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When Trent Becomes a Life-Long Home

DONALD FRASER '91

"The Patch" has a reputation for hanging on to its university students. Looking back, I can't count the number of times I've heard Trent students being told that they'll either never leave, or that, leave as they might, they will inevitably return.

I was told that. Repeatedly. I didn't believe it, of course. Most Trent students don't.

And yet, here I am, 15 years later, living in East City and writing this for you.

What's more, I can't help but notice that the town is chock-a-block with Trent graduates. You can't swing a degree without hitting a handful of them.

In Durham Region, Trent is more and more becoming a presence, with new alumni having an impact on the Oshawa-area community. Familiar names and faces seem to be cropping up more and more frequently. This has been particularly true since the Thornton Road Campus began its successful programming.

Does Peterborough actually retain Trent grads any more than any other university town keeps its alumni? Does Oshawa? I don't know that any statistics exist to prove either way, but anecdotally, I'll say yes.

Hardly a day goes by, in fact, when I don't bump into, hang out with, work with, collaborate with, or hop into bed with a Trent alum. That last one can be taken for granted, I suppose, since my lovely wife, Krista, has two degrees from Trent.

I see our graduates regularly on CHEX Television – both in Peterborough and from the Durham Newscast. I read about them in the *Peterborough Examiner* and *Oshawa This Week*. I see them onstage in local clubs. Their art hangs in our galleries and cafés. They populate many of the committees I sit on.

Heck, working for Peterborough Green-Up for a decade, I lost count of the number of Trent Alumni I had worked with. Or the hundreds of others who would call my office with questions and comments.

They. Are. Everywhere.

They are everywhere in Peterborough, that is. And in Oshawa as well.

Then again, taking a look at some of the many stories that crossed my desk for this edition, I suppose they are everywhere in the world, as well.

I mean, you really can't get any more isolated than, say, Antarctica. And yet, perched on a glacier, bracing wind and temperatures even colder than that of the Faryon Bridge in February, we found Cody Meyer.

Everywhere indeed.

The impressive thing is the impact that these alumni have, no matter where they are – whether it be here in Peterborough, down the road, in Oshawa, or in the far corners of the world.

I see the work of Cathy Dueck on a daily basis. She has helped make my community a better place to live. Meanwhile, alumni such as Justin Chiu are transforming the world of investing in Hong Kong.

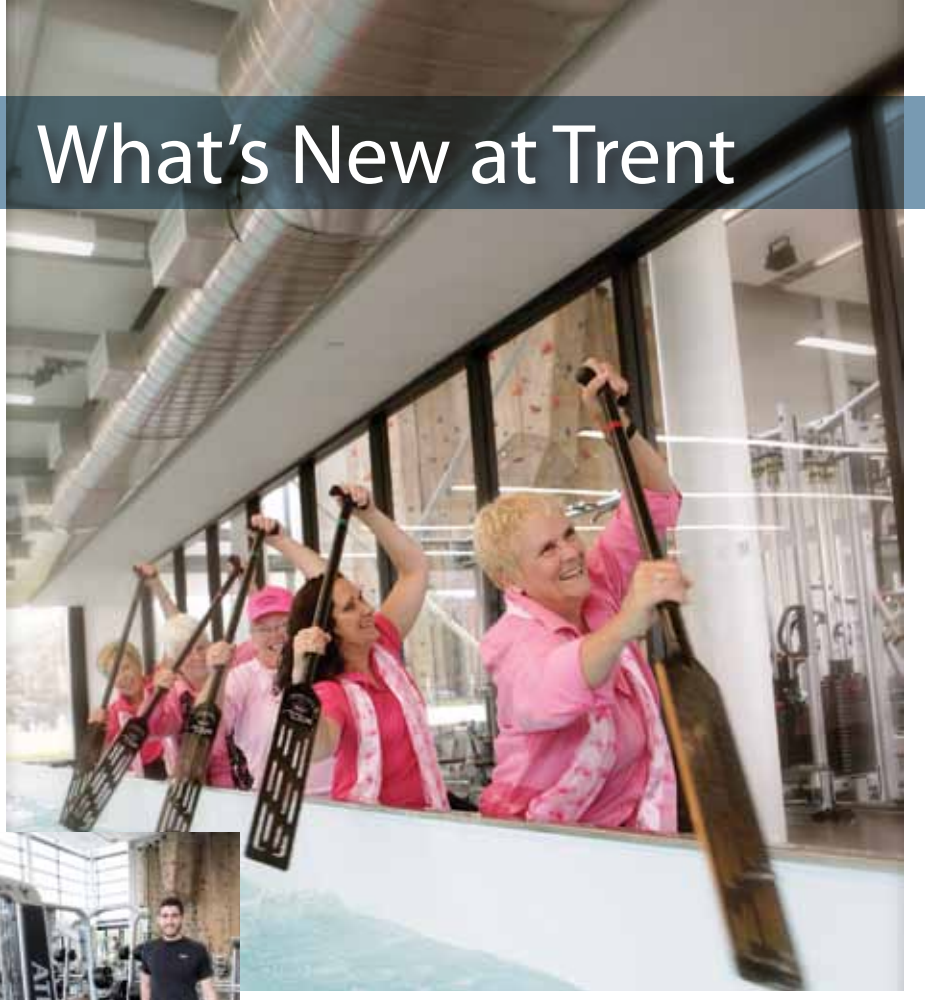
But there remains something magical about being and seeing alumni locally. Here, we remain a concentrated entity. We see each other daily. We interact in work and play. It is, for many of us, like we never left university.

And that's a pretty sweet feeling. ❖

We'd love to hear from you

Starting next edition, we'll be featuring feedback from our dedicated readers in a "Letters" section. We'll also be Tweeting and Facebooking your thoughts on *Trent Magazine*. Drop us a line at *trentmagazine@trentu.ca* today!

What's New at Trent



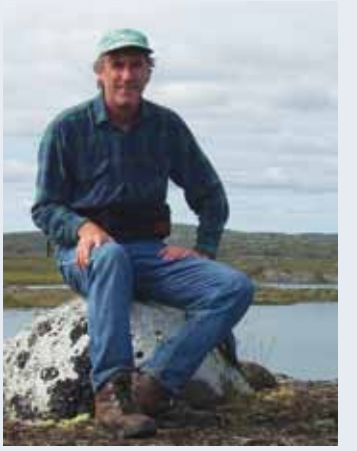
Renewed athletics facility opened October 1 with innovative features, including the Carol Love Rowing and Paddling tank, 12,000 square foot cardio loft and weight room, indoor climbing wall, hydrotherapy pool, expanded therapy clinic, complete refurbishment of the original PSB Wilson building and an international squash court. ❖

The inaugural Kenneth Mark Drain Chair in Ethics, Dr. Kate Norlock, began teaching at Trent in September. Her fourth-year course on Evil had a waiting list of interested students. An inaugural public lecture was titled "Beyond Punishment: BP, Technological Disaster and Moral Repair." ❖

The Bachelor of Science in Environmental and Resource Science has become the first university program in Canada to be officially accredited to the National Standard of Environmental Programs by the Canadian Environmental Commission of the Environmental Careers Organization Canada. ❖

Dr. Paul Frost has been announced as the first holder of the David Schindler Endowed Professorship in Aquatic Science. He will teach and conduct research on the ecology of lakes and streams as a member of the Biology department. ❖

A NSERC\GFO\ERS Senior Industrial Research Chair in Lipid Derived Biomaterials was awarded to **Dr. Suresh Narine '91**, Director, Trent Biomaterials Research Program and Professor, Physics and Astronomy, and Chemistry. ❖



Dr. Peter Lafleur MSc 1984 was named a fellow of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society for his research on climate change, particulary in the North, and service to the Society.

A $17.2 million Life and Health Sciences building was opened on the east bank of the Symons campus. It serves as the new home for Anthropology, Nursing and Psychology departments. ❖

Dr. Steven E. Franklin

Toward a Sustainable Future for Trent University

Home and away. Accomplishments and new adventures. The best of our past and looking to the future. As always, the alumni stories of *Trent Magazine* reflect what we are and so much of what we strive to be at Trent. As the cover story for this edition, **Justin Chiu '76** epitomizes the Trent ethos: success, ethics, global impact, confidence and an admirable humility coalesce and contribute more than words can say. When we met recently in Toronto, Justin identified the theme of sustainability as an essential element in his own unique recipe for progress and achievement. A sustainable future is what many of us strive to achieve in life, business, innovation and academia. Trent's new Vision, Mission and Strategic Directions reflect this deep and compelling value.

It is no coincidence, then, that Trent's new draft strategic plan is entitled "*Toward a Sustainable Future: The First Integrated Plan for Trent University (2010-2014).*" This draft Plan proposes 30 Priority Actions in three interconnected themes: *Achieving Financial Stability, Enhancing the Trent Experience, and Strengthening Community Engagement*. I have space here only to briefly summarize just a few highlights of these important themes, and to encourage alumni engagement in the consultative process now underway. My commitment is to listen and empower, to promote a responsive and collegial environment, and to help create an inclusive intellectual and social Trent community that values the collaboration of all of its individual members.

Achieving Financial Stability is required if Trent is to realize its full potential. The fiscal environment has long-presented Trent with daunting challenges, and the current situation is no less difficult. While much of the larger budgetary context is shared with other universities, other aspects of our fiscal situation are more readily addressed on campus. A key to increasing revenues is greater accessibility through enrolment growth. Academic prioritization will help shape existing programs and facilitate new program introductions. Budget decentralization, strategic allocations, accountability and responsibility will inspire new and innovative solutions. Reviews of course offerings, student services, and new management initiatives in enrolment, classroom, teaching resources, and information technology will lead to new ideas and changes to support our academic mission based on sound business planning principles.

Our aim is simple – to build on those institutional qualities that have made Trent such a special place for so many for so long.

Enhancing the Trent Experience for students, staff, faculty and alumni is a shared responsibility. Trent has always striven to provide a unique educational experience unmatched by any other institution in the Province – this must not change! Our aim is simple – to build on those institutional qualities that have made Trent such a special place for so many for so long. Ideas include planning for new enrolment growth while carefully managing learning opportunities in small class settings, introducing innovative academic programming led by Trent's world-class faculty, and coordinating student services, such as academic advising and residence life programs. A thoughtful discussion is now underway to clarify the role of Trent's Colleges in supporting student learning, recruitment and retention. A key goal will be to offer more student spaces and more opportunities to complete undergraduate degrees at Trent University Oshawa Thornton Road Campus.

Strengthening Community Engagement draws inspiration from the passionate support and goodwill of a strong and diverse community. Intense scrutiny of positioning, branding, communications and marketing approaches will leverage community support and help initiate programming responsive to community needs. Increased outreach to communities will help create new learning opportunities through internships and cooperative placements. Trent will continue to build on our provincial reputation as a "transfer student-friendly university." Among our key priorities is to commit to offering Ontario's most comprehensive set of pathways for student success through collaborative transfer programs, degrees, certificates, and diplomas, and to strengthen Trent's reputation in key areas of proven excellence.

Clearly, Trent needs good plans and strategies *and* the willingness to make the hard decisions. Equally clearly, no plan is omniscient and exhaustive of all possibilities. The University administrative and academic leadership is now engaged in a collegial consultation process to ensure *Toward a Sustainable Future: Trent's First Integrated Plan (2010-2014)* is the best Plan for Trent, strategic and forward-looking,

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A Place to Call Home…

ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT, ADAM GUZKOWSKI '95

I know many of us have had the experience of returning to a place we once called home, only to find it somehow different from how we remember it. Childhood homes renovated, parks and playgrounds featuring new equipment, roads and laneways shaded by trees far taller than they once were… Places we called home have a disconcerting habit of changing over time, and sometimes those changes can be quite jarring to our sense of connection and community.

