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EDITOR'S NOTES

## Trent Family Legacies: The Good, the Bad, and the Red Dog

DONALD FRASER '91

Reading through the heartwarming stories of multigenerational Trent families, I couldn't help but think of my own family connection to Trent ...

... And then quickly realized that it might not be quite as inspiring as the others that you will find sprinkled through this magazine.

While it is true that my older brother, Steve, attended Trent while I was in high school—and while it is also true that Steve's time at Trent played into my decision as to what schools to apply to—none of this really led to a legacy of academic success.

The Trent stories that Steve told me, you see, were of the incredible times he had with friends, the great music scene, and, yes, recollections of the area's best watering holes.

I don't really recall us talking about lectures, tutorials, or professors.

Which was probably more my fault than his.

My teenage imagination was fuelled by nights at the Red Dog, with Reverend Ken or Washboard Hank belting it out from the stage. I wanted to know how soon I could possibly play my first show at the Trend. And I wanted to hear more about the Head of the Trent, because, really, it sounded like the party of a lifetime.

All of which explains my first-year marks, I suppose. And, truth be told, his too.

In the end, though, it all turned out rather well. Steve has gone on to a have a prosperous career, with a great family and a nice house in the country. I've settled into my life as a writer, sharing a century-old house—and gardens aplenty—with my lovely and talented wife, **Krista '97** (also a Trent alumna).

I can't help but think about what will happen when Krista and I have kids—and when these kids get to their

teenage years. I can't help but think that my someday kids will want to be someday Trent students. Growing up, they'll be sure to hear the odd story about how I played the Red Dog stage with Reverend Ken. But they're also going to hear about the small class sizes, the legendary professors, and the one-on-one academic opportunities that Krista and I experienced at Trent.

And then, somewhere way down the road, I'll be happy to see them featured—in this very magazine—as winners of the Scholarship for Children of Alumni. Like the talented students showcased here, they will be helping to keep the Trent family legacy alive. For generations to come.

And, thankfully, with students now starting school at a younger age, they won't be old enough to even get into the Head of the Trent beer garden until third year.

But that's OK. There will be plenty of time to party after graduate school. ♦



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### OOPS!

Last issue we erroneously stated that Dr. Christl Verduyn had been awarded the Order of Canada. In fact, Dr. Verduyn was awarded the Governor General's International Award for Canadian Studies and named Fellow, Royal Society of Canada. We regret the error.



ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S NOTES

## Alumni Association News

ROBERT TAYLOR-VAISEY '66,  
ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Trent's motto is *Nunc cognosco ex parte*, or "Now I know in part." That is, the measure of our present knowledge is imperfect. For me this motto has been a catalyst for lifelong learning. I drive from Scarborough to Peterborough at least once a week for meetings related to alumni matters, or for a project I am working on with the University Secretariat, and every trip is a learning experience. Here are some of those experiences and reflections:

### CONVOCATION 2012



As President of the Alumni Association, I was asked to welcome all of the new alumni as members of the association, the last speech before Convocation is dismissed. The opportunity evoked all kinds of observations. For example, the first graduating class in 1967

had 72 graduates in one session; 2012 saw 1,700 graduates in five sessions. I watched our Chancellor welcome each graduate with ease and individuality. From the podium and the hundreds of chairs, I heard cheering sections from fellow students and family. I watched faculty hug graduates, just a continuation of the relationships we all build with our mentors. Three days of tradition, steeped in the beauty of our campus, and an experience I will never forget. To the 2012 graduates ... congratulations again, and welcome to the alumni community.

### THE ATHLETICS CENTRE

When I am on campus, I take advantage of an alumni benefit ... a day pass at the Athletics Centre, newly renamed the Trent Community Sport and Recreation Centre, for just \$5. Where else can you work out with a river in your fitness front yard? Alumni can also take advantage of a free trial week. If you live within easy range of the campus, I encourage you to use this facility, with its vast array of machines, the rowing tank, climbing wall, and fitness professionals. It's a campus gem.

### ALUMNI BENEFITS

Our 2012 alumni survey is telling us that most alumni don't know the range of benefits available. Discounts at the bookstore ... privileges at Bata Library ... car and home insurance ... discount rates at the Athletics Centre. Check out the alumni website at [www.trentu.ca/alumni](http://www.trentu.ca/alumni). These benefits and services are there for you. Admittedly, the discounts are most advantageous for alumni in the Peterborough area, but some are available to all. **Fallon Butler '00** and her committee are working hard to provide all alumni with benefits and services that will help us build and sustain an ongoing relationship with graduates, new and old.



### 50TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2014

2014 is coming closer and closer. A host of committees are in place, and their membership has a high alumni component. Alumni Homecoming in August 2014 is taking shape under the steady hand of Alumni Director **Lee Hays '91**. Everyone I talk with is eager to get involved, and that involvement is going to be critical as we celebrate 50 years of the university of which we are all so proud. Watch the *Trent Magazine* as events are promoted. Join the crowd! It doesn't have to be a huge commitment of time.

### ALUMNI AS CONTRIBUTORS

At every alumni event, alumni assist as volunteers. The alumni office orchestrates events with professional precision and care, and alumni volunteers make that job a bit easier. We have a rich heritage of alumni who make unselfish commitments to our university, and this year we were able to honour one alumnus who made a significant and unparalleled



contribution, the late **Robert Stephenson '68**, the first alumnus to hold the position of Chair of the Board of Governors (1991–94). In his honour, the bridge between Lady Eaton and Champlain was named the Stephenson Bridge by the University,

at the request of the Alumni Association. Robert was like a lot of alumni ... no big "splash," just quietly doing a job. And I have found that college heads in particular are eager to engage alumni in college life; it's not just about financial contribution ... sharing your experiences in lifelong learning, career development, and honed skills with students is a very valuable contribution you can make.

### VOLUNTEERISM

I've been involved in community volunteerism most of my life. The alumni who volunteer do so because they care, and that is the true hallmark of being a volunteer. There is so much to



do. Please consider taking on a task here or there to enhance the strength of our association. Stay in touch ... register on the online directory, [www.trentu.ca/alumni/onlinedirectory.php](http://www.trentu.ca/alumni/onlinedirectory.php)!

It has been a really interesting ten months. Take a minute to talk with me. Write me at [rtaylorvaisey@trentu.ca](mailto:rtaylorvaisey@trentu.ca) with your comments, ideas, suggestions, and, yes, complaints. It's all about keeping in touch.

As an aside, this issue focuses on children of alumni. Imagine how my brother **Doug Vaisey '64** and I felt when both of our parents started to take courses at Trent!

See you at the AGM. ❖

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Dr. Steven E. Franklin

## Sustaining the Roots of the Family Tree: The Children of Trent University Alumni

During our 45th Convocation ceremonies in June, we welcomed 1,774 new alumni from the 2012 graduating class: 1,670 undergraduate, three diploma, and 101 graduate students. Among these were 125 graduates of Trent University Oshawa. Students graduated for the first time with degrees in Archaeology and in Ecological Restoration. As a leader in interdisciplinary programs, Trent had much to celebrate when the first graduates of the M.A. in Sustainability Studies received their degrees.

Sustainability and Environment; Canadian Studies and Indigenous Studies; Life and Health Sciences; and Critical Cultural Inquiry—Trent University's outstanding reputation in these signature areas has been identified in *Radical Recovery: An Academic Plan for Trent University (2012-2015)*, formally approved first by the Senate, and then by the Board of Governors at a meeting held at the Oshawa Thornton Road campus in March 2012. This Academic Plan is the culmination of an intensive consultation process and identifies strategic action steps for the future that will resonate with prospective students, build on the University's strengths, and reflect Trent's distinct educational experience.

For nearly 50 years, Trent University has valued each individual student as a unique member of an inclusive intellectual and social community, while providing opportunities for them to develop and flourish. Everyone has a Trent story to

tell, and to commemorate Trent's 50th anniversary, a legacy book has been commissioned to provide a new forum to share these stories. Former Trent student and journalist D'Arcy Jenish and the 50th Anniversary Book Committee will be happy to collect submissions from alumni, students, staff, faculty, and the wider community. To submit your stories, recollections, clippings or photographs, please visit [www.trentu.ca/fifty](http://www.trentu.ca/fifty).

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone for their support of our 50th anniversary plans. We are grateful to those who have stepped forward to participate in preparations for the celebrations, which will begin in earnest in August 2014. I welcome and encourage each of you to join in the planning and execution of an exciting series of events to celebrate and look to the future of this fine institution.

An important part of the quality of the student experience at Trent University is the opportunity that is given to everyone to contribute as an individual to a greater whole. Our alumni continue to uphold and enhance the core values that Trent citizens have

come to cherish. We are thrilled and proud to witness the children of alumni arrive on our campus, transform into global citizens, and become alumni themselves. Enjoy these stories as the beginning of more to come. ❖

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For many students, embarking upon a university career means leaving home for the first time. For many parents, what better way to send your children into the world than to see them begin this stage of their journey at your own alma mater? Your expectations and hopes are high. At Trent, you know you can count on our commitment to academic excellence and a high-quality student experience. At Trent, there is no greater honour than to see the children of our alumni enrol right here in our world-renowned programs: a tradition we hope will continue for generations.

This edition of *Trent Magazine* brings together a collection of stories about the children of alumni who have brought to our faculty fresh ideas of their own and—through our teaching and research—have carried on to make significant contributions to the world. Rooted in sustainable learning communities, every Trent generation contributes to the ongoing growth of our family tree, now strong at 40,000 alumni worldwide.

# What's New at Trent

## Trent and PUI Enter New Partnership

In June 2012, Trent University and Peterborough Utilities Inc. (PUI) announced the signing of a letter of intent to create a new company to oversee the construction and operation of the 91-year-old Stanley Adamson Powerhouse, which is currently undergoing a \$22.8-million redevelopment.

The new company, under the PUI umbrella, will assume responsibility for the day-to-day management of the facility under a lease arrangement, followed by the assumption by the University of a 50-per-cent equity interest in the new company. This new partnership will allow the University, PUI, and the Peterborough community to develop and benefit from renewable energy solutions and to reduce operating costs for the University while ensuring a long-term revenue stream. ❖



### Chair's Bench on Campus Honours David L. Morton

David L. Morton, B.A., M.B.A., LL.D, was recognized in June 2012 for his out-standing service to, and leadership on, the Trent University Board of Governors from 2004 to 2011, with the dedication of a bench located outside the Riverside Offices facing Lady Eaton College. ❖

### Naming of the Martin Family Biomaterials Laboratory

In April 2012, Trent University announced the naming of the Martin Family Biomaterials Laboratory at a special gathering at the Trent Centre for Biomaterials Research (TCBR), with guest of honour Mr. John Martin and his family in attendance.

**Dr. Suresh Narine '91**, director of the TCBR, unveiled the new name and signage. He noted Mr. Martin's legacy of commitment to both Peterborough and Trent University and how the biomaterials research program specifically had been integral to the successful work of the TCBR to date. ❖

### TSSC Celebrates 20th Anniversary

The 20th anniversary season of the Trent Summer Sports Camp (TSSC) was marked at the Trent Community Sport & Recreation Centre in summer 2012, with over 800 campers between the ages of five and 17 attending a variety of sport and recreation activities, including canoeing, swimming, rock climbing, biking, sports, and more. The outstanding staff consisted of nearly 30 counsellors, the majority of whom are highly skilled Trent students.

