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## in the news



Trent English Prof. Geoffrey Eathorne was

quoted in a January 18 *Globe and Mail* article about the Bloomsbury era and its effect on current style trends.



In a January 23 *Toronto Star* article that documented

applications to nursing programs in Canada for fall, 2003, Trent's B.Sc.N. program was noted. The rise in nursing applications was cited as good news for the profession and the health care system.

Dr. Chris Metcalfe was featured in a Feb. 9 CTV television segment that looked at pharmaceutical drug traces in drinking water. This was also the focus of a front page *Globe and Mail* article on Monday, Feb. 10.



The *Examiner* ran a front-page article in January profiling

the use of voice recognition software in Trent classrooms. This is a new initiative driven by the Special Needs office at Trent.



*The Messenger*, published by the Ontario Fire Service, recently

featured the implementation of a comprehensive Fire Code compliance program at Trent. Glen Easson from Physical Resources was interviewed for the article.



## a cosmic combination

The environment, the world's resources and beauty, the stunning diversity of North America's national parks, the way humans see and think and process information – all of these things are linked in the philosophies that underlie Dr. Roberta Bondar's work.

As a person who has seen the earth from space, Dr. Bondar's views of the world have developed from a unique perspective. Combined with her attention to detail – as seen in her exquisite photographs of the natural world – she seems able to merge macro and micro elements of the earth's heterogeneous riches in a tangible way. The resulting message that surfaces in her work resonates with the strength and diversity of nature, as well as a call to guardianship in preserving the resources of our planet.

As the newest Chancellor at Trent University, Dr. Bondar will be able to expose the whole University community to these issues.

"I am very pleased to have the opportunity to lend my profile – my experiences – to a university

that is interested in the environment, women's studies, aboriginal issues and liberal arts and sciences. This is ideal," says Dr. Bondar. "I believe education and communication are the ways we can change the world. It's critical that young people see older people who have a keen interest in education."

Dr. Bondar is an exceptionally qualified candidate to serve as Chancellor. She is a neurologist, scientist, pilot and astronaut who holds the NASA Space Medal. She is also an Officer of the Order of Canada and a laureate of the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame.

Dr. Bondar's scientific career began in high school in Sault Ste. Marie. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture and zoology from the University of Guelph, and developed new techniques for photomicroscopy while pursuing a master's degree in experimental pathology at the University of Western Ontario.

She completed her doctorate in neurobiology at the University of Toronto and earned her medical degree at McMaster University,

with a special interest in space medicine. After completing her board certification in neurology, she studied at Tufts New England Medical Centre in Boston, specializing in neurophthalmology, the science of how we see and record the world around us. Continuing to pursue her interest in photography, Dr. Bondar studied professional nature photography at the Brooks Institute of Photography in California.

In 1984, Dr. Bondar was one of the six original Canadian astronauts selected to train at NASA. In January 1992 Bondar was launched into space aboard the NASA space shuttle Discovery and became the first Canadian woman to fly in space. In her role as an international payload specialist she conducted life and material science experiments in space, becoming the world's first neurologist in space. One of her assignments was also to take photographs of the earth from space.

Photography is an essential part of Dr. Bondar's life. She is deeply committed to environmental issues and portraying the

world's beauty through images she captures on film. "Your values become entrenched after you fly in space," Dr. Bondar explains. "I was already environment-minded and came back from space with a clear sense of purpose."

A quote from *Passionate Vision*, a beautiful book of Dr. Bondar's photography that focuses on Canada's national parks, explains her viewpoint further. She writes: "For a brief moment, I lived beyond Earth, ceasing to exist on land or sea. Space isolated me from Earth's complex, beautiful and precious life, leaving me with only faint memories of bird-song, splashing water, warm scented plants. My photographs are of a land that protects this fragile beauty. This is the passion of my vision." She also writes: "No two people are alike, so no two space experiences can be alike; but my flight left me with a whole new view of my science, myself and my future. Medicine now seemed to encompass more than my specialties of neurology and space medicine; it included the health of the environment, and thus I decided that the planet would be my focus."