Trent is a place that I called home once before as an undergrad, and one that I call home once more as a graduate student. It is a place that has felt like my home ever since I first stepped foot on campus. In some ways, Trent remains the home that I remember from my undergraduate years. In other ways, it has changed.

The passion, the community, and the driving commitment to learning and teaching that drew me here many years ago continue to permeate the spaces and places of Trent.

But those spaces and places aren't all the same as they once were, and sometimes, despite all of the incredible things going on at Trent, that makes it harder to love. I dearly miss the Peter Robinson College of my memory, and yet I celebrate the ways in which Trent students, alumni and Peterborough community members all came together to make Sadleir House a vibrant and thriving touchstone of history and community. I miss the Traill College of my undergrad days, yet I am constantly inspired by the incredible community that now calls Trent's graduate "College on the Hill" home.

Recently, I have had the opportunity to spend time in some of the spaces and places of Trent that didn't exist during my undergrad: the opening of the new Trent Community Sport & Recreation Centre during Head of the Trent; a fabulous performance in Nozhem, the First Peoples Performance Space; an inspiring Ashley Fellow lecture at Bagnani Hall at Traill College; and an Alumni Council meeting at the Thornton Road Campus in Oshawa. In each of these spaces, I found the spirit of Trent alive and well.

In visiting these spaces, I was reassured that, for all my worries of past, present and future transformations, the reasons I grew to love Trent continue to exist. They continue to be the reasons that successive generations of students, staff, faculty and alumni have fallen in love with Trent. They continue to be reasons why they call these places and spaces "home."

Photo: N. Maxwell Lander

I believe that the love that alumni holds for Trent is a powerful thing – powerful enough to encompass growth and change. Powerful enough to support Trent as it continues to thrive and flourish. Powerful enough for us to honour and celebrate the legacy of Trent while simultaneously championing Trent's continued strength, success and sustainability. It is powerful enough for us to always call Trent home. ❖

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Toward a Sustainable Future, continued

and that we have the collective energy to carry through on implementation. I am confident that this Plan decisively signals the beginning of a new era for Trent. In just three short years, our 50th anniversary celebration will highlight the tremendous accomplishments of Trent's first five decades. This Plan is a reflection of a strong determination, shared by alumni, students, staff, faculty, community members, and the administrative and governance bodies at Trent, to build on this outstanding legacy and move Trent toward a sustainable future.

Finally, as you read this issue of *Trent Magazine*, in amongst the outstanding parade of stories about promising and accomplished alumni, you will note alumni director **Tony Storey's '71** announcement regarding his plans for retirement. This Trent alumnus has distinguished himself with an exemplary career of 32+ years, effectively connecting Trent graduates from more than four decades with their treasured alma mater. As themes of global connections and sustainability go, Tony is a leading example of how it is done well – and done in the Trent way. I know you will join me in thanking Tony for his service to Trent and wishing him many happy years in retirement. ❖

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Justin Chiu:

On Top of the World

Sitting comfortably, with a cup of good English tea in a Toronto hotel, **Justin Chiu '76** looks every bit the international businessman in a fine suit – but with a twinkle in his eye that says, "Look again. I'm different. I'm a Trent grad." Even a brief conversation with this Trent University alumnus will tell you that this is indeed a unique person: quietly confident, distinctly down-to-earth, and grounded in strong values.

"From now on, the core value of my business shall be 'REITS' – Respect, Excellence, Integrity, Transparency and Sustainability."
— Justin Chiu '76

Grass definitely grows on this busy street. Above the shrewd and lively eyes is a thick yield of salt and pepper hair. Fit and spry, Justin looks considerably younger than his 60 years, despite the responsibilities of running one of Asia's top-performing firms, ARA Asset Management, named one of Asia's 200 "Best Under a Billion" companies by Forbes in 2010.

Having traveled from Hong Kong to New York, heading for Vancouver and then Beijing, Justin has made a special stop in Toronto. One would imagine the chairman of a company whose total value reached $1 billion in November of 2010 would be in town on business. But Justin has taken more than a full day out of his busy schedule to do something that gives him a great deal of pleasure: meet with his alma mater, Trent University.

In fact, the internationally-celebrated Trent alumnus has come to personally deliver a cheque towards his most recent $1 million donation to the University. In an era of major philanthropic strides for Trent, Justin has become a leading donor, having given two transformational gifts of $1 million each in as many years. His most recent gift was in support of the newly-opened Trent Community Sport and Recreation Centre, to name the Justin Chiu Stadium. Prior to that, he and his wife, Rita, gave their first $1 million gift to establish the Justin Chiu Scholarship and the Rita Chiu Study Abroad Bursaries.

It's a marathon day of meetings in a marathon month of travel – nothing new for Justin as he travels internationally about 20 days out of every month. In a single day, he has met with Trent president Dr. Steven Franklin; **Dianne Lister '71**, vice-president External Relations and Advancement; Dr. Michael Allcott, director of the Trent International Program; **Dr. Suresh Narine '91**, director of the Trent Biomaterials Program, Ontario research chair in green chemistry and NSERC/GFO/ERS senior industrial chair; and Dr. Asaf Zohar, chair of the undergraduate Business Administration program and head of Trent's brand new MA in Sustainability. After a high-energy photo shoot, where Justin's fun and theatrical side reveals itself, he is eager to sit down for an interview with *Trent Magazine*.

Notwithstanding the space created by distance and time, Justin speaks of a strong commitment to Trent University. The eleventh child in a family of 14 children in Hong Kong, he chose Trent because he felt that the smaller community would make him feel at home. As would be the case for much of his life, Justin's instincts were good. He felt welcome in Peterborough and made lifelong friends. The sense of community he felt here shaped his life – and his giving to Trent. In fact, he was inspired to name the Justin Chiu Stadium with a donation to the Trent Community Sport and Recreation Centre because of Trent's desire to further open its athletic facilities to the community, inviting neighbours of the University to join and be a part of life on campus.

The rich international life that is so much a part of the Trent experience has always been important to Justin. Trent student, **Nguyen Thi Thu Ha '09** of Hanoi, Vietnam, was the inaugural recipient of the Justin Chiu Scholarship, established in 2009. Ha aspires to a career in international law. Meanwhile, Justin also initiated an "Internship Abroad" Program, where two Canadian students were able to gain international experience at Justin's property development company last summer. **Timothy Shah '06** and **Dean Howley '06** had the opportunity to work in Hong Kong and visit Shanghai. Reflecting on an exceptional summer working in the market research division of Cheung Kong

Holdings in Hong Kong, Timothy wrote, "Justin, you made my summer of 2010 an unforgettable one and the experience I gained will help me for the rest of my life." In addition, through the Rita Chiu Study Abroad Bursary, 16 students at Trent had the privilege to travel and to experience a different way of life.

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MARILYN BURNS '00

Justin Chiu photos: Aaron Mason

As a father of two very successful children in Hong Kong, Justin sees this type of mentorship as essential. His wife Rita, a recently retired educator, is equally interested in putting the family's resources toward education and helping others. For this reason, Justin and Rita are establishing a foundation with their children that will formalize and guide their philanthropic work in perpetuity. "Many of my friends are retired," says Justin. "I don't want to retire. I want to work less and operate the family foundation. I want to maintain a tie with the University."

The values behind making life-changing gifts are mirrored throughout Justin's life in business as well. Executive director of Cheung Kong Holdings and chairman and non-executive director of ARA, he is also chairman of several other Hong Kong or Singapore listed Real Estate Investment Trusts (REIT), an investment vehicle whose name hints at a values-based approach to his management philosophy: Respect, Excellence, Integrity and Transparency. Justin smiles and adds, "I learned another value from President Franklin today: Sustainability. If you are successful in business, you want your business to be sustainable. From now on, the core value of my business shall be 'REITS' – Respect, Excellence, Integrity, Transparency and Sustainability."

As someone who majored in both economics and sociology at Trent, Justin is aware that it is people and relationships that are at the heart of the success of his companies. "You need to build relationships, build trust, and try your very best to maintain your credibility and reputation," says Justin, who pays as much attention to his employees as he does his shareholders. "Shareholders are my stakeholders, but my staff are also my stakeholders. In Chinese culture, we always emphasize respect. Money is one thing but respect will carry you long miles."

It's no surprise that Justin was the 2010 recipient of The Director of the Year Award by the Hong Kong Institute of Directors for his "passion and professionalism, particularly through improving corporate governance, internal control and risk management." The Award was based on three criteria: excellence in business, corporate governance, and corporate social responsibility.

"In business, there are three areas that must remain completely independent," Justin shares. "One is Remuneration Committee: they must be truly independent. They are the backbone of the company. They decide on remunerating and rewarding staff according to their performance and not favouritism. The second is the Audit Committee, comprised of independent directors who have no relationship with the management team. They are there to make sure proper Corporate Governance is in place and conflict of interest, if any, is properly addressed. I would not appoint a friend as one of the independent directors. The third area is quality control. We have inspectors who go out to the work sites to check and inspect and write their own independent reports to the audit committee or to the board on any irregularity directly."

Setting a good example through his own ethical behaviour is a priority for Justin. He further exemplifies ethics in business by implementing green energy solutions for his properties and establishing minimum wages for his employees. "You have to pay the staff fairly," he says. "Fair means that, if he works for me, his take home pay shall be enough for him to take care of his family and give him a comfortable life."

A true Trent grad, when Justin uses the word "he," it is not gender specific. He shares that, at present, most of the managers in his companies are women. Far from a policy on hiring women, the company simply judges based on performance. "I think more than half of the senior people within the organization are women," says Justin. "Actually, sooner or later, we may need to establish a policy on hiring men."

Asked about the current climate of economic change worldwide, Justin explains, "In Chinese, the word crisis has double meanings: risk and opportunity. Crisis and opportunity always come together. Stay alert to what's happening around you. Take advantage of opportunity that comes by. The best opportunities appear during times of crisis. Be prepared."

It all seems so simple coming from a man whose asset management firm is the darling of North American pension fund managers in some of the diciest times for global industry and finance in recent history. But Justin's method will always be balanced. "The Chinese have a saying that I believe: 'Everybody loves money. But we have to make it through proper means'. That is important. You don't cheat. You don't take bribes. For me, in addition to making money via proper means, I also emphasize we should spend it wisely."

Certifiably Justin – and conspicuously Trent. ❖

Trent Grad

Winters in Harsh South Pole Environment to Probe Biggest Mystery in the Universe

BILL KLOSTERMAN

***Cody Meyer '04**, is the first Trent University graduate, and only the 1,281st human in history, to spend the harsh and hostile six-month winter season stationed at our Earth's South Pole. A native of Ohio, he first came to Canada in 2004 as an international student, and then went on to receive a B.Sc. in Geography.*

Hammered frequently by bone-chilling -70°C temperatures and howling 170km/h winds, Meyer was a part of a 45-member National Science (U.S.) Foundation crew engaged in cutting-edge research at the remote ice-bound Antarctic site, where the sun vanishes from the sky for half of each year.

With no way in, and no way out until springtime, self-reliance became the unit's hallmark for living at 2,900 metres above sea level, on a moving glacier, in surrounding darkness, except for twinkling stars and darting aurora.