Enhancing the TSSC experience is the state-of-the-art Trent Community Sport & Recreation Centre, which provides unparalleled indoor and outdoor fitness and recreation facilities, including an indoor climbing wall and indoor rowing/paddling tank, the outdoor Justin Chiu Stadium, as well as a renovated pool and expanded Wildrock Canoe Centre. ❖



## First Degrees Presented at 45th Convocation

Trent University honoured 1,774 members of the 2012 graduating class over the course of five ceremonies in June 2012 on Symons campus.

1,670 undergraduate, three diploma, and 101 graduate students received their degrees. Eleven Ph.D.s and 90 master's degrees—56 in the arts and 34 in the sciences—were granted. Among these were 125 graduates of Trent University Oshawa Thornton Road Campus.



Students graduated for the first time with degrees in Archaeology and in Ecological Restoration. The first master's degrees in Sustainability Studies were awarded as part of the largest class of graduate-level graduates in Trent's history. ❖

## \$2.5 Million in Funding for New Research

Trent University is the recipient of \$2.5 million over five years from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council to explore successful models of Aboriginal people building and living fulfilling lives in urban settings.

Professor David Newhouse, professor of Indigenous Studies at Trent, is the lead researcher working with the National Association of Friendship Centres and a number of other university and government partners in the Urban Aboriginal Knowledge Network, directed by a vision of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people in urban communities "living well together." ❖





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# INSPIRATION

Trent University presents no shortage of inspiration, especially when it comes to its alumni. I'm repeatedly amazed when alumni share their recollections of unique out-of-classroom experiences that enabled them to explore their interests, discover their strengths, and develop meaningful, life-long friendships. Trent has some of the best teachers, and there's no doubt that seminars and one-on-one contact with faculty constitute an immense advantage for Trent students, but managing the campus pub, participating in student politics, taking on a college-cabinet leadership role, becoming a varsity athlete, starting a club or group—these are the additional significant experiences I frequently hear about. Through these opportunities alumni have found mentors, developed leadership skills, taken risks, learned to fail and recover, and made deep, lifelong personal connections, many of which can lead to crucial employment contacts years later. No wonder alumni are eager to share and promote Trent University when it comes time for their

son or daughter to leave the comforts of home. It must be a special feeling to know your son or daughter will be strolling across the Faryon Bridge, studying in Bata Library, playing sports in Justin Chiu Stadium, hanging out at one of the campus pubs, or in some cases, being taught by the same professors as you were years ago. In this issue you'll read about the children of several alumni and about their decisions to come to Trent, whether it was because of what they knew of their mother's or father's (or in some cases, both) Trent experience, the chance to study and research with award-winning faculty, the opportunity to be on a varsity team, or simply their destined path. Some didn't initially think they were destined for Trent, but somehow, fortunately, they ended up here. Enjoy their stories, and while you're at it, think about a student you know who would benefit from a Trent University education.

This issue also includes the 2011-12 report on philanthropy, which recognizes alumni and other donors who have made generous contributions to Trent over the past year. As you flip through the pages you'll read the names of thousands of alumni who've made Trent a charitable priority. In the past year, close to 50% of donations to Trent came from alumni, a total of \$813,487. The other 50% came from corporations, faculty, staff, friends, board members, and parents. Since 2000, alumni giving to Trent has topped \$12.69 million, which has created new scholarships and bursaries, internship opportunities, a new state-of-the-art Athletics Centre and stadium, renowned lectureships, library resources, new and ongoing alumni programming, and enhanced student services. Students at Trent deeply appreciate this support. An inspiring story you'll read about is how one alumnus has recognized and rewarded 25 first-year students over the





past ten years through the creation of the Children of Alumni Scholarship. This story demonstrates how one person can make a difference for students, and their families, year after year. You'll also read about several of the scholarship recipients, some who are still students and some who have successfully joined the alumni ranks.

Perhaps the single greatest source of inspiration for most of us connected to Trent is its students. Meeting and assisting young men and women in their academic pursuits and personal growth is both a privilege and a reward for those of us who are faculty, staff, or alumni. One of the main objectives of Trent's 50th Anniversary in 2014-2015 is to celebrate in a way that enhances the student experience, for the present and future. The Alumni Association plans to deliver on this by engaging more alumni than ever in the life of the university, jump-started by the 50th Anniversary Alumni Homecoming Weekend.

Take out your calendar and block August 7 to 10, 2014, for the kick-off to Trent's 50th Anniversary and the biggest alumni celebration ever held at Trent. Over the past year and a half, alumni have been asked to provide their input and build a plan that

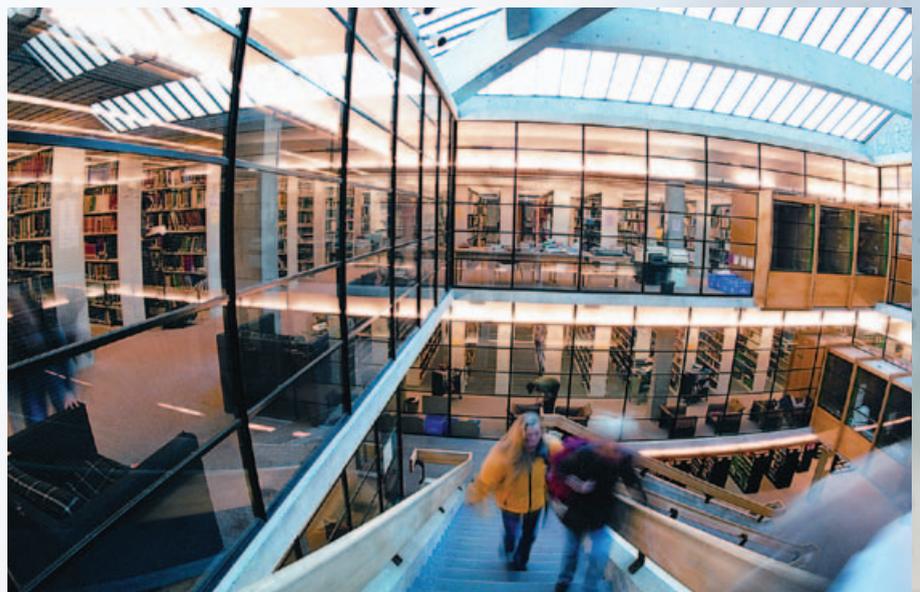
would excite and attract the most-ever alumni back to campus. The exciting line up for the weekend will include a multitude of special guests (beloved professors, honorary degree recipients, and legendary alumni) and experiences you won't want to miss, including a two-day symposium with world-class speakers, a concert by a big-name artist, campus tours, the option to stay in your college residence, tours of Peterborough hotspots and favourite Trent hangouts of yesterday and

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today, and athletic events. The program also includes lots of free time in the afternoon and evening of Saturday August 9, for your own alumni group reunions (Trent international alumni reunion, college reunions, club and group reunions, and more!).

This fall, committee volunteers will be invited to planning sessions to determine the specific details of each of the components of the homecoming weekend celebration. If you would like to help please email [50th@trentu.ca](mailto:50th@trentu.ca). Watch for more details, as well as 50th Anniversary Facebook pages in the coming months, and plan to be a part of this momentous occasion.

Speaking of homecoming, don't be shy! We hope to see you at the 2012 Homecoming and Head of the Trent Weekend, September 28-30. See the full line up of activities on page 18/19—there's something for the whole family to enjoy. I look forward to welcoming you back to Trent! ❖



# All in the Family

In 1989, Trent University's future looked bleak—but the Alumni Council was confident that the University would pull through.

With Trent facing severe financial difficulties, the Alumni Council, including **Michael Beswick '64**, decided that it had a duty to figure out a way to help the institution get back on its feet and make a statement that the University was going to be around for a long time.

At the same time, the government had begun to cut back funding for education, meaning that students were looking for more financial aid as they chose where to pursue their postsecondary education. Luckily, the Alumni Council had been fundraising and was trying to figure out what to do with the money raised.

That's when Michael came up with the idea for the Scholarship for Children of Trent University Alumni.

"It was about 20 years since the University had been founded, so it was getting to the time when alumni could have children that would go to university," said Michael.

"It was also a statement on our part that the University

was going to be around. It was a way of saying, 'We have confidence we're going to be here. We have confidence in our future. Our alumni are going to send their children to Trent.'"

**We established a scholarship to encourage children of alumni to attend our beloved alma mater. So far, 25 scholarships have been awarded.**



*The Prewer family: Jacqui, Joan, alumni scholarship winner Erin, and Dan.*

"We loved the place," he said. "We were hoping alumni would send their kids here. We knew that pretty much everyone who went to Trent loved the experience, and thought that it would be great to pass on that feeling."

The scholarship recognizes a student who has at least one parent who graduated from, received an honorary degree from, or completed five or more courses at Trent. It is awarded based on a student's entrance average with a minimum of 80%. The winning student receives \$1,000. So far, 25 scholarships have been awarded.

Michael thinks the scholarship has done its job in bringing Trent out of the "dark days of the '80s."

"The university is thriving; it's doing very well," he said. "I think Trent University has a very good future and we're not worried about it anymore." ❖  
*Carly Snider '03*

## PREWER

**Erin Prewer** and her family certainly aren't worried. Erin was one of the recipients of the scholarship for the 2011–12 academic year, along with Kaitlyn Young.

Erin's mother knew about the scholarship and was surprised and thrilled when her daughter received the award.

"It really gave her a boost of confidence," said Joan. "Erin was the second winner and I really appreciated that they were willing to make another gift for her."

In a way, the Prewer family owes a lot to Trent University. Their family's history began there when her parents met at Catharine Parr Traill College. **Joan Coogan Prewer '81** graduated from Trent with a degree in English before pursuing a master's at York University, and **Dan Prewer '83** attended Trent before switching to Culinary Management at George Brown College.

The fact that her parents both went to Trent helped Erin in her decision-making process when it came time to choose a university.



“When choosing which school to go to that had my program (Forensic Science), I’d been to Trent before and I felt at home there,” Erin said.

“We always encouraged her [to go to Trent] in that we thought it was a very positive experience,” said her mother. “We were always careful not to influence her too much.”

Joan decided on Trent as a mature student, its smaller environment and close-knit community drawing her attention.

“I think it was a very good learning experience for me,” she said. “I think it directly helped me with employment and really shaped the way I am.”

Joan and Dan were both very involved with Traill during their time there, both as amigas/amigos for ISW and as members of the college cabinet. Her parents made sure to share with Erin the importance of getting involved while she was at Trent. So far, Erin’s expectations of Trent from her parents have been met.

“I had a good year and made a lot of good friends,” she said of her first year at Trent as a Champlainer. “I can’t wait to get back, as crazy as that might sound. How can you not enjoy waking up in

the morning and looking at the river?” Joan added.

When Joan and Dan moved Erin into her room on her first day at Trent, memories came flooding back. “I think they were like, ‘Oh, I wish I were coming back here!’” said Erin.

Joan said it was very different from a parent’s perspective.

“I wouldn’t want to do that again, I’m kind of way past that now,” she laughed. “But it seems fun. I wouldn’t mind going back up for a weekend just to live that experience again.”

Both Joan and Erin reflected on the special nature of the small class sizes. Being in Forensic Science, Erin was already in one of the smaller programs at Trent, and her mother remembers the small class sizes as being part of the unique Trent experience.

“Even my bigger classes like chemistry are tiny compared to what you would find at other universities, so it was really good,” said Erin.

