billing solutions to utilities and municipalities. The company quickly emerged as an innovative software provider that built up a client roster of more than 60 utilities throughout North America and the Caribbean. Phil is currently enjoying his family life with **Jacqui Code '83** (a Partner at Osler law firm) and sons Ian and Graeme while researching the correspondence of his late grandfather Malcolm Doak.

Brian Toller '71 is the President and Owner of Tolcor Investments Ltd. He is a member of the Board of Governors of the Community Foundation of Ottawa.

The Innisfree Bed and Breakfast is the new home and business of **Elaine '88** and **Alan Demaline**. They are located in Hopewell Cape, New Brunswick, right across the street from the Hopewell Rocks, the site of the highest tides in the world. Be sure to visit their website at www.innisfreebandb.com.

Brendan Edwards '96 is the author of *Paper Talk: A history of libraries, print culture and aboriginal peoples in Canada before 1960*.

According to Vancouver Public Library Online, *Paper Talk* "covers the largely untold story of the introduction of print to Canadian aboriginal peoples by missionaries as a 'civilizing' influence." Founding President and Vanier Professor Emeritus **Thomas H.B. Symons** applauded the book as "ground-breaking ... an informative and useful volume. It is a landmark in the field."

The Chair of the Transportation Safety Board of Canada is **Wendy Tadros '75**. She had been a full-time member of the Board since July 1, 1996 and, since December 2005, the Acting Chair. Wendy is a lawyer with extensive experience in the transportation sector. Among the senior legal counsel positions she has held was her role in the late 1980s as lead counsel representing the Canadian Transport Commission before the Commission of Inquiry into the Hinton Train Collision.

David McGuffin '87 is the CBC's Africa correspondent, based in Nairobi. Previously he was bureau chief in Moscow for Feature Story News, a British broadcast news service with clients that include CBC Radio, National Public Radio, PBS, and ABC News. On December 5, 2006, he filed a story for CBC News Analysis and Viewpoint, titled "Kenya's Rain, Climate Change and Human Disaster."

August 2006 appointments to the Board of Directors for the Toronto

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Port Authority included **Krista Scaldwell '86**. She currently serves as director of consumer healthcare at Pfizer Canada, where she chairs the government affairs committee for the Nonprescription Drug Manufacturers Association.

Trent University's Department of English Literature included two alumni in its annual Writers Reading series for 2006. **Julie Johnston '75** is a Governor General's Award recipient for her first two published works of children's fiction, *Hero of Lesser Causes* and *Adam and Eve and Pinch-Me*. Her latest work, *A Very Fine Line*, was released in September 2006. She read from her works at Trill College in September.

Richard Harrison '76 took part in a reading at Lady Eaton College on October 4. His six published books of poetry cover a remarkable range of interests, including his passion for hockey as well as his reflections on family life. His latest collection is *Worthy of His Fall*.

The Bonemender's Oath by **Holly Bennett '75** is the sequel to her teenage fiction novel *The Bonemender*, which was recognized as a 2006 International Reading Association Book Award Notable. Both books are published by Orca Book Publishers.

Canadian fencers dominated the Commonwealth championships in Belfast, Northern Ireland in September 2006. Among them was **Ainsley Switzer '97**, who won a gold medal in the women's individual épée.

Dr. Bill Waiser '71 was the recipient of the University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association Honour Award. Professor Waiser teaches history at the University of Saskatchewan, but has also become one of the province's most celebrated authors as well as



Professor David Page is on sabbatical leave this year, enjoying Cambridge very much and the occasional visits from friends from Trent. He is researching the drainage and management of the Fen Country in the Roman period.

"the public face of the history of the province." His 2005 bestseller *Saskatchewan: A New History* led the *Globe and Mail* reviewer to conclude, "Saskatchewan has found its historian."

The Middle Power Project: Canada and the Founding of the United Nations by **Adam Chapnick '94** was shortlisted for the Dafoe Prize. The Prize is awarded annually for the best book on Canada or Canada's place in the world. In 2005 Adam was awarded the Cadieux Prize for his article, "Peace, Order and Good Government: The 'Conservative' Tradition in Canadian Foreign Policy." He is currently researching a biography of the Canadian diplomat and commentator, the late John W. Holmes.

Lynda Mannik '95 read from her book, *Canadian Indian Cowboys in Australia: Representation, Rodeo and the RCMP at the Royal Easter Show* at the Marshland Centre in Lakefield, Ontario. The book details a little-known moment in Canadian history when eight First Nations rodeo riders travelled with to Sydney, Australia, in 1939 to

compete in the Royal Easter Show. The reading was sponsored by Happenstance Books and Yarns in Lakefield, whose ownership includes **Martha Whatley '73**.

e-divine is an e-newsletter produced by **Adam Guzkowski '95** dedicated to helping people build a better life and a better world through the spiritual practice of everyday life. The inaugural issue in October 2006 featured "Centred: The First of the Seven Cs of Spiritual Coaching." To be added to the distribution list, contact adam@dailydivine.com.

