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## in the news

Representatives from the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) were at Trent last month to film a video segment with student Geoffrey Cameron. Mr. Cameron is a Canada Millennium Scholarship recipient, and his comments about the scholarship will be part of a video shown to 300 people – including the Prime Minister and heads of federal research granting councils – in early April.

### Televised:

On March 23 Dr. Carlyle Smith's sleep research was featured in a French language CBC television segment. On March 26 alumnus Kevin Chappell (featured recently in an *Elm Street* magazine feature article) was interviewed for the Person 2 Person TVO program. Mr. Chappell has a rare condition called Visual Agnosia and talked about pursuing studies at Trent as part of the interview.

### Research grants doubled

The Peterborough *Examiner* profiled news of Trent research grants on March 31, indicating the University has doubled its research grants over the last four years (bringing the total to \$10.7 million).



The 2003 edition of *Peterborough Today* was recently published and contained an article about Trent University. Specific highlights this year included Trent's impact on the local economy, anticipated student numbers for 2003/04 and new construction projects.



## Trent. in Beijing

Trent University has a longstanding reputation for having an excellent international program, and students from all over the world come here to study. Many of those students enroll in English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) programs at the University and hone their language skills in preparation for academic work. The Trent-ESL program "English for University," attracts students from a number of countries in Latin America, Asia, and Europe and currently has an enrolment of over 60, who are taught by over a dozen ESL instructors in the Academic Skills Centre.

The excellence of Trent's ESL program has been noticed in international circles – so much so that a brand new Trent program will be launched in June, 2003, in Beijing.

"Last fall we were approached by Mentor International Educational Services, a Canadian company with offices in Mississauga and China, through Leonard (Conolly) and the TIP office, to

put together and run an ESL program with them in China," explains Academic Skills Centre Director Martin Boyne. "We immediately said that yes, we were interested, and asked them to tell us more about their plans."

details of the program, including Trent's role in shaping the entire concept.

"We will always provide an instructor, a Trent representative to lead the program and train other instructors. We want the

participants, primarily students interested in studying overseas, particularly in Canada.

Mr. Boyne is currently seeking a project leader to represent Trent for the first 17 months of the program's operation. Trent ESL staff

members will also have the opportunity to teach in Beijing for six and 12 month placements.

"This will provide a great professional development opportunity for our staff," says Mr. Boyne. He adds that, overall, the new program will be positive for Trent, providing international exposure in Beijing and increasing the possibility of recruiting very high quality students from China to study at Trent.

"I have seen the facilities we'll be using and they are excellent. As well, the classes and program structure will all be similar to what we have here," says Mr. Boyne, who is keen to return to Beijing to help launch the new initiative. ©



Mr. Boyne and Dr. Conolly travelled to Beijing in February to meet staff from the China Education Service Centre, an educational consulting firm that will house the ESL classes, and representatives from Mentor, who will look after the day-to-day administration of the program. They worked out many

format, standards and curriculum of the Trent ESL program to be reflected at all levels," says Mr. Boyne.

Twelve-week programs will be offered, at all of the ESL levels offered at Trent (intermediate through high advanced). With full enrollment, each session could accommodate 80 – 90 par-



## ashley fellow appointed for 2003/04

Dr. Carlos Escudé has been appointed as Trent University's Ashley Fellow for 2003/04.

Nominated by the History Department, Dr. Escudé is identified as "likely the most distinguished political theorist in Latin America." His work combines political theory, historical analysis, and political economy. A full professor at the Universidad di Tella in Buenos Aires, Dr. Escudé earned his Ph.D. in Politics at Yale University and has taught at a variety of other universities including Harvard and the University of North Carolina. He is the co-director and principal author of a recent 14-volume history of Argentine foreign relations, and is a

Senior Tenured Researcher at the Argentine National Research Council. In addition, Dr. Escudé has published 12 books, and he has held a Guggenheim Fellowship. He also served as an advisor to the Foreign Minister for the government of Argentina in 1991-92.

Dr. Escudé's recent work as an expert/consultant has resulted in projects with the United Nations Development Program, the World Bank's Latin American and Caribbean Division, Royal Dutch Shell and the Spanish Chamber of Commerce in the Argentine Republic.