“I got to know my professors personally,” Joan remembered. “It was



the era of James Neufeld, and we became friends. I just visited him last year at Head of the Trent. I don’t think you’d have that connection at another school!”

Erin’s parents have remained connected to Trent, going back to visit friends in Peterborough and attending Head of the Trent as often as they can. In fact, Erin was almost at Head of the Trent as a new-born.

“I was very pregnant and I thought, ‘You know, maybe we should stay at home this weekend,’” Joan remembered. Erin was born that Saturday. ❖  
*Carly Snider ‘03*

## MULDOON/TAYLOR

**Anne Muldoon (née Hayes) ’79** enrolled at Trent in 1979 and graduated in 1982 with a major in French and a minor in Spanish. She originally wanted to become an interpreter, but instead decided to join Trent’s Concurrent Education program.

Before her graduation, she completed practica in various schools in the Upper Canada School Board, where she was offered her first long-term teaching position at Duncan J. Schouler Public School—and she has been there

ever since! Over the following 30 years, she has moved on to teach a variety of subjects within the same school.

Anne’s teaching days will soon end, as she plans to retire in 2013. While she acknowledges that she will miss teaching, she looks forward to doing other things, such as travelling and becoming a private tutor. However, she doesn’t plan to leave the world of education entirely, as she is also interested in consulting for school boards and educational publishers.

Thirty years after graduating she remembers several people fondly, including her professors Terry Mellors and Rosa Maria Garrido, and the lifelong friends she made in F House at Otonabee College. In particular, she remembers one Otonabee housemate who backpacked with her across Europe after she graduated. Such friendships have confirmed the impression she formed about Trent that helped her decide to attend in the first place.

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Anne Muldoon and daughter Clare Taylor

Making the decision to attend Trent was hard, as Anne had just lost her father during her last year of high school and felt that it would be best to stay at home to help out her mother and younger brother. But in the end, she persisted with her studies and became the first woman on her father's side of the family to graduate from university. It is this sense of hard work that she has passed on to her daughter, Clare.

## QUANTICK

Through two generations, the Quantick family of Kingston has practised many of the values that Trent University prides itself on: respect for the earth, tolerance of others, and critical thinking skills.

Such values have helped father **Robin Quantick '78** throughout his adult life. After graduating from Trent's concurrent education program with Queen's, he developed his company, Excalibur, into a national provider of education services to adults in Canada's correctional system. Excalibur has also recently expanded to provide mediation and strategic planning services. He credits Trent's focus on small-group instruction with providing him the tools to be an effective teacher and leader. Now he is working on his Ph.D in Indigenous Studies at Trent, and he also serves as an alumni representative to the Board of Governors.

**Laura Davey-Quantick '78** appreciates that Trent helped her develop her skills in activism. After finishing her bachelor's degree over 20

## All in the Family continued

While **Clare Taylor** doesn't feel that her attendance at Trent was influenced by her mother's own experiences, she has made the same choice as Anne to study teaching. Trent's small size was an important factor in her choice as well. She wanted to study at a university with an atmosphere like that of her hometown—Smiths Falls, Ontario—and found that Trent's size and mixture of students from both smaller towns and big cities was an asset.

In September 2012, Clare will be starting her third year with a major in Geography and a minor in History. Her focus is on human geography. In particular, she is looking forward to her courses "The Geography of Health," "The Geography of Tourism," and "Social Geography."

She is also looking forward to taking part in a variety of extra-curricular activities; in addition to continuing her involvement with Trent's Pen Pal program, Clare plans to join Big Brothers/Big Sisters and become a note-taker for the Disability Services Office. In her fourth year (2013-14), she hopes to be a peer mentor to other undergraduate students, and to be an ISW leader. Beyond this, though, her plans for her degree remain open, as she is still debating between completing a thesis or conducting community-based research. Whatever roads both Clare and Anne travel in the future, we at the Trent University Alumni Association wish them continued success! ❖

*Christina Vasilevski*

years ago, she returned recently to Trent to complete a master's degree in Corporate Social Responsibility. Now she owns and operates the newest franchise of P'Lovers Environmental Store, which specializes in selling natural, organic, and eco-friendly items such as toys, clothing, and housewares.

However, Laurie isn't running P'Lovers alone, as daughter **Sarah '02** has partnered with her. Sarah completed a bachelor's degree with a special concentration in global development studies and feels that Trent has provided a solid foundation for running the store, as it has given her both the research and critical thinking skills that allow her to understand everything about the products that P'Lovers offers. To Sarah, there's nothing better than being able to predict a customer's questions and answer them thoroughly: "Trent taught me personally how to have a credible opinion."



The Quantick family: Joshua, Sarah, Laura and Robin

Rounding out the family's alumni is son **Joshua Quantick**, who will be starting his degree in September 2012. Originally, he had planned to study science at another university, but was disappointed by the lack of elective courses; he felt that the recommended courses for his first year would not build upon the topics he already learned in his last year of high school. He later decided to focus on Environmental Studies, and Trent's prominence in that discipline, along with the open, interdisciplinary nature of its courses, became factors in

**“There is definitely an overlap. If you look at the courses my dad took, the courses I took, and the courses I’m teaching now. There are connections, for sure.” – Seamus Murphy 2002**

his choice to study at Trent rather than in Ottawa. His goal is to complete a B.Sc. in Anthropology with a focus on physical anthropology, the study of the human aspect of evolution.

The Quanticks feel that one of Trent’s greatest features is the sense of

community it fosters. In particular, Sarah remembers her third-year program in Ecuador and the broadening experiences it offered, and Robin remembers the sense of mutual responsibility that being in a small class encouraged—no one could slack off on readings without

being found out! With the entrance of another family member into Trent’s classrooms, the Quanticks feel that their shared educational experiences are a tremendous asset. ❖

*Christina Vasilevski '03*

## MURPHY

When it comes to **Dan '75** and **Seamus Murphy '02**, the apple doesn’t fall far from the tree.

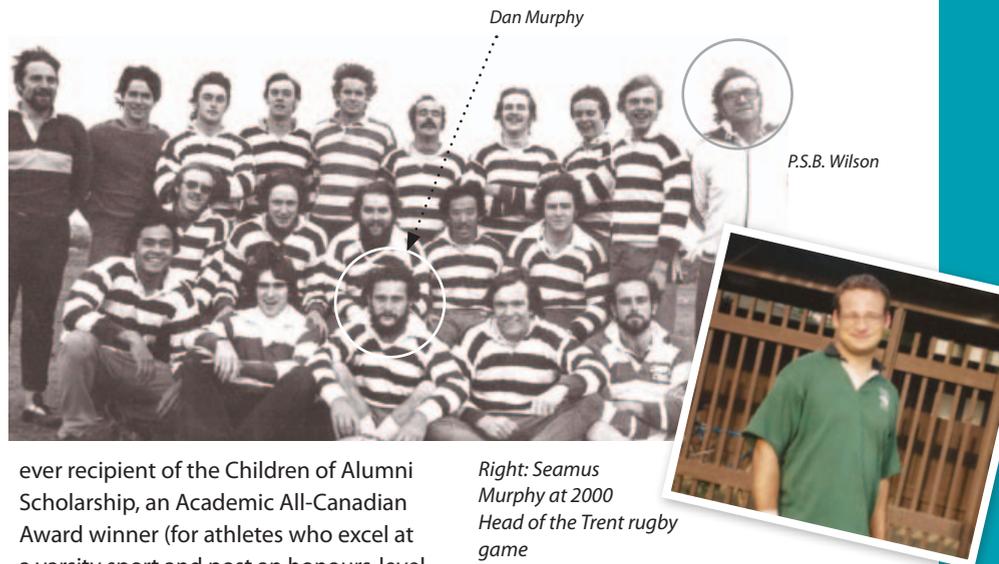
Of course, it helps if the tree is in nearby Omemee, just a half-hour jaunt up Highway #7 from Trent. It’s a lot easier to maintain family bonds when you can easily scoot home for a home-cooked meal.

But it is more than mere geographical proximity that linked Seamus with his dad during his Trent years.

“I used to come down and whack his head around during the Head of the Trent Alumni Rugby match,” laughs Dan.

“We’ve got some tradition there,” he says more seriously. “Believe it or not, we were the first father/son combo to play against each other in the alumni match. We both had [former university Athletic Director and Trent legend] **P.S.B. Wilson** for a coach when we played during our respective periods. And I even had P.S.B. as a Master of Ceremonies at my wedding.”

Seamus has done much to impress his fellow-alumnus father. He was the first



*Dan Murphy*

*P.S.B. Wilson*

*Right: Seamus Murphy at 2000 Head of the Trent rugby game*

ever recipient of the Children of Alumni Scholarship, an Academic All-Canadian Award winner (for athletes who excel at a varsity sport and post an honours-level average grade), and an Ontario University Athletic Association (OUAA) award winner as an athlete achieving high academic standards.

“He’s done me proud,” admits Dan.

There have also been some academic traditions in the family.

While Dan’s career in correctional services was a bit of a departure from his studies in Anthropology and Archaeology, he still gets opportunities to join friends and acquaintances on archaeological digs. He also spends a good deal of time working on genealogical family trees.

Seamus, meanwhile, took many of the same courses as his father, such as Classical Studies and Archaeology. What’s more, he’s parlayed those courses into a teaching career, where lessons learned from the past regularly crop up in his lesson plans. He’s currently teaching at an international school in China.

“There is definitely an overlap,” says Seamus. “If you look at the courses my dad took, the courses I took, and the courses I’m teaching now. There are connections, for sure.”

Dan recalls being an influence on his son when it came to picking a university.

“I knew that Seamus would do better in the smaller classes at Trent,” he explains. “Some people thrive in those small-group settings, and he is definitely one of them. Also, I was a firm believer in the collegial traditions and ways that Trent stood for. I knew what academics at Trent were like, and was excited for Seamus to get that opportunity.”

In the end, it worked out well, for both father and son.

Except during those alumni rugby matches, where Seamus always had to face his father. And even then, it was all in fun. ❖ *Donald Fraser '91*



*Seamus Murphy at convocation with his parents and grandmother.*

## All in the Family continued

### AFFLECK

One of the most memorable photographs **Geoff Affleck '99** remembers from his childhood was of his parents, **Ian Affleck '71** and **Glenda Affleck '71**, taken when they were dating. One day, when Geoff was attending a class at Traill College, he couldn't shake a sense of familiarity with his surroundings—and then realized that the iconic picture was taken in the very same location.

Trent has played a very important role in the lives of the Affleck family. Ian, who majored in Math and Physics and has received both a Distinguished Alumni Award and an honorary degree from Trent (L.L.D. in 1998), is currently a professor of Theoretical Physics at the University of British Columbia. He met his wife Glenda, an educator who currently trains international English as a Second Language (ESL) teachers, during introductory seminar week at Traill College. Glenda subsequently asked Ian for help during a first-year physics course, and, as they say, the rest is history.

Both Ian and Glenda were attracted to Trent by its interdisciplinarity. Ian was a budding physicist who also desired to take courses in English and philosophy, while Glenda was interested in studying psychology as well as the other sciences. Both have fond memories of the small classes, the seminar system, and close relationships to professors such as **John Earnshaw (Hon.)**, with whom Ian played squash on a regular basis.



*Above: Ian and Glenda Affleck met at Traill College  
Right: Glenda and son Geoff*

It was these memories that played a key role when their first child, Geoff, was choosing a university. Geoff, who currently works for a software company in Vancouver, had applied to a number of schools but was not impressed with the rigidity of many of them, which often required that a major be firmly declared on the application form. Trent, however, was different, and when combined with

his parents' glowing recommendation, that made the decision quite easy.