The role of the Chancellor is an important one at Trent University. Not only does the Chancellor confer all degrees and diplomas at convocation, but she also sits as an ex officio member on the Board of Governors and the Senate, chairs the Senate Executive sub-committee on University Honours and represents the University in an official capacity at various external functions. The Chancellor also enters into and enhances the life of the University in many ways that reflect his or her interests and talents.

Dr. Bondar has expressed keen interest in working with Trent students and being a part of the University community. "I want to bring some sort of legacy to Trent, something related to my experiences in space and to the environment," she says. ☺



# Gzowski tribute

The most recent Peter Gzowski tribute book, called *Remembering Peter Gzowski: A Book of Tributes*, was recently

includes thoughts from Trent students, faculty, staff and others.

A few excerpts read like this: "I would like to take this opportunity to thank

degree from a wonderful school and a great Canadian icon." ~ *alumnus David Wallbridge*

In addition to the chapter devoted to Mr. Gzowski's chancellorship, Trent is noted for housing the collection of his papers. His long-time assistant, Shelley Ambrose, writes: "Trent University, one of



released into Canadian bookstores.

This book is a collection of letters and writings by Morningside listeners and Mr. Gzowski's colleagues, friends and family. It paints a fascinating picture of his work and his broader life.

As the former chancellor of Trent University, Mr. Gzowski was deeply connected to the people and issues at the University. He had a special place in his heart for this campus, which is revealed clearly in many pages of *Remembering Peter Gzowski: A Book of Tributes*. An entire chapter is devoted to his life as "Mr. Chancellor," and

Peter Gzowski for inspiring me to reach well beyond my perceived capacity in the investigation of understanding what it means to be courageous and humble at the same time, and for being honest." ~ *alumna Lynda Mannik*

"The memory of Peter Gzowski that will last upon me forever was from this past June when he conferred upon me a Bachelor of Arts Honours degree from Trent University. It was a double honour to receive a

Peter's last and most loved homes, holds his papers."

Thousands of letters, clippings from his "Canadian" bulletin board and many types of documentation are tucked away in the University archives.

Reflecting Mr. Gzowski's love of Trent, and of Frontier College, Canada's leading literacy organization, all proceeds from the sale of this tribute book will be directed equally to these two institutions. In this way, a small piece of Mr. Gzowski's legacy will live on, to inspire Canadians to read,

learn and grow.

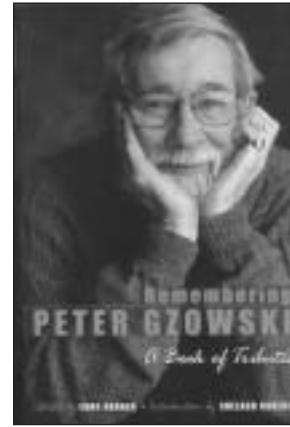
Copies of *Remembering Peter Gzowski: A Book of Tributes* are available at the Trent bookstore.

Trent University's annual Chancellor's Dialogues, started by Mr. Gzowski in 1999, will be held on March 4, 2003. Moderated by Stuart McLean (a professor of journalism at Ryerson University and host of the CBC's popular program "Vinyl Café"), the event will focus on the theme of "Peter Gzowski's Canada". Panellists will discuss aspects of Canada that were important to Mr. Gzowski and which shaped his vision of the nation.

Panellists for this high-profile event are Tom Jackson (humanitarian, actor and musician, featured in *North of 60*, *Star Trek*, *Shining Time Station*, *Street Legal* and, most recently, *the Longhouse Tales*), Molly Johnson (one of Canada's best loved performers of blues, jazz and rock), Bruce Kidd (Dean of the Faculty of

Physical Education and Health at the University of Toronto and the author of seven books, and hundreds of articles, papers, film and radio scripts), Stephen Lewis (adjunct professor and advisor on International Research and Development at York University, former Canadian Ambassador to the United Nations and Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF, Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa for the United Nations since 2001) and Andrew Pyper (author whose fiction, reviews and essays have appeared in a variety of publications, including the *Globe and Mail*, *Toronto Life*, *the National Post*, *Saturday Night* and *the Malahat Review*).

The Chancellor's Dialogues will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4, at the Wenjack Theatre. All are welcome to this free event and seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. ☺



## through a child's eyes

Tucked away on the Trent University campus is a special place that overflows with the energy and wonder of young children. At any given moment you might find children enthralled by the reading of a story, engaged in finger painting or water play, and laughing and playing in an indoor action room filled with natural sunlight.