A long-time fellow of St. Anthony's College, Oxford, Dr. Escudé is familiar with the college system and understands its role in the

life of a university.

Dr. Escudé is enthusiastic about coming to Trent as an Ashley Fellow. He is willing to present a series of seminars on current problems in Argentine/Latin American politics, Latin American political economies, Latin American popular culture and current problems in globalization and terror. As well, he would be pleased to present some aspects of his multimedia globalization course to undergraduates at Trent, and is interested in organizing a conference at Trent on human rights and the place of the university in 21st-century Latin America.

Further information about Dr. Escudé can be found at his Web site: [www.argentina-rree.com/portal/escudecve.htm](http://www.argentina-rree.com/portal/escudecve.htm). ☺

## global warming: greenhouse gas and radiative forcing capacity

Trent University's Dr. Wayne Evans often has his head in the clouds, so to speak. Actually, *beyond* the clouds might be a better description, as Dr. Evans is a top researcher of the earth's ozone layer.

Analyzing data from satellite instruments, Dr. Evans examines depletion of the ozone layer, particularly in the polar regions and in southern Canada and Mexico. He also profiles specific greenhouse gases and the effects they have on the ozone layer.

Remote sensing technology is employed in this work, and is done from the space shuttle, satellites, balloons, aircraft and ground-based locations. Cholorofluorocarbons, methane and carbon dioxide are a few of the atmospheric gases examined through these testing instruments, with the aim of measur-

ing the radiative forcing capacity of each gas.

"My team was the first to do this type of research," says Dr.



Evans, whose work is enhanced by funding from the Ontario Research & Development Challenge Fund (ORDCF) and Enbridge Consumers Gas.

"My research has evolved, and we are now also measuring gas concentrations and doing air pollution research," adds Dr. Evans. "We are looking at gas concentrations – particularly ozone – in the lower part of the atmosphere,

under the clouds. We used to be able to measure this on days with clear skies only. It is more difficult with cloud cover but we have developed a new technique for measuring air pollutants in the boundary layer."

The ozone that Dr. Evans studies related to air pollution is not the same ozone located in the upper atmosphere of earth. The ozone that exists closer to ground level is formed when certain air pollutants come into contact with rays from the sun. Ground level ozone can be particularly detrimental to the environment.

Dr. Evans came to Trent in 1990 from Environment Canada and also does some of his research from Trent's James McLean Oliver Research Centre. ☺

## kudos for president patterson

Mr. Reid Morden, chair of the Board of Governors of Trent University, is pleased to announce that Professor Bonnie Patterson has accepted an invitation from the board to serve a second term as President and Vice-Chancellor of Trent University until 2009.

"I want to extend the board's appreciation to President Patterson for her exceptional leadership and accomplishments on Trent University's behalf to date and for her enthusiastic willingness to continue her service to Trent for a second term," said Mr. Morden.

President Patterson's reappointment follows a thorough review of the presidency conducted by an advisory committee of senators and governors who are students, faculty, staff, alumni and members of the public.

In addition to recommending that President Patterson be reap-

pointed, the committee proposed a new presidential mandate that has also been accepted by the Board of Governors.

The Report of the Advisory Committee to Review the Presidency 2003 is on Trent's Web site at: [www.trentu.ca/secretariat/preserview.html](http://www.trentu.ca/secretariat/preserview.html).



"On behalf of the board, I extend our thanks to the members of the advisory committee for the thorough and thoughtful way in which they carried out their work," said Mr. Morden.

The members of the committee were: Lynn McDonald (Chair), Jim Conley, Glen Easson, David Glassco, Mike Izzo, Mike Matheson, Kate Ramsay, Ted Tremain, and Doug Young. ☺

Trent University students Michael Langford and Kristin Kawamoto received double honours at the 34th annual Athletic Awards Ceremony, held at the University's Athletic Complex on Thursday, March 27.

Mr. Langford and Ms. Kawamoto were recognized not

only as provincial all-star athletes by Ontario University Athletics and the Ontario Colleges

Athletic Association, but also were the recipients of the Arthur Cup, the University's most prestigious award for graduates demonstrating outstanding contribution, sportsmanship, participation, and leadership in athletic programs.