Though winters were an adjustment for the native Vancouverite, Peterborough was a perfect place for a young man living on his own for the first time. "It felt like a movie set—you ran into people you knew on every corner!" Geoff recalls warmly. Majoring in Biology, Geoff's experience of Trent echoes that of his parents, with seminars, close relationships with professors—Jim Shaefer was even a neighbour—and his involvement with the rowing team being among the highlights.

Though Ian and Glenda's second child, Kate, is currently attending Simon Fraser University, Glenda is quick to point out that she, too, could still go to Trent ... for a graduate degree! ❖

*Jonathan Pinto '06*



**"It felt like a movie set—you ran into people you knew on every corner!" – Geoff Affleck '99**



# 2012 ALUMNI AWARDS

This year's Alumni Award winners were celebrated at a special gathering and ceremony held on September 8 at Peter Robinson Dining Hall, Gzowski College. Attending the event were a full range of alumni, faculty, staff and students, including members of the very first class, former award recipients, founding president and Vanier Professor Emeritus Tom Symons, and President and Vice Chancellor Dr. Steven Franklin.

"We are thrilled to spotlight alumni who are making a difference in their communities and around the globe as volunteers, leaders and contributors. These seven alumni have improved the lives of others in significant ways and we are proud to recognize them for their accomplishments."

*Lee Hays, Director Alumni Affairs*

Nominations for Distinguished Alumni, Spirit of Trent Award and the Young Leader Award are received throughout the year and the winners are selected by the Awards and Recognition Committee of the Trent University Alumni Association (TUAA).

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## IAN AFFLECK '71 Distinguished Alumni Award



Ian Affleck, Professor of Physics at the University of British Columbia and Trent Honorary Doctor of Laws, is one of Canada's most distinguished scientists. He graduated from Trent in 1975 with a B.Sc. in Physics and Mathematics, winning the Governor General's Silver Medal for the top undergraduate marks in his year. He earned his M.Sc. and Ph.D. from Harvard University. Dr. Affleck has taught at Princeton and Boston University, and at UBC. He is widely acknowledged as one of the top theoretical physicists in the world in the field of spin systems (especially quantum magnets and antiferromagnets, and quantum spin chains). His scientific contributions are cited in his recent award of the Lars Onsager Prize, which acknowledges his "pioneering role in developing and applying the ideas and methods of conformal field theory to important problems in statistical and condensed matter physics, including the quantum critical behavior of spin chains and (with Andreas Ludwig) the universal behavior of quantum impurity systems." Dr. Affleck has been elected to all three of the Royal Society of Canada, the Royal Society (London), and the American Physical Society. He lectures in a number of countries including, France, Germany, Japan, Israel, and Argentina. He holds the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Canadian Association of Physicists (2006).

## LUCIE EDWARDS '73 Distinguished Alumni Award



Coming to Trent on a Champlain Scholarship in 1972, Lucie took every course offered in international relations and international development, graduating in 1976 with an Honours B.A. in Economics and History, and leaving behind a legacy in the form of the Trent International Student's Association. Earning her Masters in Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard in 1972, she went on to work for the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs for over 33 years. During this time she held many significant positions, including postings abroad as Director of the Middle Eastern Relations Division, and High Commissioner to Kenya (1993-95), South Africa (1999-2003), and India (2003-06). Her role was to maintain political relations at the highest level with governments and leading parties, while managing Canada's aid programs and immigration offices in these countries. During her time as Chair of the South Africa Task Force, she coordinated the Canadian role in assisting Namibia's transition to independence and South Africa's transition to democracy. As Counsellor to the Canadian Embassy in Pretoria, South Africa, from 1986-1989, she reported on human rights issues, maintaining Canadian relations with the Anti-Apartheid movement and implementing the Canadian Sanctions Policy. Other accomplishments include serving as the Permanent Representative to the United Nations Environment Program, the Director General for Global Issues, and chair of the World Agroforestry Centre. She has received

*Distinguished Alumni*

## *Distinguished Alumni*

the Public Service Award of Excellence in 1995 for her humanitarian work in Rwanda and the Lifetime Achievement Award of Excellence from the Department of Foreign Affairs in 2009.

From 2007 to 2009, Lucie was chief strategist and Head of the Office of Transformation, responsible for organizational renewal and innovation in service delivery within foreign affairs. Lucie currently holds a Balsillie Fellowship in Global Governance at the University of Waterloo and is researching the role of science and scientists in public policy-making, especially in the fields of climate change, agriculture, and food security.

### **BETH MCMASTER '78** *Distinguished Alumni Award*



Graduating from Trent with a B.A. in English and Cultural Studies in 1983, Beth McMaster has become well known in the Peterborough community. She was named citizen of the year of the city in 1995. Among her achievements is the creation of Showplace. Serving as chair of the building committee, and on the board during its formative years, she is responsible for the growth of theatre and performance in Peterborough. Herself a producer, director, and actor in countless productions, she has also served as chair of the Theatre Guild's Board of Directors and as chair of its Play Selection Committee. Memorable among her productions are a number of children's plays, produced once or twice a year by the Theatre Guild between the years of 1969-1989. She has also written two adult murder mystery plays ("Death Chart" and "Beyond Escape"). Most recently she has been writing yearly scripts for Spring Tonic, the annual

Showplace fundraiser, and has authored lounge biographies of Dorothy Parker and Noel Coward. Many of these plays have been published and performed across Canada, the U.S., New Zealand, and the United Kingdom. For several years, she toured Ontario schools as part of the Playwrights in Schools program and has staged her own puppet plays in shopping centres and health units across the province. Her recognition includes the Maggie Bassett award by Theatre Ontario for her significant contribution to theatre in the province, the Queen's Jubilee Medal, and naming to the Peterborough Pathway of Fame. She served on the United Way Board of Directors, while participating for over 30 years in the management of her family-owned company, Bancroft Developments Ltd.

### **BILL KIMBALL '75** *Spirit of Trent Award*



Graduating from Trent in 1980 with a B.A. in Cultural Studies, Bill Kimball decided to stay in Peterborough to continue expanding the local Arts community.

In doing so, he furthered a relationship between Cultural Studies and Peterborough's performing artists that began with Professor Alan Orenstein's "Magic Circus Theatre Company," from which Robert Winslow (4th Line Theatre) also emerged. This affiliation led Kimball to his first job working at Artspace when it was still under the clock at Market Hall. He was integral to the transformation of this venue over the years from its original form as an art gallery and performance space, and was a major force in its recent renovation. In 1994, with Artspace located on Hunter Street just west of Water, Kimball joined with others, mainly Trent-affiliated, to form

Peterborough New Dance (newly named Public Energy). Out of this initiative came the Emergency New Dance Series, now in its 15th year. Its mandate was, and still is, simple but well-founded—create a kind of public energy that only comes when artist and audience meet around the creation, performance and touring of new dance and performance. In practice, this has meant arranging workshops featuring international visiting artists at the peak of their careers, and giving young artists the opportunity to perform and work behind the scenes in productions. Kimball also has served as General Manager of the Market Hall and of 4th Line Theatre, and is now the current manager of the Ode'min Giizes Festival for Indigenous Arts. He was a founding member of Rehearsal in Progress Theatre Collective (RIP), a group of Peterborough Theatre professionals that created and performed original plays on labour issues in the late '80s.

Among his formal civil duties, Bill has been an assessor and jury member for the Canada Council for the Arts and the Ontario Arts Council. For many years, he was a member of the City of Peterborough Arts, Culture, and Heritage Advisory Committee.

### **MARGARET LIGHTBODY '64** *Spirit of Trent Award*



Affectionately called Margie by everyone who has ever come into contact with her, Margaret Lightbody is dedicated to making a difference in the community through supporting the women and their families who have been affected by breast cancer. A proud member of Trent University's original class, she took a leadership role in organizing the 20th and 30th Anniversary Reunion of the class of 1964,

# Spirit of Trent

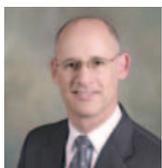


has served as the Alumni Association's representative to the Board of Governors, and was the first Peterborough Alumni Chapter President. A retired Mathematics teacher and Traill College graduate, Margie has served as Vice-Chair for Peterborough Dragonboat Festival, and chaired the Community Campaign Team for the hugely successful Closer to Care Campaign. This campaign, an initiative of the Peterborough Regional Health Care Foundation, aimed to raise \$2.5 million towards the building of a state-of-the-art radiation facility and expansion of the diagnostic and surgical oncology departments through the purchase of much-needed equipment.

Under her guidance, and with a community of dedicated individuals, the campaign far surpassed its goal, bringing in \$3,403,212. Margie has been an important part of the Peterborough Dragonboat Festival for many years, both as vice-chair and as a competitive athlete on the Survivor's Abreast Dragonboat Team. Over many years as a high-school teacher at East York Collegiate, Kenner Collegiate, and Adam Scott, she has promoted the importance of sport, and coached midget girls volleyball and girls ice hockey.

## **WINSTON MEYER '78**

### *Spirit of Trent Award*



Graduating from Trent in 1982 with an Honours B.Sc. in Economics, and receiving his M.B.A. from Queen's, the First Vice-President

and Investment Advisor at the Meyer Financial Group (CIBC Wood Gundy) Winston is no stranger to the act of giving. He is a past board member of the United Way of Peel Region and Chair of the United Way's Investment Committee, and has founded and chaired a

number of foundations and companies dedicated to providing assistance for aid institutions. These include the Community Foundation of Mississauga, as well as the Mississauga International Children's Festival. Most notable is the non-for-profit company, The Community Door. With locations in Mississauga and Brampton, it provides space for a wide number of charity and non-for-profit organizations to be sheltered under one roof, including the United Way of Peel Region, Family Services of Peel, and the Canadian Mental Health Association, among many others.

In 2006, Winston's family decided to donate \$25,000 to two worthy causes. Each family member, including his two boys, were to research a funding proposal and then vote on the two winners. One such proposal, to set up an endowed family award to support a graduate student in applied science, was focused by a trip to Trent, when the two boys became interested in a Trent Ph.D. student's work to provide recovery strategies for the North American Right Whale. Meyer's dedication to philanthropy has earned him numerous awards including the Mississauga Board of Trade's Outstanding Business Achievement Award for Support of the Arts, the City of Mississauga's Certificate of Recognition, the Governor General's Award for Support of the Red Cross, and the June Caldwell Award for Volunteerism given by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration of Ontario.

## **MEGHAN MILSON '04**

### *Young Leader Award*

Meghan graduated from Trent University with a B.A. in Anthropology and Sociology. She has taken inspiration from her family's heritage as well as friendships with students in Indigenous Studies at Trent, in her career as advocate of the youth of the Mississaugas of



Scugog Island First Nation. As a Child Welfare/Prevention worker, she works to find and make improvements in the lives of the young

people in this Aboriginal community. Working closely with families, children, elders, and the Chief and Council at the Scugog Island First Nation, she assists in enhancing family strengths—the best solution to keeping children within their community who might otherwise get lost in the welfare system. In her first year in this role, she rescued three small boys threatened with being removed from the community, and with her partner intervened to become their foster parents with the support of the Council. After two years of temporary care, she found them a permanent placement within the community. The couple continue to support the children, bringing them to their home every other weekend.