Kempfenfelt Bay School in Barrie, Ontario has a new Head of School in the person of **Andy Rodford '85**. Andy has an impressive career in senior positions in the independent school system, culminating in his recent appointment at Kempfenfelt Bay. The school is a co-educational, independent, non-profit, Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 elementary school and is committed to providing an exemplary education that empowers students to embrace their personal potential as productive and responsible global citizens.

On November 4, 2006, Trent University's third president and vice-chancellor, Professor Emeritus **Donald Theall (Hon.)** received an honorary doctorate in sacred theology from the University of St. Michael's College in the University of Toronto. This is the university where Marshall McLuhan taught most of his life as well as the place where Etienne Gilson taught from the Second World War until his death. Prof. Theall's recent book, *The Virtual Marshall McLuhan*, has just been released in a paperback edition with the addition of a special introduction for this edition by McGill-Queen's University Press. The book has been widely praised in reviews and is considered to be one of the major basic studies on Marshall McLuhan. **T**



In Memoriam

Tracy Plunkett

On May 2, 2006, my wife Tracy Plunkett '79 died in Kingston of complications from breast cancer. Tracy and I met at Champlain College in 1979 and we were married four years later in her hometown of Brockville after she had graduated with her honours BA in English and French. Following a seven-month honeymoon tour of Europe I returned to Trent to complete my honours degree. Tracy took a job in the Admissions department, travelling around Ontario in the fall of '84 and spring of '85 recruiting high school students for Trent. Tracy went on to earn her Bachelor of Social Work degree at McMaster where she was on the dean's list for two years. She practised social work in Brockville for three years before spending the next 10 years at home raising our three children—Matthew, 16; Adam, 13; and Rachel, 11. Tracy was such a devoted and valued volunteer at South Crosby Public School in Elgin that the school established the Tracy Plunkett Award for French proficiency in her honour. The first award went to our son, Adam. Tracy returned to work part-time at Child and Youth Wellness in Brockville in 2000. In 2002 she was diagnosed with breast cancer which she bravely fought for four years. Trent was always her academic home and a place of many wonderful friends and fond memories. We dearly miss her.

Paul Schliesmann '77



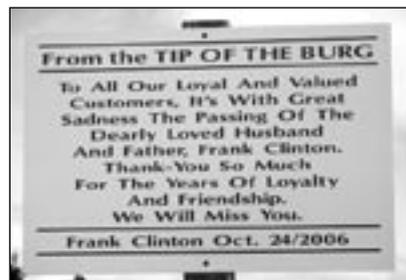
Phil Robinson

On July 25, 2006 Philip 'Philly Blunt' Robinson was rappelling in Auyuittuq National park, where he was working as a park ranger. He and several American climbers were attempting to break a record for the longest rappel down Mount Thor, one of the highest peaks in the park and the longest uninterrupted vertical cliff face in the world. Before he began his decent down Mount Thor, Phil was in good spirits, as he usually was when he was in the north, and all seemed well. At the halfway point however, something happened and Phil began to freefall. He was not able to recover. No one will ever know exactly what happened to Phil on the face of the mountain. The only certainty is that Philip is gone and we have lost one of the most singular individuals that we have ever known. Phil was generous, caring and a good friend to many Trent Rugby alumni as well as countless others in the Trent community and elsewhere. The Trent Rugby Football Club would like to acknowledge the untimely passing of one of it's most unique alumni. Our hearts and prayers go out to Phil's family and all who were close to him. We will miss his contribution to the Trent community,

his openness, his warmth and his friendship. We will miss the place he held in our lives. We will miss him greatly.

Frank Clinton

The Trent community was saddened to learn of the passing of Frank Clinton, aged 53, on October 24, 2006. Frank was the owner/operator of the beloved "Tip of the Burg" chip stand located at the intersection of Nassau Mills Road and Armour Road. Frank will be dearly missed by the



many students, staff and faculty at Trent whose frequent visits made "Tip of the Burg" a campus tradition. Deepest condolences are sent to the Clinton family, especially Frank's wife, Sharon, and his children, Jason and Meagan. The following remarks were kindly shared by his family: "For all of his dear customers who visited Frank, sometimes daily at the Tip of the Burg, we lay to rest a big guy, a little guy, and the wedge fries you have come to love. Heaven is now a great place for a homemade burger and fries."

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