Ms. Kawamoto, a sociology and Native studies student in the Queen's-Trent Concurrent Education

Program, has been honoured numerous times for her participation in Trent's athletic programs. As a member of the varsity volleyball team during her four years at Trent, she has been recognized twice as an Academic All-Canadian, was named an OCAA All-Star, and served as team captain for the past two years. Ms. Kawamoto, who hails from Hamilton, is held in high regard by her teammates for her leadership and high standards. She is also one of the most active students in intramural programs, as both a captain and participant, and was recognized as the top female participant at the University.

Mr. Langford, who hails from Kanata, and who will graduate this spring with a degree in anthropology, has also been named an Academic All-Canadian and OUA All-Star for his involvement in Trent's varsity program. During his four years at Trent, he has been a leader on the men's rugby team, serving as both vice-president and president of the rugby club, and he has received the P.S.B. Wilson Award for out-

standing contributions to the team. He is described by teammates and coaches as a highly skilled player and an outstanding role model for new players, both on and off the field. His example to others and his active involvement epitomizes the spirit of participation and fair play.

"Kristin and Michael have made outstanding contributions, not only to the athletic programs, but to Trent University. They are talented leaders and embody all the characteristics which the Arthur Cup represents," said Bill Byrick, director of



Athletics. President Bonnie Patterson joined Mr. Byrick in presenting the Arthur Cup, and other awards, during the evening ceremony.

The following students were honoured with the University Athletic Awards, presented to third- and fourth-year students who have demonstrated a significant contribution to varsity and campus recreation programs:

Stephen Dunbar (Yellowknife, NWT)  
Adam Dyer (Whitelake)  
Kevin Read (Foxboro)  
Erin Stonehouse (Dartmouth, NS)  
Julianna Stonehouse (Dartmouth, NS)  
Connie Storey (Rockwood)  
Leath Swiergena (Windsor)  
Joe Teft (Sarnia)  
Jessica Wolf (West Hill)

The following varsity athletes were honoured for outstanding commitment and dedication to their respective sports:  
CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING  
Amy Fletcher (Fenelon Falls)  
Brad Toms (Havelock)

#### CURLING

Pam Jewitt (Clinton)  
John Epping (Peterborough)

#### FENCING

Kateryna Smolij (Kiev, Ukraine)  
FIELD HOCKEY  
Katie Zwir (Oakville)

Maryssa Camacho (Kingston)

#### FIGURE SKATING

Jessica Wolff (West Hill)

#### ROWING

Erin Stonehouse (Dartmouth, NS)

Peter van Rooijen (Brockville)

#### RUGBY

Matthew Bauman (Elmira)

Josh Connor (Whitby)

Catherine Bucknam (Brampton)

Kelly Broek (Tweed)

#### SOCCER

Bart Young (Bailieboro)

Martin Rembecki (Mississauga)

B.J. Austin (Pickering)

Alison Stagg (Ennismore)

Meaghan Lewis (Napanee)

#### SWIMMING

Scott Adams (Omeme)

Kate Armitage (Ottawa)

Alex Babaris (Scarborough)

#### VOLLEYBALL

Kristin Kawamoto (Hamilton)

Angela Dafoe (Frankford)

#### NORDIC SKIING

Stephen Hart (Peterborough)

Adrienne Mason (Port Elgin)

The following varsity athletes were recognized as OUA or OCAA All-Stars:  
William Fraser Adams – Rugby (Unionville)

Alex Babaris – Swimming (Scarborough)

Kelly Broek – Rugby (Tweed)

Colleen Carew – Rugby (Cameron)

Joshua Connor – Rugby (Whitby)

Kristin Kawamoto – Volleyball (Hamilton)

Michael Langford – Rugby (Kanata)

John Lavery – Rugby (Kingston)

Aaron Majovsky – Rugby (Barrie)

Nicole Rodziewicz – Volleyball (Toronto)

John Stephenson – Rugby (Peterborough)

Stephen Hart – Nordic Skiing (Peterborough)

Sheena McKay – Fencing (Barrie)



In September, Business Administration Professor Maeve Quaid gave her fourth-year Workplace Diversity students two choices for an end-of-year documentary assignment. They could produce a documentary based on opening a business in a non-English speaking country, or they could focus on conducting a humanitarian aid project in a developing country. Each and every student in AD430 chose to conduct a humanitarian aid project.