Understanding the need for foster homes within the community, Milson led in assisting the First Nations in the South East region to become licensed through the Children's Aids Society to conduct PRIDE and SAFE training and to designate home places for safety. Families on-reserve are now beginning to show interest in opening foster homes and customary care homes, which are Aboriginal homes that take children out of the care of CAS. Meghan's accomplishments are becoming quickly recognized by the community, which honoured her with the Aboriginal Community Service Recognition Award, given to an individual who demonstrates and exemplifies the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation's commitment to the larger Aboriginal community. ❖

## *Young Leader*

# Robert W.F. Stephenson Memorial

Campus Bridge Named in Honour of Former Board Member and Alumnus



Peter Stephenson '04

There was a distinctly celebratory air at the Robert W.F. Stephenson memorial, held earlier this summer at Trent University's Alumni House. Far from being a sombre reflection, the event included several award presentations, a toast to the late Board of Governors member, and a ceremony renaming a Trent bridge in Robert's name.

"Today says a lot about Robert's character," said friend and colleague **Tony Storey '71**. "This is precisely the kind of afternoon that he would have enjoyed being a part of."

**Robert Stephenson '68** served on Trent's Board of Governors for a total of 15 years (1979–94) in a variety of roles including vice-chair (1989–91) and chair (1991–94), the first alumnus to serve in the latter role. And he was part of numerous committees.

In his student days, as a member of Champlain College, he was active in student government and served as a student representative on the Board (1968–71). Following his graduation from Trent, he worked for one year as a research assistant to founding president and honorary alumnus **Tom Symons**.

At the provincial level, Robert served as chair of the Council of Chairs

of Ontario Universities (1992–94) and was a member of the Provincial Task Force on University Accountability (1992–93).

In recognition of his many contributions to the University community he was awarded the Eminent Service Award (1994) and the Distinguished Alumni Award (2006).

In honour of his hard work and accomplishments, the Trent Alumni Association created the Robert W.F. Stephenson Award for Excellence in Student Governance. This year's awards were handed out during the memorial celebrations to current part-time student Sharon Lee, and recent graduate **Sheldon Willerton '05**.

Fittingly, Robert himself was given recognition at the ceremony, being named the first ever recipient of the Tony Storey Alumni Service Award. Robert's son, **Peter '04**, accepted the award along with a framed sketch of Thom Tower by retired Trent professor, alumnus, and artist **David Lasenby '64**.

**Lee Hays '91**, Director of Alumni Affairs, unveiled a plaque to be hung on the newly named Stephenson Bridge. The bridge, which links Champlain and Lady Eaton Colleges, is an important part the lives of the entire Stephenson family.

"My mother and father met at Trent," explained Peter. "And my mother can still recall her first trip across that bridge. It was with my father, Robert. As for me, I can remember us being kids and trying to peer over the sides of the bridge. It was a big part of our childhood being here at Trent."

Trent President and Vice-Chancellor Steven Franklin was unable to attend the memorial, but he sent his thoughts and wishes via a letter to Robert's wife, **Nancy '69**.

"It is my pleasure to advise you that the University's Names Committee has approved naming the bridge between Champlain College and Lady Eaton College, The Stephenson Bridge. This naming is in recognition of the significant and valued contributions that you and Robert have made to Trent University since your time here as students. It is my understanding that this bridge holds much significance for your family and hope this permanent recognition will demonstrate the deep appreciation that Trent University's Alumni Association, students, colleagues and Board members have for your and Robert's leadership, loyalty and support."



Above: Lindsay, Peter and Jennifer Stephenson on the newly named Stephenson Bridge.



Left: Tony Storey delivers a toast to Robert that could be heard all the way to Lakefield.

It was a special event for all members of the Stephenson family, particularly for Robert's three children, Robert, Lindsay, and Jennifer, all of whom were in attendance.

"It's been very emotional, but rewarding," said daughter Lindsay. "In a word, it's been lovely. Dad would have been honoured to have been here. And would have enjoyed this immensely." ❖

# Zen and the Art of Men's Eight

OWEN KANE '08



*Trent rowers win gold at the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta. Left to right: Dylan Wing, Dave Mungham, Rory Lepage, Owen Kane.*

I agree with Nietzsche when he writes, "all truly great thoughts are won by walking." But in my case they are won by rowing. It is amazing how thoughts come into focus during physical exercise, and how my professions as a Trent scholar and rower are fatalistically linked.

Growing up as the child of a Trent family meant going out in the Volvo for the Head of the Trent. While my parents went in search of former friends and students, I would sit by the Bata Library windows, this spot serving a double purpose. First, I could pretend to complete my homework; second, I could watch the rowers struggle upriver and wonder if this was the way one was supposed to be heroic.

Years later, it is again the fall and I am carrying my oars down to the dock, contemplating how I got here and why I am about to test how much pain and exhaustion the body can endure for the roughly 16 minutes

it takes an eight-person boat to go as fast as possible. From across the river come the

sounds of the Trasheteria DJs starting their set, heralding a march of students and alumni to the beer garden for a Dionysian carnival celebrating Trent.

The sounds from the beer garden mean something special to Trent rowers at the Head of the Trent. When heard during a race, rowers know they have reached the part of the course where pain gives away to a blend of Nietzschean tragic joy, anticipation, and sheer adrenaline. Luckily, Trent rowers are not isolated in their athleticism. They can find inspiration—even philosophical inspiration—for their Sisyphian labour.

In conversation with Jonathan Bordo—Trent philosopher and cyclist—we turn from literary texts to the importance of aerobic activity in the life of a student. I have known Jonathan for many years as an immediate colleague of my father's, but chiefly as father to two fellow Peterborough Collegiate students (one of whom is joining me at Trent), and now as a thesis supervisor. Jonathan believes in the importance of a heart-rate monitor while cycling, while I believe in getting the cardiac output as high as possible and maintaining it. Both techniques result in finding a perfect harmony strong enough to defeat any Cartesian mind/body Dualism. This Zen-like moment, a meeting of serenity and turbulence, occurs when the heart-rate has plateaued and the athlete finds a rhythm. For Jonathan, this rhythm comes when the beating of the heart, as recorded by the monitor, corresponds

with the pace of clip pedals and wheels, causing the lakeshore to fly by, carrying him as if for an eternity away from the task of

writing. For me, this rhythm is found in the ceaseless repetition of rowing strokes, the thump of eight oars slicing simultaneously into the Otonabee. These sensations express a rhythmic pulse—nine athletes, the boat, the oars, the river—exerted together as a force of will and nature.

Coming out of the narrows of the canal, fighting a haze of tunnel vision and numbness, you hear jubilant sounds bounce off the water. All of Trent has come to the riverbank, cheering their rowers, making the boat surge further and faster through the water. The dance music, cheers, and the prospect of visiting the beer garden

*Each year, rowers and students and alumni alike feel the call of the river and the campus on its banks.*

afterwards is enough to revive any Trent rower at this final stretch of the race. With skill, as well as a certain amount of luck, the coxswain has rotated the boat around the treacherous jutting corner of the Bata Library. We are a young crew, and not the fastest lightweight eight Trent has fielded over the years, but we do have similarities with Trent's fabled lightweight eight that featured Canadian national team member **Michael Cullen '82**. For one thing we have a Cullen in our boat. **Grace Cullen '07**, has decided to be coxswain for the season. When I rowed with Grace for PCVS and then later the Peterborough Club, she was a motivating force for a number of new athletes. Since then she took a break from the sport. But now, three years later, Grace, feeling once again the call of rowing, has returned to row for Trent on her own terms, directing the efforts of eight lightweight men as coxie.

Grace has brought our boat a hairsbreadth from the concrete. It is time to take it home. Past the Bata steps and the Faryon Bridge lined with Trent students cheering. Toward a devastating finishing sprint as the eight crosses the line to collapse in a pile of sweat, gasping breaths, and lactic acid.

Each year, rowers and students and alumni alike feel the call of the river and the campus on its banks. This call comes with a duty to live Trent's tradition, to overcome Trent's past triumphs and personal bests and carve a new and unique course up the Otonabee river. And every October at the Head of the Trent, we return like salmon to our spawning ground to display our growing strength, newly won wisdom, and personal bests. ❖



# Head of the Trent & Homecoming Calendar

## FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 28

2:00–4:30 pm	<b>Alumni &amp; Friends Art Show</b>	Alumni House, Champlain College
7:00 pm	Women's Rugby vs. Queen's	Athletics Centre, Justin Chiu Stadium
7:00 pm	Ceilie Staff Reunion	Ceilie Pub

## SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 29

8:45 am–6:00 pm	Regatta Races	Otonabee River – races start at Parkhill Road Bridge and end at Faryon Bridge
9:00 AM	Alumni Soccer	Athletics Centre, Justin Chiu Stadium
<b>10:00–11:30 am</b>	<b>TRENT UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b>	Champlain College Council Chambers (M2)
10:00 am–5:00 pm	<b>Alumni &amp; Friends Art Show</b>	Alumni House, Champlain College
11:00 am–2:00 pm	Alumni Benefits & Services Tent	Bata Podium
11:30 am–2:00 pm	Alumni: Children's entertainment, snacks, games	Champlain College Great Hall
11:30 am–4:00 pm	Alumni Barbeque and Reunion	Ceilie Pub/Riverside Lawn, Champlain College
12:00 pm	Alumni Volleyball	Athletics Centre, Gymnasium
12:00 pm	Women's Soccer vs. Laurentian	Athletics Centre, Justin Chiu Stadium
12:00–5:00 pm	Beer Garden	Parking lot beside library
3:00 pm	<b>David James '68</b> dedicates his sculptures	Bata Library, atrium (main entrance)
2:15 pm	Men's Soccer vs. Laurentian	Athletics Centre, Justin Chiu Stadium
5:00 pm	Men's Rugby vs. Loyalist	Athletics Centre, Justin Chiu Stadium
7:00 pm	Men's Lacrosse vs. Queen's	Athletics Centre, Justin Chiu Stadium
9:00 pm	Commoner Reunion	Pig's Ear Tavern

## SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 30

12:00 pm	Men's Alumni Rugby	Nicholls Oval
12:00 pm	Women's Soccer vs. Nipissing	Athletics Centre, Justin Chiu Stadium
2:15 pm	Men's Soccer vs. Nipissing	Athletics Centre, Justin Chiu Stadium



## IMPORTANT NOTE

Please bring your Alumni Card for homecoming and HOTT festivities.

To order a card in advance, please email [alumni@trentu.ca](mailto:alumni@trentu.ca) no later than Wednesday September 26th.

Alumni cards will not be issued between Thursday September 27 and Sunday September 30, however, alumni without a card may stop by Alumni House, Champlain College, to receive an ALUMNI bracelet to wear for access to campus events.



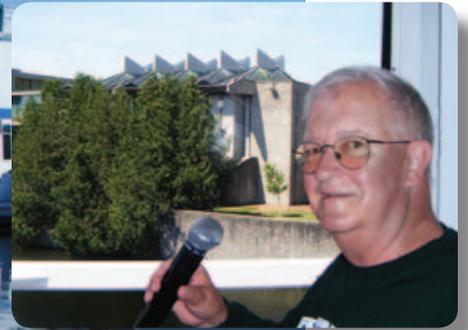
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PAUL DELANEY '64



## Kawartha Voyageur: Alumnus Gains a New Perspective Courtesy of the Otonabee River

In early July I joined a group of mainly older but enthusiastic voyagers at Big Chute on Georgian Bay to begin a five-day cruise along the Trent-Severn Waterway to Peterborough via the Severn River, Sparrow Lake, Lake Couchiching, Orillia, Lake Simcoe, and the Kawarthas through Gamebridge, Canal Lake, Kirkfield Liftlocks, Balsam Lake, Bobcaygeon, Burleigh Falls, Stony Lake, Young's Point, Lakefield and Peterborough.