Placing quality care and a nurturing environment at the top of its priority list, the Trent Child Care Centre (TCCC) models early childhood education at its best.

Located on Trent's main Symons campus, just across from the Athletics Complex, the TCCC is housed in an award-winning building designed by Teeple Architects, one of the firms involved in the design of the new Science Facility being constructed on Trent's east bank. The centre moved into this new home in 1993 from its smaller space on King Street, where it had operated since 1974.

"Going from the small centre to the big one was exciting. We were able to add infant care and

went from six staff to 13. Now we've grown to 18 staff and are able to accommodate children with special needs," explains TCCC administrator Sandra Robinson.

Fifty-two children are enrolled at the centre, ranging from infants to five- and six-year-olds. The children are divided into four developmental groups: infants, toddlers, junior pre-schoolers and senior pre-schoolers, and all play rooms converge into a large open room in the middle of the centre.

The TCCC infant program is unique and is based on a primary caregiver model. Only four child care centres in Peterborough offer infant care, and the team of three infant room staff at Trent - Rose Latchford, Sheila Hunter and Lisa Wacker - have worked together since the new centre opened its doors.

In fact, most TCCC staff have been at the centre for a long time, which speaks to its level of excellence. Some long-term caregivers

include Susan Scoffin, Nancy Northrop, Sandra Payne, Karen Troy and Sandra Robinson.

An agreement existing with the University reserves one-third of the centre's child care spaces for staff and faculty, one-third for students and one-third for community members. This means many members of the Trent community are familiar with the centre and how it works. A volunteer board of directors runs the centre and many people from Trent have served as directors and executive members.

As well, a consistent number of students volunteer at the Child Care Centre each year. Between eight and ten Trent Students For Literacy volunteers read regularly to children, and two to four Trent students volunteer on an individ-

ual basis. Some are part of the concurrent education program and come to the centre to complete a work placement. Others are working towards increasing their volunteer hours for specific program applications. "The feeling is very positive for the children when the Trent Students For Literacy volunteers visit," says Ms. Robinson. "The children get to know the students and look forward to them coming."

"This place is about children," Ms. Robinson says with a smile. Any parent who has been involved with TCCC will affirm that statement, and will be able to provide numerous examples of how their children's lives have been enriched and changed through the TCCC experience. ☺



◀ Infant room caregiver Rose Latchford with baby Ethan.

▶ Infant room caregiver Sheila Hunter blows some bubbles for a group of children.





# stalking predator/prey relationships

Dr. Dennis Murray, Canada Research Chair in Terrestrial Ecology, is fascinated by wolves. So much so that he regularly howls into the night on his Buckhorn-area property to see if he will be answered by any members of the local lupine population.

On a few occasions, Dr. Murray has been successful, and the answering calls of wolves have been just a few hundred feet from his back door. He smiles as he recounts these experiences, and it is obvious that he feels a connection to the animals that form the backbone of his current research projects.

Dr. Murray is studying wolves in Algonquin Park and has already placed radio collars on at least 30 animals. "The aim is to determine if there is a sustainable population in Algonquin," explains Dr. Murray. "I am examining if there is enough prey, and what species they rely on for prey."

There are various forces that can limit or regulate animal numbers, including factors like parasites, the non-lethal effects of predators on prey fitness, and the response of herbivores to plant defences. Dr. Dennis Murray believes these issues must be more fully addressed if we are to better understand the potential for sustainability at the species, population and ecosystem levels.

Through his work at Trent University, Dr. Murray will focus on the effects of predators and parasites on animal condition, behaviour, survival and productivity, and how such effects may be manifested numerically through population change. Dr. Murray's work with the Algonquin wolf population builds on research he has conducted with the red wolves of North Carolina, as well as gray wolves in the western United States and in Alberta's Banff National Park.

"I was first involved with wolves at the University of Idaho.

In 1996 Alberta wolves were released there to re-establish a local population," explains Dr. Murray, who came to Trent in late 2002 from the University of Idaho.

Looking down the road, Dr. Murray is excited about the possibility of developing a centre for the study of wildlife diseases and parasites, and feels Trent would be the perfect home.