"This is quite unique and I think it sets Trent business students apart from those at some other universities," says Prof. Quaid. "Our program focuses a lot on ethics and human resources, and it is more philosophical and less technical than a lot of other business programs. It really is 'the thinking person's' business program, and the students' choice to help out those less fortunate is very much a reflection of our intellectual tradition."

Working in pairs or groups, Prof. Quaid's students produced 20 – 25 minute documentaries covering a wide range of topics, including sending supplies to a school in Kiev, sending teddy bears to an orphanage in Mexico, developing a women's shelter in Kenya, purchasing generators for a school in Sierra Leone and a hospital in Haiti, and purchasing computers for a school in Pakistan.

One group of students worked with Father Stan Chu Ilo, a visiting priest at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains in Peterborough. Father Ilo is from a village of 8,000 people in Nigeria where disease runs rampant because of a lack of clean water. He is raising money to construct a proper well, and AD430 students helped organize a successful pancake breakfast for St. Peter's parishioners, as a fundraiser.

Not only did students have to research their particular humanitarian aid project, and the country involved – they also had to raise funds and awareness at Trent, and document their progress. The monies raised by AD430 students, and the experiences related to fundraising, were an integral part of the documentary process.

"It was the type of project that touched on a lot of different issues," said student Tyler Kennedy. "From filming to interviewing and editing, it was a great experience."

"I like the documentary format because students have to really think about their topic," says Prof. Quaid. "They must continually make decisions about the relevance of the material that they collect. They must also keep their audience in mind at all times. The Business Administration program at Trent University places a lot of emphasis on communications, right from day one, and I think that the documentary provides these graduating students with an opportunity to use skills like writing, public speaking, interviewing, listening, and organizing material in a logical sequence. The nicest thing about the documentary is that the students can all share in each other's learning experience at the 'premiere.' (when they show their documentaries to the class)"

Between \$5,000 and \$7,000 has been raised by AD430 students for humanitarian aid projects.

*Business Administration students Tyler Warman (left) and Tyler Kennedy recently worked together to complete a documentary based on raising funds for one school's physical education program in Jamaica. Extensive interviews were conducted with the local organization Jamaica Self Help, and Mr. Warman and Mr.*



*Kennedy raised money for the project through a social dance event at Champlain College. ☺*

### Honorary Degree to Frank Augustyn

The Senate of Trent University is pleased to announce that award-winning Canadian dancer, educator and author, Mr. Frank Augustyn, will be awarded an honorary degree at convocation this year.

One of the foremost professional dancers in Canada, Mr. Augustyn has had a distinguished career as celebrated male principal dancer of the National Ballet of Canada. An Officer of the Order of Canada, he also co-authored *Dancing from the Heart*, published in 2000.

Bonnie Patterson, President of Trent University, notes that Mr. Augustyn's selection as this year's



honorary degree recipient personifies many of the values cherished

by the Trent community. "By identifying Mr. Augustyn as a recipient of an honorary degree from Trent University, the Nominations Committee has selected a recipient who excels in the arts, education and community service. We are very grateful that such a nationally known member of the arts community is affiliated with our University," she said.

### Register with MyTrent!

*MyTrent!*, Trent University's online student records service, has been expanded to allow students to register early for 2003/04 courses.

Using a confidential user ID and password, students can log onto MyTrent! and complete all registration details online. In addition, students can access information about their grades, averages by term, course lists and transcript request status, if applicable. Any questions about *MyTrent!* can be directed to the Computer Services Help Desk at 748-1011, ext. 5014.

### Researching Gambling

Professor James D. A. Parker is the first Trent University faculty member to receive funding from the Ontario Problem Gambling



Research Centre. He was recently granted a one-year grant (for \$35,000), which will allow Prof. Parker and his colleagues in the Emotion and Health Research Laboratory at Trent University to study the link between emotional abilities, gambling behaviour, and academic achievement.