The highlight for me was being permitted to do the commentary as we cruised the Otonabee past Trent. I was in the wheelhouse, and the public-address system worked very well. In fact, I'm sure that anyone outside the university buildings on both sides of the river could hear me extolling the virtues of this

*When the Symons Campus came into view it really was breathtaking, and when the ship inched under the footbridge it was even jawdropping.*

great, small university with its unusual buildings, college system, footbridge, Athletics Centre, and even its own Loyal Orange Lodge. Several of those on board commented on how they would like to have had their grandkids attend such an amazing place, and

others knew of others who had been there. The script that the Kawartha Voyageur owners normally use was one written by a former crew member who had graduated from Trent. It was excellent but dated; I managed to fill in the gaps and added much that they had never heard. One of the "facts" in the handbook said that Peter Gzowski College was attracting wasps because of its colour ... and that the building was going to be painted over. I think I straightened them out and suggested that there were far more WASPs at Trent in the 1960s than there are now.

We were sailing in the opposite direction to the way Trent's rowers normally ply the Otonabee, but it didn't matter. I hope that some day the owners of Ontario Waterway Cruises Inc., the Ackert family (after they succeed in their battle with the federal government to keep the Trent-Severn accessible to everyone), will consider having their ship at the Head of the Trent in 2014 expressly for the older alumni who no longer want to huddle in the cold and the rain to watch their kids or grandkids and all the other

eager young men and women from universities everywhere trying to defeat the indomitable Trent University rowing teams!

I can think of very few better ways of reliving some of those wonderful memories that we had at Trent than cruising the Otonabee in air-conditioned comfort over home-cooked food, with a cold drink, all the while watching for great blue herons, assorted ducks, Lakefield College School, Bonnie Patterson's home in Lakefield, the village smokestack, Hamblins ice cream store, a sole, surviving cabin from the Wenonah Motel, and the River Road with its cyclists and joggers—and even the generating station that Trent owns. It was the first time I'd ever seen it!

When the Symons Campus came into view it really was breathtaking, and when the ship inched under the footbridge it was even jawdropping.

*Nunc cognosco ex parte.* I knew so little about this amazing waterway that we all take for granted. I've always known that I only knew in part, but now I know a lot more than I did before.

Go Head of the Trent! ❖

Jennifer P. Moore,  
Chair of Ancient History & Classics

## Professor Ian Storey Retires



Professor Ian C. Storey came to teach Classics at Trent in 1974, and over 38 years has become a world-recognized expert in fifth-century Greek comedy; an accomplished and prolific author of books and articles, including a widely-used textbook on ancient Greek drama, and this past year's triumph of a three-volume Loeb edition of *Fragments of Old Comedy*; a popular and inspiring instructor of courses on ancient literature; a mentor to the Conacher Players; an academic and social leader who served as Department Chair, Senior Tutor at three colleges, and Principal of Otonabee College; and a great and generous friend to many ... and this list represents only the academic side of his life. Others may instead know him as a baseball coach, a prominent member of his church community, an enthusiast of the works of C.S. Lewis, or as a connoisseur of English pubs.

In April Professor Storey gave a valedictory lecture to a number of friends and colleagues in Bagnani Hall at Trill College. Visit [www.trentu.ca/ahc/faculty\\_storey.php](http://www.trentu.ca/ahc/faculty_storey.php), to read the lecture. Following the lecture at a dinner Professor Storey gave a speech, entitled "Thoughts for an April Evening." Here is an excerpt:

*"When I was a graduate student at Massey College in the mid-1970s (another bleak time for the would-be academic) I was asked, if I had any say in the matter, at what university would I like to teach. I replied 'Trent University' ... because it was trying to be something different in a university: offering small-group classes, close contact between faculty and students, liberal arts rather than professional schools, and above all, a college system.... I have found in the colleges that essential and comfortable smaller unit where one belongs, where one feels at home, a place 'where everybody knows your name'. Or as*

*Professor McGonagall well puts it in the first Harry Potter novel, 'your house will be something like your family within Hogwarts.'*

*What shall I not miss: red tape and bureaucracy, the colour Ochre 33, endless committee meetings, dealing with Aramark, Conferences, Room Bookings, spending my weekends writing lectures, and 9:00 am Latin classes on Mondays. What will I miss? Collegial occasions such as that last Thursday when my colleagues and almost all of my fourth-year students turned up at the Ceilie following my last class, and ... teaching. When I was in the U.K. on sabbatical in 2008/09, apart from Oxford (and, I suppose, Cambridge) the mantra seemed to be 'Teaching begins at graduate school'. Teaching undergraduates there is left to sessional instructors and part-time appointments. My view has always been that teaching and students come first, and in fact I prefer to teach the courses at the first-year level. Here I can communicate my own enthusiasm for the ancient world to those who are meeting for the first time." [Visit [www.trentu.ca/ahc/faculty\\_storey.php](http://www.trentu.ca/ahc/faculty_storey.php) for the full speech.]*

Trent also paid tribute by posting an article on their news page: Visit [www.trentu.ca/newsevents/newsDetail.php?newsID=2839](http://www.trentu.ca/newsevents/newsDetail.php?newsID=2839)

At the end of June 2012, Ian Storey will have retired, so now the Trent community must contemplate a future without the Professor's masterful puns and *Star Trek* references. However, his presence at Trent will endure, thanks to a fund that has been set up in his name to support bringing visiting speakers to the Department.

To contribute to this initiative, visit [www.trentu.ca/givingtotrent/donate.php](http://www.trentu.ca/givingtotrent/donate.php). Choose your method of giving, and specify the "Ian Storey Prize" as the fund/designation for your gift. ❖

# upcoming events

## october

### PETERBOROUGH

#### October 4

The 5th annual David Morrison lecture in International Development: "Microfinance and Social Mobilisation: Alternative Models of Social Change," by Naila Kabeer. Market Hall.

### NIAGARA ON THE LAKE ALUMNI CHAPTER EVENT

#### October 16 (location TBA)

An Evening with Professor Emeritus and former president Leonard Conolly



### TORONTO ALUMNI CHAPTER EVENT

#### October 24

Student and Alumni Networking Night – Me to We Store, 223 Carlton St., Toronto

## november

### PETERBOROUGH

#### November 5

The second annual Kenneth Mark Drain Chair in Ethics lecture: "The Olympics and Philosophy in Ancient Greece: Ethics, Athletics, Education, and Politics" by Professor Heather Reid. Market Hall.

### TORONTO ALUMNI CHAPTER EVENT

#### November 5 (location TBA)

Ideas That Change the World discussion featuring Chancellor Tom Jackson

### LAKEFIELD/PETERBOROUGH ALUMNI CHAPTER EVENT

#### November 6

Social Responsibility Panel featuring Chancellor Tom Jackson, Lakefield College School

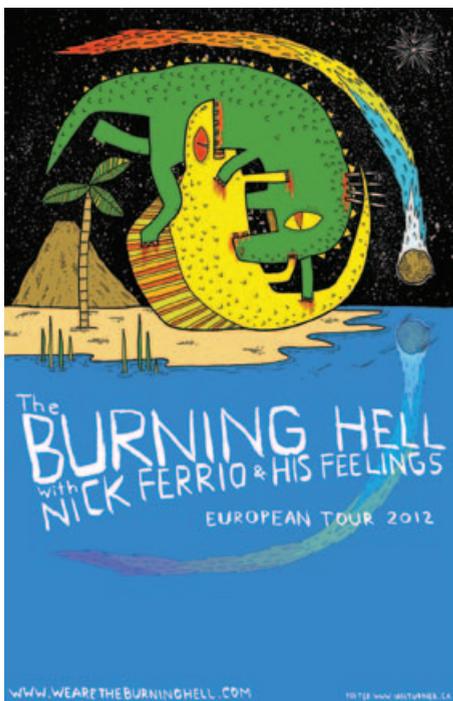
### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND ALUMNI CHAPTER EVENT

#### November (date and location TBA)

Tea with founding President Tom Symons

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# Alumni Accomplishments



Poster by Ian Turner

Formed in Peterborough, and currently based in St. John's, Newfoundland, the indie-folk band The Burning Hell attempted to break the world record for the most shows in the most countries in one day. The attempt began in Germany on July 6, to finish ten concerts and ten countries later in Slovenia. Unfortunately, the Guinness World Record rules are too strict for The Burning Hell, requiring taking commercial flights and playing venues with a minimum 300-person capacity. This will not stop the band, who filmed a documentary of their unofficial attempt. The Burning Hell is a five-piece band fronted by **MATHIAS KOM '98** (B.A. Global Studies) with the band on tour including **ARIEL SHARRATT '04** (B.A. English and Canadian Studies), and **NICK FERRIO '06** (B.A. English and Indigenous Studies).

**KATHERINE WALKER '01** has been awarded the John Bullen Prize by the Canadian Historical Society for her doctoral thesis "A Gendered History of Pain in England, circa 1620-1740." The award is given annually to a Canadian citizen for an outstanding Ph.D. thesis on an historical topic submitted at a Canadian university.

Walker's doctoral research at McMaster University originated in studies done while she was at Trent in the history of medicine and the early modern period under the tutelage of Dr. Kevin Siena, Dr. Ivana Elbl, and later Dr. David Sheinin.

Dr. Walker's thesis explores bodily pain as a primary focus of medical interactions and practices in early modern England, showing more broadly historical understandings of the body, health, gender, and culture.

Originally from Deep River, Ontario, Katherine visited Trent during March Break tours while still in high school, and she was attracted by the depth and variety of the courses offered in a university of relatively small size. While at Trent, she was a SSHRC scholar, receiving the Douglas McCalla Prize for an essay on modern European History and the Alan Wilson Prize for the highest record in 4000-level History courses.

On May 1, in a ceremony in Toronto, **MARK JARVIS '94** shared the Donner Prize, which is presented to the author of the best book by a Canadian in the area of public policy. The award aims to inspire debate on public-policy issues and to reward provocative and excellent work in the field. Jarvis co-authored *Democratizing the Constitution: Reforming Responsible Government* with

Peter Aucoin and Lori Turnbull. He completed his undergraduate work in Trent's Sociology department and credits especially Professor Deborah White for developing his different critical frameworks and research skills.



In honour and memory of Lorne Ellington, one of Trent University's much loved Indigenous Studies professors, Adler International Learning has created the Lorne Ellington Coaching Scholarship. The inaugural award was presented on April 27 to **CHARLES KENNEDY '04** and **LINDY GARNEAU '00**, both graduates of Trent University. Lorne Ellington was not only a Trent professor, but also an Adler-trained coach at the Adler Institute.

**MATT DYCE '00**, who completed his B.A. at Trent in History and Canadian Studies, followed by an M.A. in History at Carleton and a Ph.D. in Geography at UBC, has been appointed to a tenure-track position at the University of Winnipeg. Dyce completed his Ph.D. under Graeme Wynn, one of Canada's foremost geographers. While at Trent, Matt was a member of Peter Robinson College, where he was influenced by professors such as John Wadland, Carolyn Kay, and Keith Walden. His favorite memories of Trent are from third year, when he paddled his canoe from north of Burleigh Falls where he was living, down the Otonabee River to the university.