He is pleased with what Trent has to offer: "There is potential for collaboration and good research with the MNR, and with excellent faculty at the



University. I believe the Chair will be a success because of that." ☺

## the art of learning

Installation artist Michèle Karch-Ackerman has a magical way of weaving together threads of history, literature, human experience and emotion.

Trent University students had the opportunity in January to work alongside Michèle and learn about her innovative style. Ms. Karch-Ackerman served as artist-in-residence at



Champlain College during a two-week period along with her husband, photographer Martin Ackerman.

Part sculptor, part textile artist, part new media master, Ms. Karch-Ackerman's exhibits defy

traditional explanation. She often uses xerographic transfers from historic photographs to illustrate children in her work, and affixes these to hand-sewn dolls or dresses. These images become part of the greater piece, as they are juxtaposed with natural objects (dirt, twigs, flowers, bird nests, honeycomb), text (themed pieces of literature sewn or glued into various elements) and things like dress-

es, travel backpacks and fabrics such as organza and antique cotton. Symbolism is very important in this work, which often centres around the themes of childhood, death, parental loss, grief and healing.

Ms. Karch-Ackerman first became connected to Trent seven years ago, when she was asked to work as an artist-in-residence for the first time. Since then she has been back on several occasions, and enjoys interacting with Trent students.

"This time, I've been working in the Great Hall," explained Ms. Karch-Ackerman. "I set up some of my work at one of the tables and students can come and observe and talk with me, and even help out, scrubbing paper off some of the dolls I'm working with."



"The whole experience was very positive for students. They are already asking who the next artist-in-residence will be," says Prof. Stephen Brown, master of Champlain College. "Ninety-eight students participated in a session

with Michèle in the Wenjack Theatre while she was here, and 15 students did a workshop with Martin about portrait photography. Martin is coming back to campus this week to follow-up with the students and assess their work."

Prof. Brown also noted that two Trent students, Rob Hughes and Louise Utting, have been working closely with Martin and Michèle. The students are preparing to paddle the Thai portion of the Mekong River to raise money for Easter Seals, and Martin has been instrumental in preparing

them to photograph their travels. ☺

*Michèle Karch-Ackerman, an installation artist who served as artist-in-residence at Champlain College in January,*

*worked in the Great Hall for two weeks. She was often accompanied, and assisted, by her six-year-old daughter, Astrid. Michèle's 11-year-old son Alex and her husband, photographer Martin Ackerman, also participated in the residency.*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Feb. 12:** Effective work search strategies workshop at Trent's Durham campus, 1 – 3 p.m., hosted by the Trent U. Career Centre, [www.trentu.ca/careers](http://www.trentu.ca/careers).

**Feb. 12:** Author David Macfarlane (*Summer Gone* & national columnist for the *Globe & Mail*) reads at the Traill College JCR, 8 p.m. as part of the Writers Reading series.

**Feb. 13:** Dr. Ludger Müller-Wille speaks about "Inuit and their Land: Place Names and Cultural Self-Determination" as part of the Northern Chair lecture series, 7:30 p.m., Bata Library Film Theatre.

**Feb. 13–15:** The Trent University @ Durham's Womens Studies class presents The Vagina Monologues in room C-113 (George Wiley Bldg., Durham College) 8 p.m.

**Feb. 14:** The Trent African Caribbean Students' Union holds a valentine party at The Vibe, starting at 9 p.m. This is also the deadline for applications for the TACSU bursary award (applications are avail. at the TIP office).

**Feb. 14–16:** 2003 Elders' and Traditional Peoples' Gathering with workshops & social. Free admission for Trent students and children under 16. Indiv. admission \$15, family admission \$20 (for the weekend).

**Feb. 15:** In celebration of Black History Month, author Akwatu Khenti will speak at Market Hall, 6 p.m. Music, dancing and poetry will also be featured. This event is organized by the Trent African Caribbean Students' Union.

**Feb. 17–21:** Reading Week.

**Feb. 17–28:** Nominations are being accepted for the next round of Trent Central Student Association elections. Forms are avail. from the TCSA office, Otonabee College.

**Feb. 20–23:** Trent and the University of Western Ontario host a conference on "Historicizing Canadian Sociocultural Anthropology" at Traill College.