President Barack Obama has commended the group for its dedication and commitment to discovery, its inspiration to people around the world, and its encouragement to scientists of the future. "Your South Pole research is transforming mankind's understanding of our planet, and giving the human race key clues to the mysteries of Earth's evolution – and the cosmological processes that predate the first star of the universe," Obama noted.

In its feature article "South Pole Dispatch – Probing the Biggest Mystery in the Universe," *Smithsonian Magazine*'s April 2010 edition highlighted some of the research conducted by Meyer's organization. These studies include: giant telescope scans of distant outer space to search for clues about the mysterious forces of dark energy; deep core drillings of ancient ice sheets to determine the composition of the Earth's air long ago, and the manner in which it effected past climate change; ozone depletion measurements; and kilometre-deep ice sheet detector monitoring to spot tiny energetic neutrino particles that have been spit out by black holes and supernovas.

Meyer, who is also director of the Antarctic Conservation League, has now lived on five of the world's seven continents – Australia, Asia, Antarctica, South America and North America – since attending Trent.

During his global odyssey, he has pursued a broad scope of unusual job assignments at "off-grid" locations, where he could sample life without modern amenities, and thus gain deeper understanding of ecological footprint reduction and sustainable development.

"I circle the Earth with my guitar, native flute and the clothes on my back as my lone physical belongings," Meyer says. "My globe trotting has led me to form a philosophy that more is not necessarily better."

Meyer advocates simplified living, sustainable development, ecological preservation, and resource conservation. "Life should not revolve around a restless quest for more dollar worth and material possession," he asserts. "Insatiable consumption is the root cause of many of society's 21st Century problems."

Meyer credits the Trent faculty, especially the Indigenous Studies professors, with formulating the foundation of his beliefs. "They introduced me to many insights that I follow today." *Continued on page 10.*

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Trent Magazine interviews Cody Meyers, the "Antarctic Cowboy"

On his decision to attend Trent:
In 2004, I graduated from Moeller High School, located near Cincinnati, Ohio. Then the Iraq war was raging on and many of my high school friends were going to the Middle East to fight. I disagreed with American politics and instead wanted to step beyond the U.S. borders to get a different perspective on life, so I toured several universities in Canada and fell in love with the remoteness, tranquility and beauty of Trent's campus.

On the Trent Experience:
Trent is made up of a diverse body of students, coming from all parts of Canada and the world. Nonetheless it has a great foreign exchange program, which I took part in in 2005 while abroad in Thailand. The international networking at Trent is huge and the repercussion for me was that I dove into Geographic Information Systems as part of the Geography Program, just so I could map out the future of our world. For instance, where will the U.S. get its water in a decade when it runs low?

On how he ended up in Antarctica:
Believe it or not, *www.craigslist.com* has some great opportunities. One day, I randomly stumbled across an ad to work on the ice in Antarctica while looking for a fishing lodge job in Alaska. I thought it was a hoax, but far from it. Once you get on the ice you get addicted and the connections to other research stations at the Poles become endless. Connections, connections, connections. ❖

Planting Seeds

DONALD FRASER '91

When **Cathy Dueck '83** attended Trent as a mature student in the 1980s, she had no way of knowing that her research would help lead to the creation of Ecology Park, a beloved Peterborough institution and local landmark. She couldn't have known that it would offer a rewarding career, filled with learning, personal growth, and community empowerment. And yet, looking back on 20 years of education and gardening, she recognizes the importance of this Trent experience.

"Trent offered me a sense of confidence," she recalls. "Confidence, and a sense of validation for the ideas that were being generated."

With a strong personal belief in the importance of community, it is hardly surprising that Dueck also recognized an atmosphere of support and nurturing as one of the keystones of her education. "I have lifelong friends at Trent," she says. "I still have a valuable support network there."

It takes a combination of bravery, perseverance, and dedication to attend university as a 36-year old mother of two. It then takes a good deal of effort to transform this experience into a meaningful award-winning career. It is these traits, however that have shaped much of the work that Dueck has put her mind – and her back – to.

As a student, she was a pioneer of inter-disciplinary research, attempting to tackle a complex combination of sociological, psychological, and ecological issues through a single thesis. It was an approach that was, at the time, not at all common – or advised. And while it took some persuasiveness on her part, faculty at Trent came to see this approach as integral to the creation of educational community gardens.

As the Manager of Ecology Park (and the Rogers Street Ecology Garden before that), Dueck has invented and introduced a host of programs that marry community engagement with public education and ecosystem preservation. In short, she has gotten her hands very dirty doing a tough task: getting the general public to embrace the importance of their natural world.

By all accounts, she has done her job well.

"Cathy's commitment and dedication to preserving our native biodiversity is contagious." – Johanna Hart '00

Dueck has been named an Honorary Master Gardener by the Master Gardeners of Ontario. Among her numerous personal achievements: a 2007 Canadian Network for Environmental Education National Award for Excellence in Environmental Education, as well as two 2009 awards from the Ontario Horticultural Association recognizing Community Improvement and Education. Ecology Park has received numerous awards as well, including the Evergreen Hands for Nature Award in 2005, and a Trillium Foundation Favourite Environmental Project in 2003.

Ecology Park was named Crown Jewel of Peterborough by the 2005

for Community Engagement:

Cathy Dueck Helps Peterborough Grow

Provincial Communities in Bloom judges and is recognized in *The Good Garden Guide: A Guide to Outstanding Gardens of Ontario* and *Restoring Nature's Place* by the Ontario Parks Association.

Of course hands get even dirtier when up to the elbow in soil. Despite her role as Manager of Ecology Park – or perhaps because of it – Cathy can be found shoveling compost or transplanting native trees as often as she is planning the next great park program. She leads by example, setting an often daunting pace – one that staff and volunteers are eager to try and match. Her energy, her experience, her commitment to her work and to the park have earned her that kind of respect.

"Cathy's commitment and dedication to preserving our native biodiversity is exceptional, as well as contagious," explains Ecology Park Educator, **Johanna Hart '00**. "She inspires staff and volunteers around her to pour as much energy into their work at the Ecology Park as she does – whether it is in the plant nursery, with visiting school groups, or with the public."

Cathy is quick to point out that the park is a community project – one that takes many hands to run. And while Ecology Park recruits staff and volunteers from across Peterborough, there is always strong Trent representation.

This is due, in a large part, to the reputation that Ecology Park holds with Trent faculty. The park has become a regular destination for Teacher Education classes, placements, and practicums. It is also introduced to many classes in the Environmental and Resource Studies/Science Department.

If that weren't enough, Cathy has recently started instructing in Environmental Studies courses related to food and community development.

Oftentimes, the lessons learned at Ecology Park are just as valuable – or even more so – that the ones gained at Trent. The park has a rich tradition of being a stepping stone for impressive careers in the environmental sector: **Peter Andrée '89**, a Professor of Environmental Policy at Carleton University (and formerly at Trent) was one of the original youth employees at the park, while Keith Stewart (PhD, York) another early student connection, spent 11 years with the Toronto Environmental Alliance before becoming the Director of Climate Change Programs with WWF Canada.

Then there are the countless staff and volunteers who have gone on to become teachers, environmental educators, and passionate environmentalists.

It's a wonderful legacy. One that both Peterborough and Trent should be proud of.

Ecology Park will be celebrating its 20th growing season this year. It is a lasting testament to the willingness of a community to embrace meaningful ecological change. It is also testament to the dedication of a Trent student who had a passion for community betterment.

Celebrations are in order. ❖

A View from There

Trent Graduates are Globally Competitive

There I was, June 2008, fresh after graduation…deep into PANIC MODE! I had been sending out job applications since January and had no offers yet. Being an international student in Canada, I was fearful of the ultimate sin (in my eyes). The sin was leaving Canada, leaving the country that had become my home for the past four years, leaving the friends who had become family over the years, saying goodbye to the wonderful memories reaped from my encounters with people from all walks of life.

As the months rolled by, I embarked on a global approach to job hunting, sending applications to nearby countries wherever applicable. Being an international scholar, Trent had emphasized a vision in my mind, to keep a global approach – the world is your limit (clearly aliens would not be hiring us). My education from Trent University was indeed world class; the small diverse classes immensely helped me with my coursework, improved my grades and helped me obtain great references from professors. It is not often you get to hear from colleges where students are going to BBQs or Christmas parties and other social gatherings with their professors or have their support for student-related activities. This was something I loved Trent University for, students and professors performed as one unit.

Nusrat Mutmainnah '04
from United Arab Emirates
Awarded: David Morrison Award 2007-2008, Continuing International Student Award 2006-2007, TIP Scholarship 2004-2008

Eventually, my job hunting led me to cross the border and achieve heights I could not imagine I could ever accomplish as a new graduate from Canada's small outstanding university. Today, I am working as a specialized vaccine biotechnologist at Merck Sharpe and Dohme, a leading multinational pharmaceutical company, in Pennsylvania, USA. I also sit as Chair of Communications and Membership Services on the Merck Interfaith Network, an employee resource group aimed at enhancing work environment by providing spiritual resources to those interested. I credit my technical knowledge to my undergraduate thesis professors, Dr. Leslie Kerr, Dr. Gary Burness and course professors and mentors Dr. Huda Al Haddad and Dr. Stephen Rafferty. I attribute my business management knowledge to my business professors, Dr. Diane Wolf and Dr. Sheldene Simola… they definitely brought out the "human side" of my scientific background. Not many students are perhaps aware or take advantage of the interdisciplinary college degree that Trent helps you achieve. I graduated with a BSc. in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology with a minor in Business Administration, a very uncommon but fruitful combination.

My Trent memories are a rich potluck of academic and extracurricular events. The invaluable Trent International Program office, under the vision of Dr. Michael Allcott, has made and continues to make tremendous efforts to ensure that international students are not only welcomed to the university but also promote cross cultural programs across the campus by supporting a multitude of the student related activities that take place. I still remember when I arrived at the orientation camp, with loaded suitcases, teary eyed, trying to keep a straight face without crumbling to homesickness while attempting to learn the new names that came my way. Years later, those foreign names became close friends with whom I would run to Hoshi's to satisfy sushi cravings, have potlucks in the middle of crazy winter storms or share the latest gossip over coffee at Haaselton's!

At my current job, when I am faced with tough decisions, I reflect on the times when I was involved in student politics, TISA, TMSA, WUSC, and many others and to be honest, my experiences from my involvement then play a key role in influencing the way I make decisions today. The stress, the endless hours of teamwork, the leaders and followers…it created an immense footprint in the way I think today. I think of the inukshuk that stands tall at the entrance of Trent – guiding each and every graduate that leaves the campus with an invaluable degree and multitude of precious memories. I hope students continue to make the right choice by choosing Trent University as their college destination and take advantage of the myriad of opportunities it offers. ❖

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2014:

Celebrating 50 years Trent University 1964-2014

50 years and 45,000+ alumni later, it's time to celebrate how far we've come!

October 17, 1964

Trent University was officially opened.

2014 will be a time to:

- rekindle old friendships
- recognize distinguished alumni
- showcase lifelong memories and memorabilia
- engage as many alumni as possible
- celebrate achievements
- preserve history and inject more alumni passion than ever towards Trent's future

The Trent University Alumni Association is looking to you to play a role in making this a year to remember. What would make the 50th anniversary celebration complete and unforgettable for you?