# & Pursuits

## **RACHEL HERRON BA '04, MA '09,**

newly graduated from Trent's master's program in Canadian and Indigenous Studies, is the recipient of the Governor General's Academic Gold Medal. Established by the Earl of Dufferin in 1873, the medal is awarded to the student with the highest academic standing on graduation in the master's and doctoral degree programs. Having grown up near Tara, Ontario, with a passion for stories about the places in which people live, Rachel felt a need to understand and contribute to communities similar to the one she had known. In an honours thesis project supervised by Dr. Mark Skinner at Trent, she researched women's experiences of caregiving on farms and began her field work conducting interviews and focus groups with farm women of Peterborough County. Having finished her B.A. in 2008, she completed her year of teachers' college at Queen's, but she missed Trent so much that she returned here for her master's ('09), researching how older people coped with care needs in their communities.

During her time at Trent, Rachel competed in numerous varsity sports including Nordic skiing, cross-country running, and rowing, as well as receiving research awards from the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, the Frost Centre for Canadian and Indigenous Studies, and SSHRC. Rachel has been also awarded a doctoral fellowship from the Canadian Institute of Health Research to continue research in the fields of rural aging and health.

**NEIL HORNE '96**, chair of the Regatta Committee at the Peterborough Rowing Club and a Trent University alumni rower, hosted the annual Mother's Day regatta for local high-school teams. The event has been running for nearly 30 years and features more than 100 competing local athletes. It is the first race of the spring high-school season, and for many the first experience of competitive racing in preparation for the Canadian Secondary School Rowing Championships. Under Horne's chairship, the regatta offers parents the opportunity to see the hard work their children have been doing through the winter and spring. It also introduces the community to the Peterborough and Trent University Rowing Clubs. There has always been a strong Trent presence in running the regatta, through volunteers such as Neil and **KEN HOARD '98**. Trent alumni on the Board of the Peterborough Rowing Community and current Trent varsity rowers dedicate their 5:00 mornings to work as volunteer coaches.

**KATHERINE CRAIG'S '79** new book, *Power Tools for Leadership Success*, expands on her work as a business coach. The book delivers tips and tools leading to success as a business leader and is an important resource for executives seeking to develop their leadership skills.

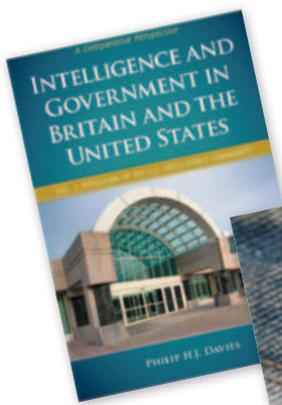


**JAMES McLANDRESS '79**, an employee of the Canadian Wheat Board, was a 2011 Canadian General Counsel Award Finalist under the category of Mid-Market Excellence.



Equator owner Craig Hall working on building rebar at a SchoolBOX building site in Managua, Nicaragua.

**CRAIG HALL '95**, a resident of Mississippi Mills and alumnus of the Trent's International Development Program, has been named recipient of the *Ottawa Business Journal's* Forty Under 40 award. The owner of Equator Coffee Roasters in Almonte, Hall is being honoured for his business achievement, professional expertise, and community involvement. During his time at Trent, he developed a knowledge of the fair trade concept, which enables producers in developing countries to participate in better trading and the promotion of sustainable practices. He founded Equator Coffee Roasters with this principle in mind in 1998. This business wholesales a wide range of single-origin coffee beans and blends as well as organic teas, chocolate, and sugar. Equator Coffee Roasters also runs a large café at 451 Ottawa St. Equator Coffee Roasters donates ten cents from every pound of coffee to SchoolBOX, an organization that helps children in Central America receive a primary education, and has built over 25 schools throughout Nicaragua.



## Alumni Accomplishments & Pursuits continued



In his two-volume study, *Intelligence and Government in Britain and the United States*, **PHILIP DAVIES '80** pays tribute to Trent University and the faculty support he received from professors such as David Kettler, James Driscoll, Andrew Wernick, and Robert Campbell. This collection by Davies follows other publications, including a volume on MI6. He is currently the director of the Brunel Centre for Intelligence and Security at Brunel University in London.

Performing the Peterborough Theatre Guild's *The Mouse House*, **JACK ROE '73** and others involved in the play, including alum **BETH MCMASTER '78** and Honourary alum **GILLIAN WILSON**, swept the awards. The play captured 10 out of 16 prizes at the Eastern Ontario Drama League's full-length play festival in Ottawa on April 15. At the Theatre Ontario Festival in Sault Ste. Marie from May 16-20, the production won seven awards, among them the Elsie for Outstanding Festival Production. Awards for the premiere production, written by Peterborough's Robert Ainsworth, included Best Production, Best Director, Acting Excellence, Best Cameo, and Best Actor for Jack Roe himself. The Best Actor title was shared with fellow Peterborough Theatre Guild and *Mouse House* rising star, and PCVS student, Matthew Finlan. The Theatre Ontario awards included Outstanding Director and Outstanding Visual Presentation, among others.

**CATHERINE COLE '79**, an Edmonton-based arts and heritage consultant, curated and managed an exhibition on April 19, 2012, surrounding the publication of her book *GWG: Piece by Piece*. The book is an illustrated history of the Great Western Garment Company, a cultural icon in Canada since 1911. The book includes archival photographs, advertisements, product photos, and insights into the long history of this company. Catherine was project manager and guest curator of the virtual exhibitions "Piece by Piece: The GWG Story" and "Before E-Commerce: A History of Canadian Mail Order Catalogues," as well as author of *Inventive Spirit: Alberta Patents from 1905-1975*.

**ANDREA ELLIOT '08**, currently living and working in Port Hope, has returned to the Ontario Cup circuit after a two-year hiatus from road bicycle racing. Last year, she placed fourth during the series, fighting her way back up to the top after her third-place finish before taking a break. Currently she is sitting atop the leaderboard. Elliot earned a diploma from Sir Sandford Fleming College in International Trade before receiving a degree in Business Administration from Trent.

**EDWIN DE BRUYN '76** is one of six candidates to be inducted into Kenner Collegiate's "Hall of Honour" this November. Ed left Kenner in 1972 to attend Ontario Police College, and then transferred to Trent for an Honours Bachelor of Science in Ecology, graduating in 1980. Since then he has worked in the private sector, the Fisheries and Oceans Canada's Science Directorate, and Ontario's Habitat Management Program, where he has

been senior biologist, special projects co-ordinator, and then regional manager in the habitat management division. Recently he was named area director of the Western Arctic.

Ed has also published a number of treatises on ecological issues and science publications related to conservation and ecology. His work has received several awards, the latest of which was the Deputy Minister's Prix d'Excellence in 2005.

**TARA SHARPE-LESTER '93** has returned to squash competition after being absent from the court for 15 years. A former Canadian junior and senior development national team squash member, Tara placed first in the Ladies A Division representing Good Life Fitness Club. Inspiration to return to the sport came from local competitors at the Peterborough Family YMCA, who suggested Trent's Mary Jane Pilgrim as a playing partner at Good Life Fitness. Inspiration also came, as always, from her parents, Dan and **NANCY SHARPE '82**, well-known Peterborough athletes themselves. Tara currently trains on average three or four times a week, playing against Billy Buys, Sterling Gibbons, Kevin Watson, and Ray Kerslake. Others such as Peter Devlin, Paul Wilson, and Gary Bonzak also test her skill regularly.

Tara graduated from Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School, attending Trent for a B.A. Following Trent, she received a B.Ed. from Queen's. While at university she played squash both for the Trent men's team and for the Queen's women's side. She is currently a teacher at Kenner Intermediate School, teaching a grade 8 girls' class. ❖



# Tell Us Your Story

To commemorate the 50th anniversary milestone, Trent University has commissioned former student and journalist D'Arcy Jenish to research and write a commemorative Legacy Book that will celebrate the history of the university and contemplate Trent's vision for the next half century. Mr. Jenish will draw upon many sources in the course of his research including interviews, archives and submissions from friends of Trent.



## 50th Anniversary Legacy Book Call for Submissions

While some submissions will help to inform the overall narrative of the book, others may be included as individual stories. By submitting this information, you agree to be quoted in the book or on Trent websites or other Trent publications. The author may contact you for further information.

The 50th Anniversary Book Committee is working with Mr. Jenish to collect submissions from Trent alumni, students, staff, faculty and community friends about their experience with Trent.

We want to hear from you—your memories will greatly enrich the book.

To submit your stories, recollections, clippings or high resolution digital photographs, please go to: [www.trentu.ca/fifty](http://www.trentu.ca/fifty)

Please include the names of anyone appearing in photos, in the order they appear.

Questions about the Legacy Book or any aspect of the 50th Anniversary can be directed to [50th@trentu.ca](mailto:50th@trentu.ca).



**The deadline for submissions is October 31, 2012.**



# FERN RAHMEL

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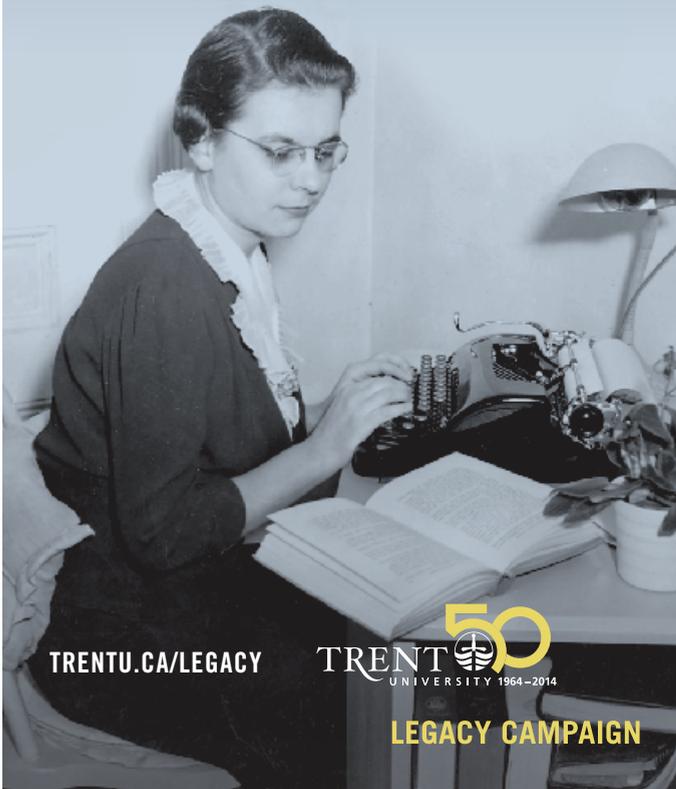
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LOVED ROSES AND PEONIES

*Remembering Trent in her will,  
Fern Rahmel's legacy will support  
women pursuing their post-  
secondary education*

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LEGACY CAMPAIGN

## The Trent University Society Remembers Mori Blue

When Trent alumna **Mary Margaret "Mori" Blue** passed away in October of last year, she left an indelible mark on the many people, community groups and institutions she had come in contact with over the course of her nearly 91 years. In the case of Trent University, this was literally true as Ms. Blue left a legacy donation to the University in her will that will be used to erect a lasting commemoration to her on the university campus.