For details contact Julia Harrison at [jharrison@trentu.ca](mailto:jharrison@trentu.ca). **Feb. 20–27:** First Trent International Film Week, organized by the Trent International Students' Association. Films will be shown throughout this time period at different lecture halls on campus. [www.trentu.ca/tisa](http://www.trentu.ca/tisa).

**Feb. 21:** Elizabeth May, executive director of the Sierra Club, will speak about "water in the global classroom" at 7:30 p.m. in the Wenjack Theatre.

**Feb. 22:** Several community and Trent organizations are organizing a series of workshops on teaching water issues at the secondary school level, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. at the Kawartha Centre, just north of

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### New classroom technology

Voice recognition software is being evaluated as a teaching tool for students with special needs at Trent.

Professors Elaine Scharfe (psychology) and Richard Hurley (computer studies) are testing the software, which involves the computerized rendering of spoken dialogue into real-time text displayed on a large screen at the front of the classroom. As the professor delivers a lecture, corre-

sponding text immediately pops up on the screen. This has been proven to be very successful in supporting students who learn at their own rate, or who benefit from visual, as well as auditory, cues.

Eunice Lund-Lucas (*above*), coordinator of the Special Needs Department at Trent, has been working with the Atlantic Centre of Research, Access and Support for Students with Disabilities at Saint Mary's University in Halifax to bring this technology to Trent.

### New Vice President, Academic

Dr. Susan M. Clark has been appointed to the position of Vice President Academic and Provost at Trent.

Professor Clark is an accomplished scholar and administrator who has served in several senior positions in both the university sector and the provincial government in Nova Scotia. Dr. Clark has extensive experiences in the public policy and planning dimensions of higher education. In her academic administrative roles, she has developed a strong commitment to academic excellence, led the development of several important institutes, and continuously has focused on the centrality of students to the purpose of university life.

### Order of Canada

Morden Yolles, of Yolles & Associates, has been awarded the Order of Canada. Mr. Yolles is an honorary graduate of Trent University and members of his company are the structural consulting engineers on record for the Ron Thom buildings at Trent, as well as the Faryon Bridge. Yolles & Associates has also been working on the planning and design work for bridge repairs scheduled to take place this summer, 2003.

### Rollicking rhymes



Canadian poet Dennis Lee made a visit to Trent in January, and read to students of Prof. Stephen Brown, Prof. Sean Kane and Prof. Michael Peterman. Mr. Lee read some of his delightful rhymes for children, as well as some new, unpublished pre-teen poetry. Mr. Lee will return to Trent in the spring to launch his newest book.

### Literacy leader



John O'Leary, president of Frontier College, Canada's leading literacy organization, visited Trent University in January. He came to campus to be part of a conference organized by Trent Students For Literacy and spent the day with Trent students. A variety of literacy issues were discussed.

### International development



Paul Davidson, an alumnaus of Trent ('83, Champlain College) and the new executive director of the World University Service of Canada (WUSC), visited the University in late January. He spoke with many students about international development, and was the guest speaker at a Trent International Program (TIP) colloquium.

The World University Service of Canada is a non-profit agency with a focus on international development. Local committees at post-secondary institutions throughout the nation are involved with the group's student refugee sponsorship programs. At Trent there are two WUSC-sponsored students pursuing university studies, and another student will be starting in September of 2003.

### Celtic sounds

Trent's 2002/03 Ashley Fellow, internationally renowned author Alistair MacLeod, was back



on campus in January. He spent considerable time working with Trent University students in classroom and seminar settings, as well as in individual meetings. Mr. MacLeod was also featured in a public event at the Wenjack Theatre on January 31, reading from his short stories. Hundreds of high school students also filled the Wenjack on Feb. 7 to hear him speak and read from his work.

### Order of Ontario

Trent University's founding President and Vanier Professor, Thomas H.B. Symons, was one of 25 individuals to receive the province's highest official honour, the Order of Ontario, at a ceremony on February 5.

Professor Symons served as Trent's president and vice-chancellor from 1961 to 1972, and continued to be active at the

University on many levels until he retired in 1996. Since his retirement his Trent connections have remained strong, through serving on the board of the Frost Centre for Canadian Studies and Native Studies, acting as an academic advisor for several undergraduate students, and as a thesis supervisor and committee member on a number of graduate Master's theses.