It will be a year of continuous events: based on college, degree and Chapter affiliation, eras, TIP, club, committee and athletic endeavours. What would you add to that list?

Planning is starting now.

We need your input and assistance.
Please send all of your ideas to
alumni@trentu.ca
or call Tony Storey, Alumni Affairs Director,
directly at **1.705.748.1599**
or **1.800.267.5774**
and if you want to help with the planning,
tell us that too.

2014 will be a time to work together to enhance the Trent experience.

TRENT UNIVERSITY 1964 2014 50

The Down Low

on Phil Playfair and Lowfoot

Four years after selling his own company and entering what he called his "early retirement," **Philip Playfair '83** has not, as most of us might have, slowed down. In fact he and business partner, Steve Hammond, are presently at the helm of a brand new company, Lowfoot, which they have been developing for about two years and which they publically launched this past September.

The two men are very excited about the company's prospects – both for themselves and for the positive impact it might have on the environment.

Lowfoot is based on the principle that people should receive incentives for reducing their carbon footprint, and they will work to reduce it further if incentives are offered. To make this happen, Playfair and Hammond have developed a website, www.lowfoot.com, on which users can track their energy usage and, if they reduce their consumption, claim monetary payouts on top of the money they will already have saved on their utilities bill. The website synchronizes itself with users' smart meters and presents information gained from these meters in a more intuitive fashion than utilities bills do. With the information gained, the website is able to offer tailored advice based on a person's particular energy consumption habits. There is also a social component that allows users to make friends, view each other's consumption statistics, and offer energy saving advice.

Lowfoot generates income by selling the energy its users save back to utilities companies, operating on the philosophy that a unit of energy saved is worth as much, if not more, than a unit of energy produced. It then redistributes some of this money among its users as a reward for reducing consumption. Targeted ads will also produce revenue, and again, some of the money made from advertisements will filter back to the Lowfoot user base.

Playfair and Hammond are very excited about the project, though they have described it as both "fun and terrifying." They are excited to be creating something new – something that doesn't exist yet. They feel that they have their finger on the pulse of a developing market, that of monetizing energy conservation. That said, being ahead of the curve has its challenges. The team has had troubles getting the core concept of the website across to potential users. They also find themselves waiting for many utilities companies to install and start using smart meters. But they believe themselves to be positioned well, with few current competitors. The believe that market will catch up to their product.

Lowfoot to offer incentives for reducing your carbon footprint.

The business pair met while working together on a political leadership campaign. Eventually the party they supported lost the election, and Steve invited Phil to work with him – for no pay. Together they founded Advanced Utility Systems, which sold and supported software for the utilities industry. They sold that company in 2006. But when Hammond approached Playfair with the Lowfoot idea a couple of years later, Playfair knew that the partnership needed to be reformed.

The past two years of Lowfoot have been "action packed," says Playfair. The creation and development of the company has gone much quicker than that of Advanced – mostly because the lessons learned from starting their first venture.

Outside of his work, Playfair enjoys spending time with his family and sailing on Lake Ontario, which he does weekly. He met his wife, **Jacqui**

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Code '83, at Trent and they are currently raising two boys, Graeme and Iain, aged 8 and 6.

Playfair, a Traill College alumnus, received his degree in History. He maintains a keen interest in the discipline and has worked to establish a book fund for the History Department at Trent, the Malcolm Doak Fund. The fund, named after his grandfather, is a tribute to the man who introduced him to the wonders of the past.

Playfair has stayed involved with the University since graduating, acting as the Traill College Assistant and, from 1989-91, the President of the Alumni Association. He was the first Alumni Association President to address graduates at convocation – a tradition that has continued to this day.

Conversation with Playfair reveals a clear excitement towards his current project, which he's described as "fundamentally disruptive" and possessing the potential to "change how people talk about energy."

He and Hammond are particularly happy to have founded a company that does not pit their own success against the welfare of planet or the people living on it. ❖

To give Lowfoot a try, go to
www.lowfoot.com

Trent Lacrosse Players Score Hall of Fame Inductions

Five Trent alumni have been inducted into the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame. They were all members of Peterborough's Minto Cup (Canada's junior lacrosse championship) winning teams of 1972-1975. In recognition of their success in the '70s, the teams were inducted together at a ceremony in British Columbia this past November.

Trent alumni who were recognized included: **Ken Byers '73**, **Steve Byers '76**, **Glen Ferguson '74**, **Jim Wasson '75**, and **Tom Phillips '75**. All five were on either the 1972 or 1973 teams, and some were members of both. In 1973, Jim Wasson had graduated beyond the level of junior play, but won the Mann Cup (Canada's national lacrosse championship) that year with the Peterborough Lakers. In 1974, Jim, Glen and Tom went on to play professionally with the Philadelphia Wings.

The Peterborough junior team, the Peterborough PCOs, dominated Junior A play throughout Canada in the early '70s. They won four Minto Cups in a row, and were undefeated in the 1972 and 1974 regular seasons, two feats which have not since been equalled. In the four year period in which they were national champions, Peterborough lost only 16 out of 182 games.

The evening before the induction, Tom Phillips, who works at Trent today, was happy to learn that none of his old friends had changed – in character, at least. "Everyone was a little slower, greyer, and heavier, but the unique characters shone through. It seemed like there was a bond that came from the team's accomplishments that had become stronger with time."

The five men have all pursued different life paths, but are still kept connected because of their accomplishments together. It's a connection that is even stronger now: entering Canada's Lacrosse Hall of Fame as a team. ❖

Honoured PCO team mates, left to right: Glen Ferguson, Ken Byers, Steve Byers, Tom Phillips, missing Jim Wasson.

Above: Visiting the Minto Cup, left to right: Glen Ferguson, Tom Phillips and Steve Byers.

Above left, the Minto Cup is awarded annually to the champion junior men's lacrosse team of Canada.

NOW I KNOW *in part*

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When I was told that the theme of this issue was "home and away" I was struck by the fact that I'm only familiar with one half of this idea; having always lived in Peterborough I've never really left home, unless you count moving through a couple of the city's apartments. But the homes of my friends are scattered throughout the country and the world and this gives me an idea of how Trent can function as both "home" and "away."

It is a particularly neat fact of university life that your community becomes one of friends partially uprooted, having come from one home and in all likeliness moving on to another after graduation. We carry these places with us, and "where's home for you?" is an essential initial greeting question (or, in the case of a French international student I met this semester, "D'ou viens tu?").

This feeling of being transitory, I think, leads students to gravitate towards a sense of home closer to that captured by the Greek term *oikos*. While the words are etymologically distinct, many of our ideas of home come from this Greek word. What is noteworthy about this is that *oikos* pertains just as much, if not more, to the familial relations found inside the home than the place or the structure where they are found. It is the household, as opposed to the house. Being from many different places, students develop a sense of home that is grounded in people more than in place. Home, for a time, becomes not so much where you come from, but who you feel comfortable, *at home*, with.

So Trent can be said to become a kind of temporary home for many, one that is rooted in community rather than location. This can manifest itself in many simple ways: a seminar group that clicks (a rarity, to be sure, but certainly existent – one such seminar that I am currently a part of meets, not surprisingly, at the professor's home), a group rallied around a common cause or project (academic or otherwise) or friendships that call Trent and Peterborough home, even though the friends do not.

Homes and aways can develop in smaller ways as well, and even on campus. I've written before about my favourite spaces on campus, where I feel most part of a community: the Seasoned Spoon, the library, Alumni House. The DNA Building and the Athletics Complex count as alien territory for me – I can be sure I will recognize fewer people at these places than the former three (again showing the foundational role people and community play in turning spaces into homes, at least for the footloose student). It's a fun thing to think about, and I invite my readers to consider what places at Trent, in Peterborough or Oshawa, became temporary homes while they were there, and who helped to make them such. ❖

Storeyline

1984 to 2011…
The Twenty-Seven Year Adventure

At the beginning of February 1984, I left the office at Otonabee College, where I served with delight as the Assistant to the Master for six years, and crossed the Faryon Bridge to begin a new role as Coordinator of Alumni Affairs.

Twenty-seven years and seven office locations later, it is now the right time for me to conclude my role as Director of Alumni Affairs.

In September of 2008, I signalled my wish to "hit the finish line," sooner rather than later. Thanks to the support of my boss, VP External Relations & Advancement Dianne Lister '71, I have crafted a departure plan that will serve both me and the university well.

Following Convocation 2011, I will say goodbye to my rather wonderful office at Alumni House. I am looking forward to being a "regular" alumnus and will excitedly join in the countdown to Trent's 50th anniversary celebrations in 2014-15. This will allow me to remain engaged with Trent as a volunteer, available to provide advice and counsel to a successor (if desired), while at the same time, pursue some personal interests.

The June issue of the magazine will be the best time to offer a perspective on an extraordinary "vault" of amazing alumni stories and experiences collected over the past 27 years. The purpose of this message is to let alumni know that the transition is imminent. It is also an opportunity for our alumni to know that we are hiring! The position description follows, and I hope will spark lots of interest from Canada's most loyal and talented alumni body.

Storeyline continues on page 18.

Now Hiring

With the anticipated retirement of Tony Storey in June 2011, Trent University invites applications for the position of Director of Alumni Affairs.

The Director of Alumni Affairs is responsible for promoting and enhancing lifelong relationships between Trent University and its more than 37,000 alumni. Through strategic communications and innovative chapter and regional programming, the Director builds ties with the university and assists Trent in achieving its mission, including advocacy, fundraising and community relations in support of university priorities.

Reporting to the Vice-President, External Relations and Advancement (ER&A), the Director serves as a senior adviser to university leadership on alumni matters and is a key member of the ER&A portfolio's senior team. In close collaboration with Trent University Alumni Association (TUAA) leaders and volunteers, the Director develops, implements and evaluates a multi-year strategic plan to engage alumni in the life of the university.

The Director oversees Alumni House and leads a team of two full-time staff as well as student interns and employees. He or she leverages affinity and core budgets in order to provide opportunities for information, participation, education, special events, philanthropy, and specialized benefits to alumni. Through regular travel and visits to alumni, volunteers and donors, the Director also maintains primary contact with a number of key relationships on behalf of the university.

Closing Date for Applications:
Thursday, March 31, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

To Apply: The preferred method for submitting your covering letter and resume is by e-mail to jobs@trentu.ca (Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF format). Please note the position title in the subject line of your e-mail. If you are unable to send your application by e-mail, you may apply by fax or mail/drop-off your application to:
Trent University, Department of Human Resources,
1600 West Bank Dr., Peterborough, Ontario K9J 7B8
Fax: (705) 748-1276.

All applications must be accompanied by a completed Application Form (see *www.trentu.ca/humanresources/employment.php*).

Trent University is an employment equity employer, and especially invites candidacies from women, aboriginal peoples, visible minorities and persons with disabilities. While the University appreciates all applications, please note that only those applications from candidates considered for an interview will be acknowledged.

A Salute to the Trent University Rowing Club

The success of the 2010 Head of the Trent regatta and the Alumni Homecoming merits special mention. At a recent debriefing with community partners, it emerged just how satisfied and pleased the community police and downtown business partners are with the constructive and collaborative planning process that surrounds this annual major event. We learned that calls to police on the Saturday night of the weekend were less than that of an average Saturday night in Peterborough. We also learned that our students are considered to be good neighbours and citizens who can balance a celebration with respectful conduct.