"It was important to us to honour Mori in some visible way," explained **Sherry Booth '98**, Trent's senior development officer of External Relations and Advancement, "so we decided to use the funds to buy a bench and commemorative plaque in her name that will be placed in the Champlain College courtyard overlooking Otonabee River. It will be a place of reflection for the community, and a fitting way to pay tribute to Mori's life and the legacy that she left the university."

Ms. Blue's donation is especially noteworthy in that it is the first legacy gift to be received from an alumna or alumnus. "Certainly, we have received many estate gifts," explained Ms. Booth, "however our alumni aren't yet at the later life stage. The students from our first graduating class who started at Trent University in 1964 are just approaching 70. Of the few hundred alumni who have already passed, none have chosen to include Trent in their estate plans. Mori, however, chose to remember Trent University. Personally having known Mori for over 14 years, I'm sad to see her go and am truly humbled to see that she made Trent University part of her own legacy."

Having obtained her teacher's certificate from the MacDonald Campus of McGill University, Ms. Blue went on to a teaching career that spanned three provinces and several decades. In 1976, Ms. Blue decided to upgrade her credentials by pursuing her B.A. at Trent. She came to Trent as a mature student in the early 1970s and graduated with her B.A. in 1976, at the age of 56. "Trent was a major event in her life," recounted her husband Michael Ecob. "She was glad that she was able to go and get her degree, which was something she hadn't had a chance to do before, so for her it was a real achievement, and I know she really enjoyed being there."

When Ms. Blue notified the University of her intention to remember Trent in her will, she became a part of Trent's growing Legacy Society, through which she maintained her relationship with Trent over the many decades since her graduation. "The Legacy Society



recognizes individuals who remember Trent in their will," explained Ms. Booth. "They receive regular communications from the University including our annual report, *Showcase*, and *Trent Magazine*, as well as invitations to our public lectures. For many of our members, the Legacy Society is a way to stay connected and provide that continuing academic involvement once they have left the University."

For Ms. Blue this was especially true, in addition to attending many of the public lectures, she liked to stay abreast of campus happenings. "I would frequently go to her home and we would have coffee or tea and talk about what's going on at the University and she was always interested in the latest news, what programs we had coming on board, or what new capital projects were taking shape," recalled Ms. Booth. "She just took a genuine interest in the life of the University and the lives of our students."

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The University was just one of Ms. Blue's many and varied interests. Ms. Blue's abiding passion was her art, but she was also a member of numerous community organizations and groups including the Horticultural Society, Probus, her knitting group, Peterborough Field Naturalists, Kawartha Artists' Gallery and Studio, an arts group out of Toronto, and St. John the Baptist Anglican Church in Lakefield. An avid gardener and an outdoors enthusiast, Ms. Blue enjoyed canoeing and cross-country skiing, while her love of adventure and travel took her around the globe to such places as Greece, Alaska and the Philippines.

One of Ms. Blue's most recent adventures included getting married for the first time at the age of 80, and in the process inheriting a ready-made family of children and grandchildren whom she loved dearly. "She was very adventurous and very active in many things," said Mr. Ecob, reflecting on their 11 years together. "I look back and see these pictures of her I hadn't seen before, the many friends she had and the many things she has done and I feel very privileged to have known her and to have had a part in her life. The bench is a marvellous tribute and I think she would really appreciate it." ❖

## What will your legacy be?

For inquiries about legacy giving or to inform us of your legacy plans, please contact **Sherry Booth '98**, Senior Development Officer (705) 748-1011 ext. 7593, [sbooth@trentu.ca](mailto:sbooth@trentu.ca)

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# IN MEMORIAM

**Norman Andrew Gull '82** died on June 19, at the age of 58. A member of the Cree Nation of Waswamipi, Quebec, Gull was the first Aboriginal student to graduate from the M.A. program at the Frost Centre for Canadian and Indigenous Studies. He then earned another M.A. in Public Administration, from Queen's. He spent the majority of his career working in administration for the James Bay Cree Nation, as well as both the federal and provincial governments. A service was held for Gull on June 25. To make a donations in his name, please consider the Ottawa Mission or Serenity Renewal for Families.

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**Sherry Ann Lewis (née Cornwall) '82** died on March 17 at the age of 49, surrounded by her family, after a sudden battle with cancer. From Belleville, Ontario, she came to Trent for an Honours Business degree, and then built a successful career in Ontario and, for the past 20 years, in Calgary. A memorial Mass was held in Belleville on July 14. If friends wish, please donate to the Gleaners Food Bank in Sherry's memory. Condolences may be sent to [www.rememberingsherry.ca](http://www.rememberingsherry.ca).

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Photo: S. Laliberte

**James (Jim) Currie '73**, former Trill student and 1970s team member of "The Trend" pub, died suddenly in Iqaluit,

Nunavut, on May 19. He is survived by his parents, his brother John, and sister **Trisha Currie '96**, and two sons Michael and Jason. Jim was the owner of Iqaluit Enterprises for over 25 years, providing frozen country food (Arctic char, muktuk, shrimp, and prawns) directly from hunters to the community and beyond. James was a student in the Native Studies program at Trent in the early 70s. His attachment to the North was a love affair that he cherished dearly.



*Paul Delaney '64 on Charles Omole's 70th Birthday Hawaiian Cruise.*

**Submitted by Paul Delaney '64**

**Dr. Charles Omole '64**, passed away in his ancestral home of Ilesa, Nigeria on the 24th of July, 2012. Charles was semi-retired from his surgical practice in Wingham, Ontario and had recently become the paterfamilias of the Omole clan in Ilesa.

My sister, Anne, and I were honoured to be among those who celebrated his remarkable 70 years on a cruise of the Hawaiian islands this past New Year. During the week-long celebration there were many great speeches, but none moved me as much as his own statement that whatever he had become in Canada was due to the influence of Trent University—his professors (such as Dr. Ray March), President **Tom Symons**, his mentors and his friends.

Even though Charles was a larger than life presence here in Ontario, his heart was and is in Nigeria, a nation that I have always felt close to, having started my teaching career there. And, of course, because of my friendship with Charles.

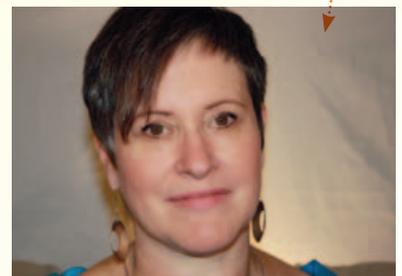
Those of us who knew Charles, particularly through Trent University, will never forget him.

We trust that Charles' family—his wife, Augusta, and his three children Ibi, Jola and Femi—will be comforted to know what a truly great man he was and the esteem in which he was held by so many of us. ❖

# sunshine

1976

**Linda (Doran) Viscardis '76**, an Otonabee College grad, has been married to her husband Dennis since 1980; together they have a daughter, Laura, and a son, Rob. Rob (25), a skilled photographer, is also passionate about expressing himself musically with his bands, Charming Ruins and Tarantuela. Laura (28) is proving to the world that, with appropriate supports and a strong network of committed friends and family, people with disabilities can live deeply fulfilling, meaningful, and independent lives. Dennis, a second-generation ceramic tile installer, owns and operates the family business of over 40 years, D & V Tile Ltd. Linda is committed to nurturing a strong, healthy community through writing for and editing the *Peterborough Women* magazine, a forum for educating and inspiring local women. As a lifestyle consultant, Linda also assists her clients to live healthier longer, and to build a passive stream of income. Linda may be contacted at [stronghealthycommunity@sympatico.ca](mailto:stronghealthycommunity@sympatico.ca)



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# sketches



## 1992

**Lara Sylvester '92** and **Jonathan Lake '92** are excited to announce the arrival of their second daughter, Serenity, pictured here with her proud older sister, Spirit. Jonathan and Lara reside in Belleville and would be interested in hearing from friends via email at [jonathanmlake@hotmail.com](mailto:jonathanmlake@hotmail.com).

## 1999

**Sharon (Aubie) Prionas '03** married another Trent alumnus, **George Prionas '99** on October 22, 2011. In attendance were other Trent alumni, including **Sarah (Wright) Devries '00**, **Rachel (Walker) Weber '03**, **Nick Weber '01**, **Danielle Hoegy '04**, **Jay Michelakos '99**, **Karen Taylor '98**, **Adam Norman '00**, **Derek Lipman '99**, and **Jen Johnston '03**.



## 2001

**Lindsay Brown '01** and **Jeff Bird** were married on Saturday, March 31, 2012, at Viamede Resort in Woodview.



## 2003

On June 16, 2012, **Josh Taylor '03** and **Stefanie Bradley '03** were married in Peterborough. Meeting in first year at Trent in 2003, they graduated together in 2007—Josh with an Honours B.Sc. in Psychology, and Stefanie with an Honours B.A. in English Literature, going on to complete a master's at Trent in the Public Texts program in 2009. Josh's father is well-known to many alumni as the former Dean of Arts & Sciences, Colin Taylor.

Alumni joining them at the wedding were **Erin Spring '03**, **Justin Redfern '04**, **John Perdue '03**, **Jennifer Riel '03**, **Katelynn Schoop '08**, **Ned Struthers '03**, **Lauren Elliott '04**, **Jordan Miseferi '03**, **Dave Szymr '03**, and **Dave McKay '03**.



Deanna and **Aaron Hunt '03** were married June 23, 2012, at the Shining Waters Bed and Breakfast. Aaron graduated with an Honours degree in English from Trent and currently is working at Trent University Athletics. Deanna graduated from Sir Sandford Fleming College, and is currently managing a local business she founded, Kawartha Aquariums.

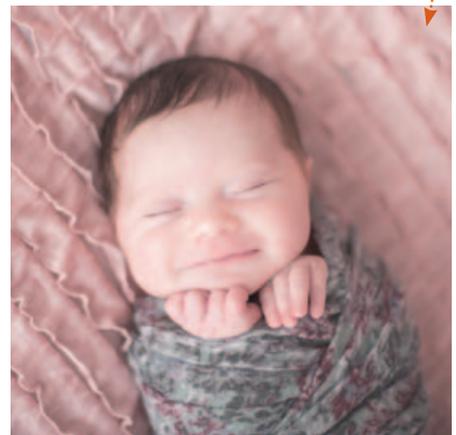
## 2005

On July 12, 2012, **Cheryl Coss '05**, (referred to by many as "Coss"), her husband Jami Sanftleben, and their son Sam became a forever family. They are absolutely thrilled to have one journey end and a new, long-anticipated one begin.



## 2006

Ken and **Laura (Anderson) Courneyea '06** are happy to announce the safe arrival of their daughter, McKinley Erin, born Tuesday May 29, 2012, at 7:20 am in the comfort of their home, weighing 7 lbs. 5 oz. ❖



**Sunshine Sketches** are written by alumni for alumni. We'd love to hear your story or the story of an alumnus close to you. Email submissions to [trentmagazine@trentu.ca](mailto:trentmagazine@trentu.ca).

## LOOKING BACK



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As the boats cross the finish line under the Faryon Bridge this Head of the Trent, pause to consider our legacy in international rowing. Head coach of Row To Podium, Carol Love, rowed with Canada's women's eight at the Montreal Olympics 1976 and World Championships 1977, earning a bronze medal, the first international medal for Canadian women.

Trent's new varsity coach Jacqui Cook rowed with the Canadian team at the 2004 Games in Athens. **Rob Marland '83** won gold in the men's eight at the 1992 Olympics. And **Peter Van Rooijen '01** (shown here) helped the men's eight to a gold medal at the 2003 World Championships.

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