Prof. Symons has been involved in numerous national and international endeavours, and has received a great number of awards to recognize his volunteer activities, including the Order of Canada.

The Order of Ontario recognizes and honours those who have enriched the lives of others by attaining the highest standards of excellence and achievement in their fields.

### Input needed

The Advisory Committee reviewing the Trent presidency requests your input. President Patterson was appointed in 1998 and given a specific mandate for her current term of office, which will end on June 30, 2004. The Board of Governors recently established an ad hoc committee to review the presidency. This committee will advise the board about the next presidential mandate (for the five years beginning July, 2004), and about whether President Patterson should be invited to take a second term. The review committee intends to consult widely and plans to complete its work by the end of March.

Input from the University about the presidency is important and encouraged. All members of the University community are invited to send the committee their views (and the rationale for them) with respect to:

- new challenges, opportunities and priorities that should be reflected in the next presidential mandate, and
- the presidential attributes that will be needed to lead the University through 2009

Please reply no later than Feb. 24 to the Advisory Committee to Review the Presidency, c/o the University Secretariat, Bata Library, or by e-mail to [presidencyreview@trentu.ca](mailto:presidencyreview@trentu.ca). The committee will not consider anonymous input and all submissions will be held in strict confidence. A full version of the current presidential mandate can be found on the Web at [www.trentu.ca](http://www.trentu.ca).

Members of the committee are Jim Conley, Glen Easson, David Glassco, Mike Izzo, Mike Matheson, Lynn MacDonald, Kate Ramsay, Ted Tremain and Doug Young.

Lakefield (carpooling is available). [www.trentu.ca/org/kwic](http://www.trentu.ca/org/kwic) or 748-1680.

**Feb. 22–March 1:** Irish poet, translator, and editor, Moya Cannon, will be writer-in-residence at Champlain College. Moya will read from her recent poetry and her translations of old Gaelic Songs at the Peterborough Arms on Tuesday Feb. 25 starting at 7 p.m., with musical interludes.

**Feb. 24:** Classes resume following reading week.

**Feb. 26:** Author Michael Winter (*One Last Good Look, This All Just Happened*) reads at the Traill JCR at 8 p.m. as part of the Writers Reading series.

**Feb. 26 & 28:** Vagina Monologues 2003 will be presented at Wenjack Theatre at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 p.p.

**Feb. 27:** Barbara and Orm Mitchell speak about "W.O. Mitchell's Adventures in the Film Trade" as part of the Rooke lecture series, 7:30 p.m., Peterborough Public Library. [www.trentu.ca/english/rooke](http://www.trentu.ca/english/rooke).

**Feb. 27:** The Trent African Caribbean Students' Union holds the Great Debate in honour of Black History Month. Location t.b.a.

**March 1 & 2:** Cultural Outreach presentations, location t.b.a. Contact the TIP office for details.

**March 4:** Chancellor's Dialogues "Peter Gzowski's Canada", 7:30 p.m. Wenjack Theatre. Panelists are Tom Jackson, Molly Johnson, Bruce Kidd, Stephen Lewis and Andrew Pyper. Stuart McLean will act as moderator.

**March 5:** The Interactive Learning Centre at Trent is holding an "assignment group work" seminar with Prof. Brian Patrick (Computer Science), 10 – 11 a.m. in LEC201. [www.trentu.ca/ilc](http://www.trentu.ca/ilc).

**March 5:** History Honours Info Session, 4 – 5 p.m. in the CC Council Chambers. Also March 6 from 12 – 1 p.m. in LEC S101. Faculty members will answer questions about the honours program and their 400-series courses.

**March 5:** Annual Alumni lecture, 8 p.m., CCLH. Adam Guzkowski '95 will talk about "Learning to Li(v)e: Mass Market 'Self-Help' and the Pedagogy of Personal Transformation."

**March 11 & 12:** Open house at Trent University for prospective students, including many information sessions. 1-888-739-8885.

**March 12:** Sports camp slide show for new camp families at the Athletic Complex, 7 p.m. Meet the camp director and ask questions.