At the heart of this unique event is the Trent Rowing Club, which manages, in partnership with the Peterborough Rowing Club, to stage a huge regatta with 400 boats and 1,000 athletes, while generating critically important income for the rowing program at Trent. I have had the privilege of working cooperatively with many TURC student presidents over the years, and the current president, **Ashley Holmes '05**, is another talented and dedicated volunteer, whose hard work fosters success. This year, Ashley and her team ran a flawless and fruitful day. I was pleased to learn that Ashley also won her race that day, handled the event conclusion well, and reported on time to a shift at the Pig's Ear. Well done and thank you!

Trent's Campuses Offer Enrichment for Alumni

Both the Peterborough and Oshawa campuses host a staggering number of special lectures and speakers. Through the autumn of 2010, the new Thornton Rd. campus in Oshawa has featured Welsh virtuoso guitarist Gareth Pearson, the Alumni Lecture: Canada's Man In Tehran by **Robert Wright '79**, as well as lectures on prehistoric Peru and the tomb complex of China's first Emperor. The Peterborough campus offerings are numerous. Highlights include: **Shelagh Grant '79**, discussing the story behind her book *Polar Imperative: A History of Arctic Sovereignty in North America*; the third annual David Morrison Lecture in International Development; an international symposium on plant productivity; the Ashley Fellow Lecture series; the inaugural public lecture by the Kenneth Mark Drain Chair in Ethics, Dr. Kate Norlock; and this year's David Shepherd Family Lecture series topic, The Secret History of the War on Cancer.

The Symons campus was also the site for the inaugural lecture in the Stairs Lecture in Chemistry series. The endowed lecture series is the gift of Trent Professor Emeritus, Dr. Robert Stairs and his wife, Sybil. The initial lecture, entitled "Drugs From Bugs and Other Natural Sources: An Endless Frontier," was delivered by Dr. John C. Vederas from the University of Alberta.

Alumni are welcome to attend these opportunities on both campuses. Keep your eye on the News & Events calendar at *www.trentu.ca/events* for upcoming opportunities. ❖

business alumni

ALUMNI OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM
(formerly Administration Studies and Administration & Policy Studies) are warmly invited to meet with program faculty and students.

Thursday, April 21, 2011
6 to 8 pm
Madison Avenue Pub
14 Madison Avenue,
Toronto

SPECIAL GUESTS:
Professor Bruce Ahlstrand
Professor Asaf Zohar
Alumni Director Tony Storey '71

Cash bar

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ALUMNI

Accomplishments & Pursuits

The first book by **Sarah Selecky '93**, a collection of short stories called *This Cake is for the Party*, was short-listed for the 2010 Giller Prize. It also received positive reviews in *The Globe and Mail* and the *National Post*. Many of Sarah's stories are inspired by Peterborough and Trent.

John Cotton '70 is the Assistant Deputy Minister, International Relations for the province of Alberta. He is responsible for over 70 staff, as well as Alberta's nine international offices. His department spearheads Alberta's international activities.

James Fell '87 has received a prestigious award from the American Air Force for his work coordinating flights in and out of Haiti after the earthquake there this winter. The Chief of Staff Team Excellence Award was given to him in September. His team managed to increase the number of daily flights landing in Haiti from 30 on the day after the quake to 170 a few weeks later.

Dakota Brant '06 has won a National Aboriginal Achievement Award. She will receive the award officially at a ceremony in March.

Shelley Feldman '75 received the 2010 Everyday Champions Award from Tennis Canada, the National Bank and the Dairy Farmers of Canada for her contributions to Tennis Canada and the Rogers Cup/ Canadian Open Tennis. The award was presented to her in a centre court ceremony at the Roger's Cup tennis tournament in August.

Bradley McIlwain '08 released his first book of poetry, *Fracture*, this past summer. Previously, Bradley's poems have appeared in a number of magazines and journals. He is also the head of the Brooklin Poetry Society, a group of poets from Durham Region who meet monthly to share their work.

Muharem Kianieff '93 is an Assistant Professor at the University of Windsor's Faculty of Law.

Adrienne Mason '02 heads up the Pine River Watershed Initiative Network, which seeks to establish clean water and a healthy ecosystem within the Pine River Watershed.

Glen Caradus '88 and **Michael Ketemer '91** released a CD in September. The pair plays traditional Celtic music, but the CD included original compositions as well.

Glenda Rodgers '98 is the new General Manager of Lower Trent Conservation.

Theresa Longo '05 is a professional model. This summer she was named Miss Budweiser Honda Indy 2010 at the annual Honda Indy in Toronto.

Chris Perlman '97 completed his doctoral studies in Health Studies and Gerontology at the University of Waterloo in 2009. He is currently the Associate Director of the Homewood Research Institute in Guelph, Ontario, where he researches healthcare quality for people with mental illness.

Sean McBurney '93 received a promotion this summer; he is now a Senior Client Partner with the firm Korn/ Ferry International. Sean advises on recruitment issues for the firm's clients, and has performed many searches at the executive and board director level.

Stephen Stohn '66 will be inducted into the Canadian Music and Broadcast Industry Hall of Fame in March. Stephen has worked on many highly successful projects, but currently he is the executive-producer of *Degrassi*. Stephen has been nominated for 21 Gemini Awards, 9 of which he has won.

Chief Armand La Barge MSc 2006 received an honourary bachelor's degree from Seneca College at their convocation ceremony this year. The degree recognizes Armand's decades-long career in policing. Armand received his police training at Seneca College, and presently advises the College on its programming.

Terry Prowse '93 and **Mike Brklacich '71** have both been requested by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change to act as lead authors for the Panel's 5th Assessment Report, due in 2013/14.

From left to right: Rick Lorenz, Eric Mason and John Perdue at St. Augustines Seminary.

John Perdue '03, **Rick Lorenz '87** and **Eric Mason '05** are in formation for the priesthood at St. Augustine's Seminary in Scarborough, ON. John and Eric are with the Diocese of Peterborough, while Rick is with the Diocese of Ottawa.

Leah McLaren '95 had her writing published by *The Globe and Mail* in September. She wrote a piece comparing the lasting value of cultural classics with the more transitory and trendy value of critical theory.

Deanna Rexe '88 is currently the Interim Vice President, Strategy and Enrolment at Vancouver Community College.

Brett Todd '88 was elected mayor of Prescott in the municipal elections this past November.

Adam Baker '97 is an Associate and Partner at Baker & Cole, a law firm in Lakefield, Ontario.

James Orbinski '80 was named one of 25 Top Transformational Canadians in October by a program sponsored by *The Globe and Mail*, CTV, and others. The program honoured 25 living Canadians who have worked to improve the lives of others.

Michel Luc Bellemare '96 displayed some of his artwork at the Carleton Art Gallery this November. Michel writes about art as well. He was written three books to date: *The Machine* (2005), *Nomologism: The Advent of Post-Post-Modernism* (2006) and *Color-Realism: The Essence of Color and Reality* (2009).

Chimera, oil painting by Michel Luc Bellemare

Rae Fleming '78 received the Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Lifetime Achievement earlier this year. Rae is primarily a writer, and his newest book, a biography of **Peter Gzowski (Hon.)**, was published this summer.

Stephanie MacMillan '88 is the new General Manager of Fourth Line Theatre in Millbrook, Ontario. She has a long history working in the theatre industry.

In September **Hap Stelling '72** received an Alumni Achievement Award for his work as an urban and regional planner from The School of Urban and Regional Planning at Queen's University, where he pursued his Master's degree. Currently, Hap is the Director of Planning for Bowen Island Municipality in BC.

Miles Ecclestone '72 participated in the National Group Mortgages Million Dollar Shootout this October, having qualified for the event at the Trent University Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament. Miles did not shoot a hole-in-one, and as such did not win a million dollars.

Josh Hatt '07 is currently teaching at the Huamei Bond International School in Guangzhou, China. The school offers Ontario curriculum education.

Anita Locke '91 was elected Lakefield Ward Councillor for the Township of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield in the 2010 municipal elections. She was the incumbent for the position, having been elected in 2006 as well.

Shawn Heffernan '90 is currently helping to run Boeschen Vineyards, a small family operated winery in Napa Valley, California.

Lee Pigeau '88 launched a new business, Lee Pigeau Enterprises in the summer. Lee advises non-profit organizations on a range of topics including fundraising, goal setting and staff recruitment.

Ed Sawdon '82 (above) received the 2010 CMHA-NL (Canadian Mental Health Association – Newfoundland & Labrador) Pottle Award in October. The award recognizes volunteers who are committed to furthering mental health in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Angie Asadoorian '79 (above) received a YWCA Cambridge Women of Distinction Award. Angie's success as the owner of a local realty firm as well as her tireless volunteerism were reasons for the award.

A number of alumni spoke at the Career Centre Internship Panel at Champlain College in November. Alumni speakers included **Dean Howley '06**, **Christie MacIsaac '04**, **Allie Kosela '05** and **Dana McIntyre**.

Laura Anderson '03 recently graduated from the Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine and is currently practicing in Peterborough at Steels Naturopathic Clinic.

William Dodge '91 is a recipient of Vermont Business Magazine's inaugural Rising Star Award. He is a director at the law firm Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC. An associate member of the Vermont Board of Bar Examiners, William also helps write and grade the state's bar exam.

Mike Davies '86 has been appointed the new Sports Director for the *Peterborough Examiner*. Mike has been working with the *Examiner* as a sports reporter for almost 20 years. He will continue his role as hockey writer and will continue to cover the Peterborough Petes.

Tom Philips '75 lectured at the University College of the Cayman Islands (UCCI), at which he was Senior Lecturer from 2004-2006. The talk was in November, and focused on the Cayman economy. ❖

Oops. In our fall issue we suggested, incorrectly, that **Susan Drain '68** wrote the entire *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* and the *Oxford Encyclopaedia of Children's Literature*. In fact her contributions to these volumes numbered a few dozen entries out of the thousands in each. Susan herself did not claim to have written the volumes in their entirety.