Recent research has demonstrated that problem gambling behaviour is on the rise among adolescents and young adults in Canada. Professor Parker's project is designed to identify some of the psychological risk factors for gambling behaviour in students making the transition from high school to post-secondary institutions.



### Mekong Adventure

Students Louise Utting and Rob Hughes plan to paddle the Laos section of the Mekong River in January, 2004, and are currently organizing the trip, recruiting sponsors and promoting their adventure.

The goal of the trip is to produce educational tools (such as video segments and slides) of the region to help educate Canadian high school students about ecological issues upon the couple's return. "We hope that having a personal view expressed in these materials will bring out the emotional side of the issues and help students understand the situation," says Ms. Utting, adding that they will put their canoe in at the "Golden Triangle," where the Mekong exits China and comes into contact with the bor-

ders of Thailand, Burma and Laos. They will then head south and follow the river to the Cambodian border, stopping at villages along the way. For more information about Ms. Utting and Mr. Hughes's project, please contact them directly at [pfp@tropicalstorm.com](mailto:pfp@tropicalstorm.com).

### Premiere Tapscott/Lopes Lecture

Trent University and the Greater Peterborough Chamber of Commerce co-sponsored a public



event on Wednesday, March 26, that featured Trent alumnus Don Tapscott, an international authority on the application of technology in business. Mr. Tapscott is a consultant to some of the world's largest corporations. He is the author of nine books and speaks worldwide about business strategies and organizational transformation. The Washington Technology Report says "he is one of the most influential media authorities since Marshall McLuhan."

This event was the premiere Trent University Don Tapscott & Ana Lopes Business & Society Lecture. Mr. Tapscott is a graduate of Trent University. He also chaired the successful 1996-2001 Beyond Our Walls Capital Campaign, which raised \$17.2 million for the University. Ana Lopes is a member of the Trent University Board of Governors and the founder of Saralex Communications.



### Film Star Draws Crowd

Hundreds of people from the Trent and Peterborough communities came to the Great Hall on March 18 to hear a presentation by Billy Boyd, the film and stage actor who plays Pippin in the *Lord of the Rings* film trilogy.

Mr. Boyd showed clips from several of his films and talked about the challenges of moving from an acclaimed career as a

stage actor into cinema. Mr. Boyd is one of Scotland's leading actors, winner of a BAFTA award, and a graduate of Scotland's Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts. He appeared in the original stage version of Irvine Welsh's *Trainspotting* and, along with his work in the *Rings*, has just completed a major role in a film directed by Peter Weir and starring Russell Crowe.

### DNA event at Galaxy

Mark your calendars for Thursday, April 24, and come down to the Galaxy Cinemas to learn all about the proposed DNA cluster project at Trent. A joint private and public sector venture, this cutting-edge research centre is rapidly becoming a reality, and the info session will show you how. Clips from CSI will be shown, refreshments will be served and there will be lots of DNA researchers and leaders on hand. The event will begin at 4 p.m.

### Becoming Posthuman

Veronica Hollinger, Cultural Studies Program, was an invited keynote speaker at the recent "Hong Kong 2003: Technology, Material Culture, and Everyday Life" conference held at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (26 - 29 March 2003). The conference was jointly sponsored by CUHK and the University of California, Riverside. The title of Prof. Hollinger's presentation was "Techno-Bodies and the Anxieties of Performance, or, It Isn't Easy to Become Posthuman."

### Upcoming Events

**April 10:** Prof. Michael Peterman, chair of the Friends of the Bata Library and principal of Traill College, will talk about his recent research at 8 p.m. in the Bata Library Film Theatre. Prof. Peterman's talk will focus on Isabella Valancy Crawford's serialized "Canadian" novel, *Winona: or the Foster Sisters* (1873). This prize-winning novel is linked to a lawsuit which resulted in the discovery of a missing link in the literary and publishing history of Canada.

**April 18:** Good Friday. University closed.

**April 25:** Open session, Board of Governors, 1 p.m., A.J.M. Smith Meeting Room, ground floor, Bata Library.