Calendar of Events

March 2
Inaugural David Schindler Professorship Lecture by Paul Frost; For the Sake of Our Lakes: Global Change and its Effects on the Lakes of Ontario
7 p.m., Bagnani Hall, Traill College

March 10, Trent Night
Peterborough Petes vs.
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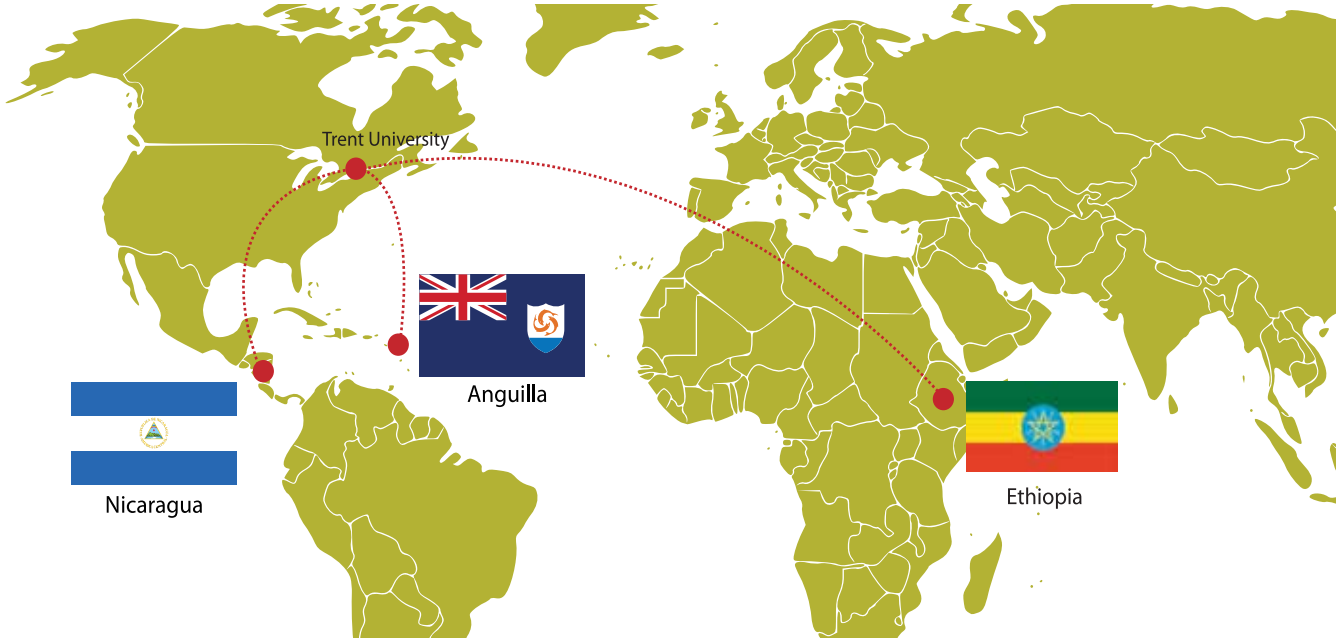


With the advent of tools such as email, Facebook, Twitter, and Skype, the world is more virtually connected than ever before. Here at Trent, a more tangible connectedness can be seen in the Trent International Program (TIP).

TIP's mission statement tells us that "international and domestic students with substantial international perspectives and experiences enrich the university and our community academically, financially, and culturally." And that "TIP aims to be a core and catalyst for Trent University's internationalization."

Just as we are an inclusive nation, so is a culture of inclusivity evident at Trent. In conversation with a few current international students, it is evident that TIP's mandate and philosophy affirmed their decision to attend Trent, and that the concept of "Home" can exist anywhere.

It is well known that Jack Matthews initiated the International Program at Trent in 1982; interestingly enough, the same year as the institution of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The former head of Lakefield College School thought that Trent, with its College System, was the ideal place in Canada for international and domestic students to learn together. He found money and supporters for program start up (as well as for a substantial scholarship program), brought various Trent University Faculty on board, and saw the program through its first years.

Today, TIP thrives as a one-of-a-kind on the Canadian university landscape. Indeed, Michael Allcott, TIP's Director, says that there is no other university program like it in the country.

TIP does more than merely recruit students. They take on the responsibility of orienting the students to their new surroundings and fostering relationships that are carried through to the alumni stage. Dr. Allcott's team is extensive, and each works diligently to cover all the bases. There is a manager of programs and services, a team dedicated to international recruitment and admissions, a TIP Orientation Camp coordinator, and a team that provides English as a Second Language curriculum to ensure the proper accreditation for incoming students. As well, domestic students have the opportunity to participate in the Trent International Student Exchange Program, or pursue an emphasis in Global Studies.

Now, imagine making the decision to travel half a world away to obtain a degree in a country that is, most likely, not like your own, in order to better your situation and possibly that of your family. Many foreign students have done just that. And the majority will take their degree with them when they return to their home.

So, was it the right decision to choose Trent? Undoubtedly, there is a certain amount of apprehension. But the three short stories below illustrate, from varying points of view, that this university is the best place for the world to learn together.

The best aspect of the Trent International Program is that it engages and benefits everyone: students from other countries, Canadian students, faculty, staff, alumni and local residents. It is truly a "global community."

Nejat Abdella '09 is a third-year student from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, majoring in International Development Studies with an emphasis in International Political Economy. The transition to her present place has not been an easy one. She has had to develop methods of coping with the "cold and bitter" winters and the transit system's chronic overcrowding, as well as classroom discussions that can be less than satisfying in the learning of new material. She says, however, that, "True of its mission statement, Trent was a home away from home." In residence at Champlain "…my floormates and I… supported and helped each other in good times and in bad. I looked forward to coming to my new home at the end of every day."

Nejat became involved in Trent's global community to enhance her student experience. She has maintained executive positions within the Trent International Student Association (TISA) as well as the African Caribbean Student Union. This year, her third, she is a board director for the Trent Central Student Association (TCSA). She says of her roles: "Being an active participant in the Trent Community has shaped me to become a better student, a better leader, and a better friend." When asked if she made the right decision in coming to Trent, she says "…choosing Trent was the best decision because I felt recognized, valued and appreciated in the student community. Most importantly, I was able to make friends with students from all walks of life who inspire me, support me, educate me, challenge me, and grow with me through these four years."

Nashara Webster '10 is a soon-to-be Trent alum from Anguilla in the British West Indies: "A 35-square mile, 16-mile long, 3 mile-wide handful of paradise where everything is a lot different than Trent and Canada." Her family supported her independent spirit and interest in attending Trent. And she is convinced she made the right decision. In getting to know other students, and being able to support them as well as count on them for help, she warmly calls Trent "Home."

Like any other student, she had to overcome obstacles (such as trying to keep up with the "massive amount of reading"), but learned to love the classroom and the way the professors engage with students. "Inspiring professors like Haroon Akram-Lodhi made coping with the rigours of the academic experience much more manageable."

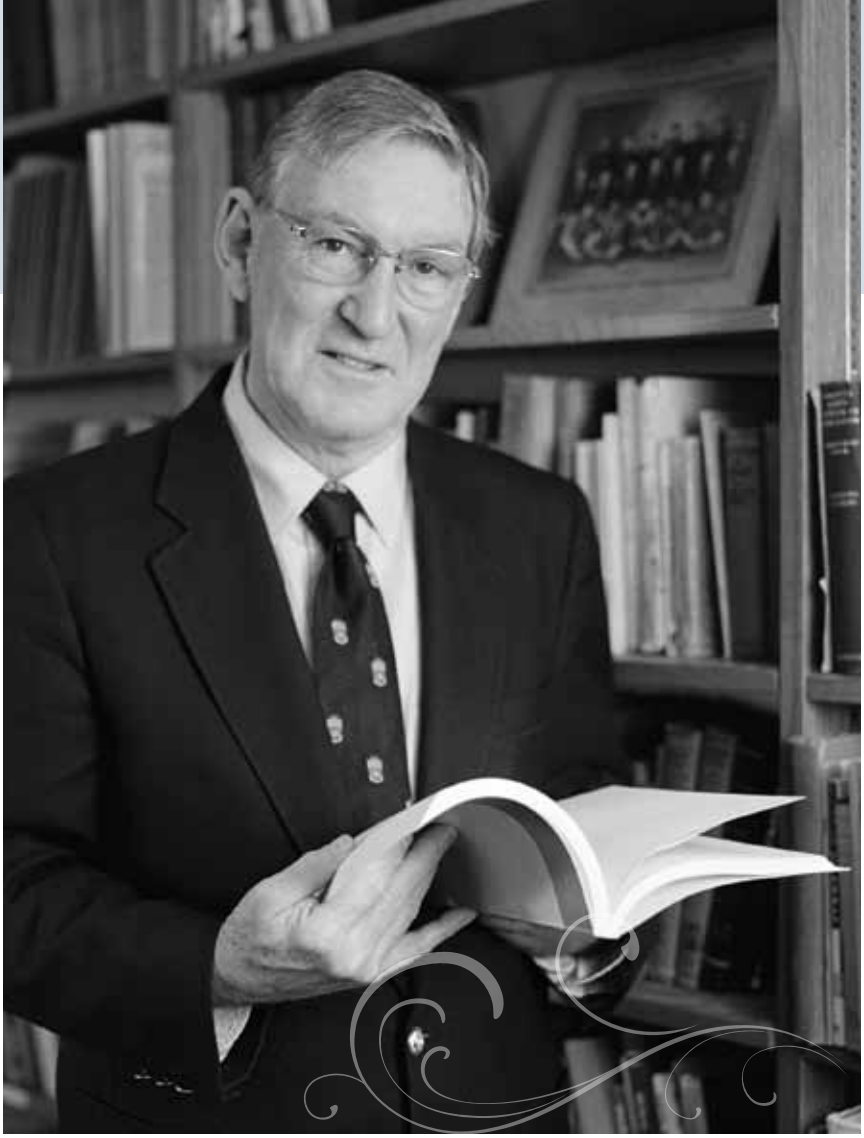
The interdisciplinary aspect of Trent's curriculum is something that appealed to Nashara. Having taken this opportunity, she has realized that she not only has significant interest in many areas, but also has an aptitude for them. This knowledge reinforces the fact that she is the person she is because of her time here: "I have blossomed into a person who is so much more socially aware, environmentally responsible, politically analytical, tactful, considerate, respectful, and in so many ways a better person."

Nashara realizes that her sense of community means that she has acquired a network of friends who support her and inspire her in her aspirations. It is not simply the academic knowledge gained, but the ability to network outside the classroom that is just as important. For her, this is what Trent does best.

Xochilt Hernandez '06 is a recent Traill College alumni from Nicaragua. She had always known that she wanted to study abroad and, even though the process was not easy, she soon realized that choosing Trent was the right thing to do. Enjoying the global community aspect of the university was an essential part of her growth process. She credits being able to share stories with students from various parts of the world and the excellent teaching provided by her professors for enhancing her academic experience. "One professor especially, Lynne Davis, introduced me to alternative ways of teaching and popular education, which now has become one of the imperatives of my development as a professional, and as a facilitator of social processes at home."

More than that, it soon became clear to her that the university "family" encourages students to become leaders, and provides much-needed support to follow through with goals. Her fellow students and faculty in the International Development Studies department helped Xochilt gain the tools that are "incredibly useful to understand development and poverty in my own country." Meanwhile, her experience allowed her to make lasting friendships and establish a second home.

Undoubtedly, there is a certain amount of trepidation as these students make their journey, but TIP ensures that the process is made much easier. As they study, students from abroad understand that their Trent degree will empower them to do great things when they return home. In the bargain, they learn to network effectively, which assists them as they navigate through their careers and their lives. ❖



IN MEMORIAM

James (Jim) MacAdam, long time Trent professor and Master of Champlain College from 1987-93, died on November 18th 2010. He was 80 years old.

From his office overlooking the river in Champlain College, Jim spent almost three decades teaching students and studying philosophy, making friends and contributing to the life of the college in many ways. He is remembered as an excellent and inventive teacher and a first-rate scholar in his own right, with a predilection for moral and political thought, in particular that of Jean-Jacques Rousseau. In 1978 he organized an international conference on Rousseau at Trent, and this conference initiated the North American Rousseau Society. Jim served as chair of the philosophy department for a time and received merit recognition for his excellent performance in research in 1989. Even in his retirement Jim continued to contribute to the world of philosophy; he discovered some unpublished work by H.A. Prichard, a philosopher from Oxford, and edited these into a volume which was published by Oxford University Press.

Jim was a very personal teacher, one who would invite students into his office both inside and outside of class time. One story that has achieved the status of legend tells of when Jim was lecturing on moral philosophy in his office to a group of enthusiastic students, without losing his train of thought, ambled over to his window and reeled in a small bass which had been caught on a line he'd suspended in the river before class. He kept on lecturing without missing a beat.

Heavily committed to undergraduate teaching, Jim continually fought against the University's plans to establish graduate programs in the humanities. David Gallop, a colleague, writes, "He probably fitted, better than anyone else at Trent, the image that many people have of 'the true philosopher,' a role that he filled in the most endearing fashion."

Jim's loyalty to and love for Champlain College resulted in his becoming its Master in 1987, a position he held for six years, despite suffering a serious injury in a car accident in 1988, which he recovered from with resilience and a strong spirit.

Jim was also an enthusiastic and accomplished athlete. In his younger days he played rugby, hockey and baseball. He anchored a university-level rugby team that won a national championship, and once received a minor-league tryout for the (then) Brooklyn Dodgers. As he grew older he turned to golf and curling, which he pursued with passion late into life. His children remember following his rugby career, reading press clippings about "Little Jimmy" and "Toe" MacAdam. They also remember spending hours playing with and being taught by their dad.

A bursary exists at Trent in Jim's honour; it is awarded annually to a student in third or fourth year who majors in philosophy.

A funeral was held at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on November 24th and was followed by a reception at Alumni House. Jim will be missed by many, including his much loved family and friends, students and colleagues.

Harvey Robert Milne

Harvey Milne died at his home in Warsaw on Sunday, September 5, 2010. He will be lovingly remembered and sadly missed by his wife Darla, sons Harley (Dawn), Tyler, Terry and Kelly. Beloved "Old Pa" to Holden and Hazel. Dear brother to Pete (Yvette), Brenda (Jim), Laurie (Mark), and Angie. Brother-in-law to Perry (Nancy), Ron, Kirk (Angie), and Kelli. Son-in-law of Jean Chittick. Dearly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by parents Bob and Dorothy and sister Maria.

Harvey began working at Trent in 1978 in the grounds crew. He retired in 2005 as the lead hand in that department. Over the years Harve was a mentor to literally hundreds of Trent summer students hired to help keep the University's grounds in tip-top shape – the students became friends who admired and respected his knowledge and experience.

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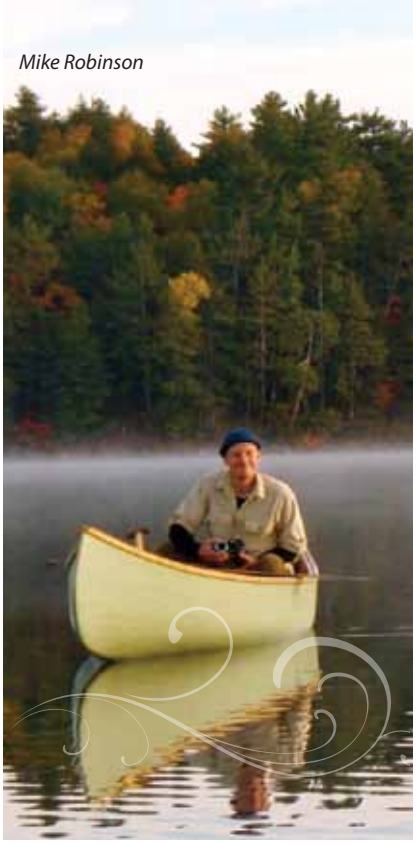
Mike Robinson '92 (BSc), died

in a float-plane crash in July as he left on a wilderness canoe trip. Mike was a man of many facets who lived life to the full: devoted husband, father and friend; PhD scientist; avid canoeist and outdoorsman; inveterate prankster; and passionate teacher and mentor. We remember him best during his graduate years under Al Slavin at Trent for his Trent-Queen's MSc (1995) and PhD (2000): worn-out running shoes, calculating the cost of his daily peanut-butter sandwich, coaxing atomic images from the scanning tunnelling microscope, pine cones appearing mysteriously in John Breukelaar's office, wilderness canoe trips with groups of Physics students, eating the chocolate "mud pie" that Catherine (a summer student) made for him, disappearing into the wilderness every year with his wife and history researcher **Tammy '92**

Mike Robinson



(nee Poot, History and Anthropolgy BA at Trent, and Museum Management at Fleming College) for epic canoe trips from Nunavut to northern Quebec. After his PhD, Mike worked with the electronics firm JDS Uniphase, but when the IT bubble burst Mike turned to high-school teaching. The move was heaven-sent: Mike could share his passion for science and people for most of the year and have summers for canoeing! At Philemon Wright High School in Gatineau, Mike was involved with student council, coached soccer and cross country skiing, and started an annual canoe trip for students. In 2008-09 he took a year off to spend with his three-year old son, Nolan. A great video tribute to Mike is posted at *www.youtube.comwatch?v=W4Ex6moBYjM*. In Mike's words, "There's more to the Earth than people." Donations can be made to Philemon Wright High School, 80 Boul. Daniel Johnson, Gatineau (Hull), QC, J8Z 1S3 c/o the Mike Robinson Canoe Trip Fund.

John Breukelaar and Alan Slavin

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William (Walter) Houston Murphy

Walter Murphy passed away peacefully at PRHC surrounded by his family on October 15, 2010 in his 88th year. Husband of his beloved wife of 64 years, Opal (nee Robinson). Loving father of Anne (Duncan) Coulby of Whitby, and Bill (Jean) Murphy of Owen Sound, and the late Irene (Steve) Lawson of Buckhorn. Grandfather of Greg (Kim) Lawson of Buckhorn, Amber (Travis) Anderson of Norwood, Tyler, Shane and Jordan Coulby of Whitby, Seanna Murphy of Guelph, and Brendan Murphy of Taipei, Taiwan; Walter was predeceased by his parents, William and Mary Murphy of Peterborough, his sister Ellen (Gordon) Bradfield, and his brothers Andy (Elda) Murphy, Sam (Nancy) Murphy, Alexander Murphy, and James (Dorothy) Murphy.

Walter was born in Ballymena, Northern Ireland on Dec. 26, 1922, but emigrated to Canada in 1926 with his family who settled in Peterborough. After serving overseas in the RCAF during the Second World War, Walter returned to Peterborough and worked for the CNR, Peterborough Freight Lines, and Cathcart Freight Lines. Walter was a long time member of the St. James United Church congregation and served on a number of church committees. He was a founding member of the Peterborough City/County Disaster Relief Trust Fund, a division chairman of the CATSCAN Committee, committee member of the Trent University Fund for Excellence, Chairman of the United Way, Chairman of the Emergency Expansion Campaign for the PRHC, Chairman of the PRHC Foundation (1993-1995), and first President of the Ontario Minor Lacrosse Association.

Paul Rexe '64 died at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre in August. He had been in palliative care for two weeks, and had been determinedly fighting cancer for 18 months.

A member of its first graduating class, Paul's relationship with Trent was as old as the University itself. He held three degrees from Trent, a B.A. in Economics and History, a B.Sc. in Anthropology and an M.A. in Canadian Studies. Paul also worked at the University in various capacities over the years. He was, at different times, Director of Trent's archaeological field school, lecturer in the Anthropology Department and a teacher/mentor in the Queen's-Trent Concurrent Education Program.

A devoted teacher, Paul taught secondary school in the Peterborough area for more than three decades. He taught at Thomas A Stewart, Kenner Collegiate and Crestwood. He regularly coached junior and senior football teams as well, leading many teams to COSSA championships.

Paul was well known in the community as a commentator and participant in local politics. He sat as a Councillor with the City of Peterborough from 1971-73, 1980-87 and 2003-06. While serving as an elected official, he belonged to over 40 municipal committees, boards and commissions. Paul also ran as the NDP candidate for Peterborough both federally and provincially. From 1998 to 2003 he maintained a weekly column in the *Peterborough Examiner* that dealt with local issues called Rexe Appeal.

Paul received numerous honours and distinctions for his work in the community throughout his lifetime. In 1984 he received Ontario's Bicentennial Medal, which honoured individuals who had made a major contribution to the betterment of Ontario and in 1990, the City of Peterborough presented him with a Certificate of Recognition for service to the community.

Paul's daughter Kate said that he died just as he lived, "with a fighting spirit, an irrepressible sense of humour and surrounded by the close friends and family he loved."

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John Hillman, MA (Oxon.), PhD (SUNY Buffalo) of Peterborough in his 72nd year, died at home on Tuesday, August 24th, 2010 with his beloved wife Ruth (née Villa-Landa) by his side. Dear father of Hugh (Peterborough), Bronwen (Mexico City) and Megan (Toronto) and predeceased by daughter Menna.

John was a professor of Sociology/CDS at Trent University (1968-2004) and an ardent and respected researcher of the International Tin Cartel and related topics. His other interests ranged from steam trains to gardening, from cemeteries to social justice. His long flowing beard will be remembered by many. ❖

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2:00 pm Game vs LEC alumni, includes ceremonial puck drop
6:00 pm Reception & Cash Bar at Scott House JCR
7:15 pm Dinner at Sunrise Cafe at the Trend, $35.00 per person

SUNDAY MARCH 27

10:00 am Brunch at the Sunrise Cafe, 395 Hunter Street West (at the corner of Hunter & Aylmer) $15 per person

sunshine sketches

Michael Johnson '70 and Fedor Zelina '70

1970

Michael Johnson '70 and **Sherry White '70** who live in London, England, paid a visit to **Fedor Zelina '70** who now lives in Victoria, BC. This visit happened to be almost exactly 40 years after the first day that they all met. Sherry and Michael met in the registration line in the basement of the Bata Library – Michael and Fedor met that same evening in the line waiting for the doors to open in the Traill College dining hall.

1972

Denise Matthews '72 is alive and well and now living in B.C., having retired from teaching in 2008. She is interested in hearing from her fellow alumni, class of '72.

1986

Heather Gill-Frerking '86 is now the Scientific Research Curator and Biological Anthropologist for the German Mummy Project, based at the Reiss-Engelhorn Museums (REM) in Mannheim, Germany. An exhibition, which includes mummies from 4 continents, recently opened at the California Science Center in Los Angeles, and will be touring to 7 US cities between now and the end of 2013. Aside from the development of her new position at the REM, Heather married Christopher Frerking, an intellectual property attorney based in Munich, Germany, in April.

1989

Maureen '89 (nee Hughes) and Tien Brand are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Nellie Kathleen Brand. Nellie was born on October 22, 2010 and weighed 8 pounds. Nellie's older brothers and sister love her and were very excited to finally meet their sibling.

Left to right: Adelaide, Nellie, Eamon and Will Brand

Proud Aunt **Sharon Doherty '89** with nephew **Wes Daubeny '08** at the 2010 Head of the Trent. It's great to keep Trent in the family!

1994

Gita Sud '94 and **Rob Aitken '92** welcomed their first child, Anokhi Acacia Aitken-Sud into the world on October 11, 2010. They are enjoying the joys of parenting a little infant. They live in Edmonton where Rob teaches at the University of Alberta and Gita works in the provincial government. They would love to hear from Trent friends at gitasudca@yahoo.ca.

1998

Jason '98 and **Dana '97 Lean (nee Martens)** are thrilled to announce the birth of their son Daxin. He was born on September 1, 2010 in Cobourg, Ontario.

2001

Brydie McMullan '01 married **Joe Teft '99** in Victoria, BC on July 17, 2010. Trent alumni in attendance included **Adam Parker '97**, **Christine Oastler '95**, **Colleen Berrigan '95**, **Brianna Sills '01**, **Ashleigh Cass '01**, **Jill Pateman '02**, **Joshua Padolsky '01**, **Daniel Iseli-Otto '01** and **Tony Storey '71**.

*We regret that we misidentified some of our retired colleagues in the Fall 2010 issue. From left to right: Terry Matthews, **Dave Lasenby '64**, Ian Sandeman, Roger Jones, Christine Maxwell, Jim Nighswander, Betty McKeown, Perc Powles, Roy Edwards, Wayne Wilson.*

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P.K. Page

Canadian Icon Leaves Her Legacy at Trent

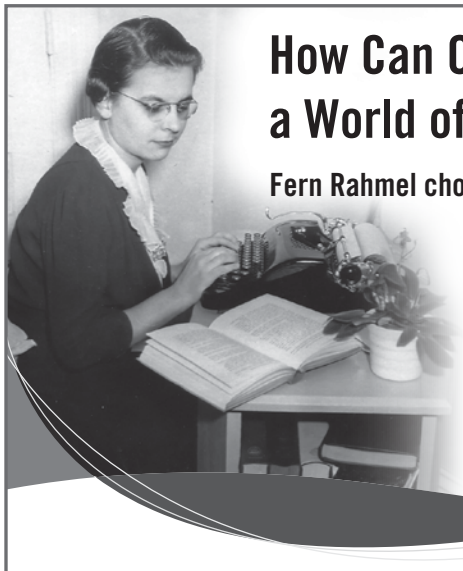
Canada's literary and artistic community took note last January when P.K. Page, an internationally recognized poet and visual artist, died. The Trent community also recognized her passing, for Page contributed to the University in many ways throughout her life and ensured that she would continue to do so by remembering Trent in her will.

One of Canada's pre-eminent poets, Page was made a Companion of the Order of Canada in 1998. She was winner of the Governor General's Award and British Columbia's Lieutenant Governor's Award for Literary Excellence. Her paintings are in the permanent collections of the National Gallery of Canada and the Art Gallery of Ontario. In her lifetime she was described as a true "renaissance woman."

Page's relationship with Trent was deep. The editing of her collected works is centred at Trent, and continues to make progress. In 2002 her lifelong achievement was celebrated at the University with a conference, *Extraordinary Presence: The Worlds of P.K. Page*, and she was the recipient of an honourary doctorate in 2004. Her final book launch was held at Trent in 2008.

Throughout her life Page gave back to the University as well. She donated many pieces of her artwork to the University's fine arts collection, many of which are displayed in the Page Irwin Colloquium Room, which was named for her and her husband in 2008. She also helped to establish the P.K. Page Irwin Creative Writing Prize, which is awarded annually to a student who demonstrates excellence in creative writing and at least one other art form. The winner receives a cash prize and a copy of one of Page's works.

P.K. Page will continue to have a positive impact on creative writers at Trent because of the generous donation she included in her will. A legacy of $20,000 was left to enhance the existing $25,000 endowment for the P.K. Page Irwin Creative Writing Prize, which means the fund will generate $1,800 annually that can be distributed to aspiring young writers at Trent. The gift also means that Page's footprint on the literary life of Trent will not soon fade. ❖



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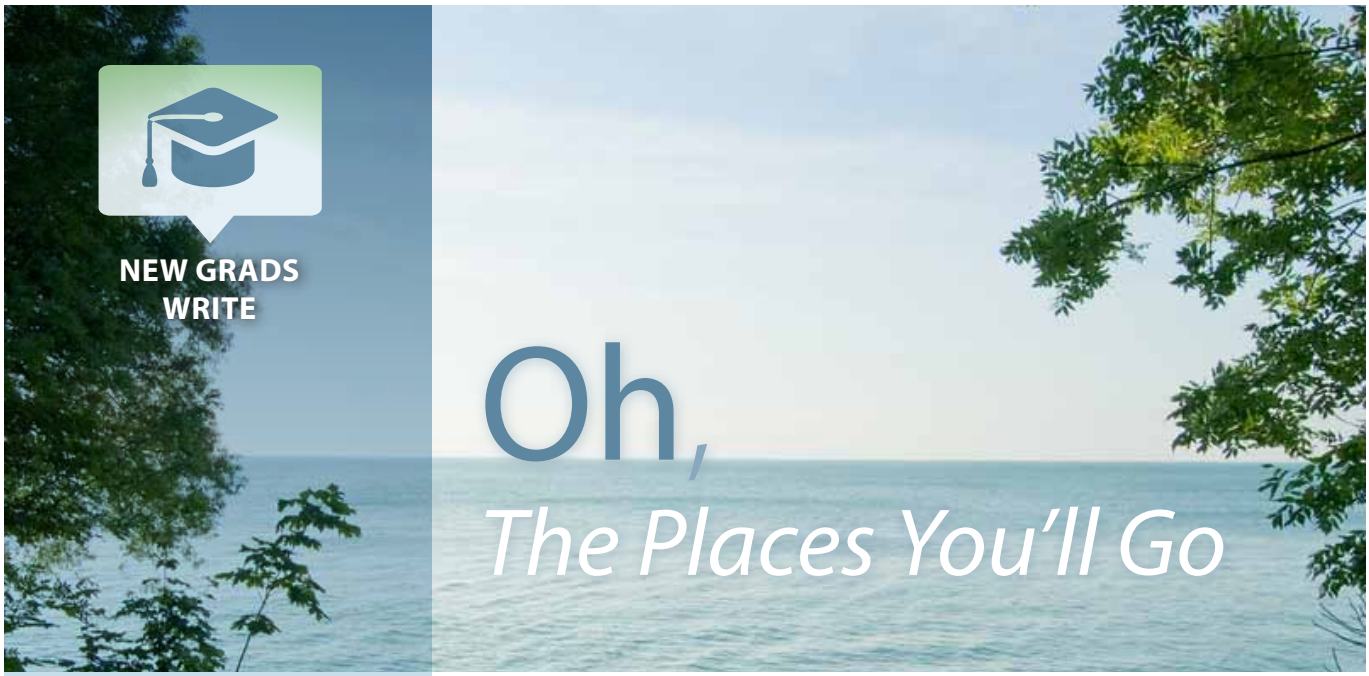

NEW GRADS WRITE

Oh, *The Places You'll Go*

The following is a first-person account by Trent University graduate Allie Kosela, currently outreach coordinator for the Lake Ontario Waterkeeper organization. Ms. Kosella visited Trent as part of the Trent Career Centre's Alumni-Student Internship Panel held this past autumn.

Last Autumn, I had the utmost honour of participating in an Alumni-Student Internship Panel put on by the Career Centre. It was a unique opportunity for current students to talk with Trent alumni about what to expect of internships and the realities of where your career can go after you get your degree.

Since graduating from Trent with a degree in Biology and Environmental and Resource Science, I have scored a dream job with a charity called Lake Ontario Waterkeeper (LOW). LOW works in the public interest to protect and celebrate Lake Ontario. The organization works hard to create a watershed where we can all safely swim, drink, and fish by engaging in legal processes to enforce environmental laws and help to inform wise decision-making.

My job with Lake Ontario Waterkeeper is to liaise with communities at the grassroots level. Concerts, street festivals and literary festivals are all part of my routine. I look forward to community meetings and site visits while using both online tools and traditional media outlets to inform the public about the work we do.

Part of Lake Ontario Waterkeeper's mandate is to provide research and education. Part of how we fulfill this mandate is through our workshops with students and through internship programs. Over the past year and a half I've been a mentor to interns who help us complete research projects, write press releases, update websites, copy-edit, run merchandise tables at events and much, much more. Internships are a really great opportunity for new graduates to get real-world experience that can lead to a fulfilling full-time job.

The panel put forward a few recommendations that should help Trent students and grads interested in internships:

- Excellent communication and research skills are essential to being successful as an intern.
- Internships should be treated like full-time jobs. Your employer will definitely take notice of your work ethic – something to ponder when looking for a reference!
- Taking time to prepare a good cover letter and resume when applying for an internship in invaluable. Though the position might be short term, you will still need to prove yourself an asset to the employer.
- Your extracurricular activities are just as important as your education. Extracurricular activities – be they sports, non-profit work, or business – show your personality, your interests, and your connection to a community.

Your time spent at Trent can lead you to great opportunities. Take the time to scour job boards and talk to people who have either gone through an internship program or hired an intern. You'll be surprised at what has made the difference between a successful applicant and someone who fell through the cracks. The Career Centre has some fantastic resources to help you get a sense of what to expect when you start to apply for positions. My experiences at Trent led me to an amazing job. Yours can too. ❖

Allie Kosela '05
Outreach Coordinator, Lake Ontario Waterkeeper

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Cheung Kong (Holdings) Limited –
Central, Hong Kong, Hong Kong

Role included leasing, client engagement, competitive market research, new project development, marketing and communications critique, and strategic planning.

Education
Trent University – Peterborough
Honours Bachelor of Business Administration Degree, June 2010
Dean's List 2006-2010; President's List 2010; President of Trent Business Students' Association

Christie MacIsaac, B.Sc., M.Pl.
Policy and Research Intern –
Natural Heritage and Land Use Planning,
April 2010 – present
Ministry of Natural Resources

Education
Queen's University: Masters of Planning, 2008 – 2010
Trent University: B.Sc., Environmental and Resource Science, 2004 – 2008

Allie Kosela, B.Sc.
As Outreach Coordinator for Lake Ontario Waterkeeper (LOW), Allie works to inform and educate individuals, groups and organizations about LOW and the work LOW does to help Lake Ontario. She manages the LOW volunteer program, organizes events for LOW and attends festivals throughout the year promoting LOW's work and educating communities about environmental issues.

Education
Trent University: B.Sc., Biology and Environmental Science

2010/2011 panellists from left to right: Mary Goldsmith, Christie MacIsaac, Sheena MacDonald, Jeff Minthorn, Angie Silverberg (Acting Director, also a Trent alum!) Allie Kosela, Dana McIntyre, Charmaine Rodrick, Dean Howley.

Jeff Minthorn, *Verge* magazine, Co-founder, Editor-in-Chief, Art Director
Jeff hails from Waterloo and has worked and studied on four continents and travelled to six, including a season's worth of expeditions to Antarctica. Before co-founding *Verge* magazine, he worked for eight years as an outdoor education instructor and guide. *Verge* has hired a recent Trent grad as an intern.

Education
University of Waterloo: Degrees in Environmental Studies and Architecture

Sheena MacDonald, Nexicom, Human Resources and Payroll Administrator

Nexicom has been a part of telecommunications in the Kawarthas since the early 1900s and have grown from a small family-owned telephone company into a diverse communications company and a leader in telecommunications. Nexicom is exploring the possibility of engaging Trent students as interns.

Dana McIntyre, B.B.A., C.H.R.P. Candidate, Human Resources/ Organizational Effectiveness, Peterborough Regional Health Centre

Dana was hired right after graduation through the Career Edge program as an intern in Human Resources at Bell Canada in Toronto. Within a few months they made the position permanent. Her duties included supporting the Sympatico Business unit and she managed the co-op program, recruitment process and various other initiatives.

Education
Trent University, B.B.A., Human Resources

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Led by President John Stubbs, the opening ceremonies included a talk by architect Richard Henriquez and the sealing of a time capsule by the Alumni Association. The time capsule, in a hollow platform at the foot of the main staircase, is to be opened on October 17, 2064, the 100th anniversary of the university's opening ceremonies. The capsule includes an original class pottery beer stein, a 4th year honours thesis by **Rod Cumming '87** concerning the Wenonah Motel public land controversy, "Message to the Future" essays by children of alumni, lint from a graduate student's navel (no lint in the future!) and a satellite television guide.

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