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in the NEWS

Dr. Jeremy Carver, honorary adjunct professor in the Biology Department and head of the International Consortium on Anti-Virals (ICAV), was interviewed on the subject of pandemic preparedness on CBC radio on October 6 and several articles in the *Toronto Star* in September and October.



Ph.D. student **Brenna McLeod** was featured in the PeterBio section of *Peterborough This Week* on October 5. The article focused on her DNA research on ancient whale bones.



Continuing Education's Memoir Writing class was also featured in the October 5 edition of *Peterborough*

This Week. The class resulted in a published book of memoirs.

Dr. Bryan Palmer, of the Canadian Studies department, was a source for a September 2 *Peterborough Examiner* article on the origins of Labour Day. Prof. Palmer was quoted on working conditions prior to the mobilization of labour unions in the late 19th century.

The *Peterborough Examiner* and CHEX Television featured the Trent International Program's orientation at Camp Kawartha on Labour Day weekend. An article appeared in the September 3, edition of the *Examiner* while a story aired on CHEX on September 6.



During a visit to Peru, Trent Anthropology professor **Dr. John Topic** was interviewed on ATV television in Huamachuco on August 1. He was also featured in a full-page article in *La Industria* newspaper on August 30. The subject of this article was the archaeology of the Huamachuco area. ☺

THE WORLD BELONGS TO THOSE WHO UNDERSTAND IT™



Trent – a challenging, innovative academic environment that provides an exceptional worldview

Trent University launched its new market positioning to the University community this week with a new message, and imagery ready to roll out over the course of the academic year.

The new message “The World Belongs to Those Who Understand it” speaks to high-achieving young people who are considering which university to attend. It reinforces the message that there is a great demand for graduates and professionals who have a broad perspective on the world and a desire to make it a better place. Trent is the school that best provides this kind of understanding, giving its grads a unique advantage as they move into their careers.

An exciting, new visual pallet is served up with the new message. Richly textured backgrounds allude to the challenging academic environment at Trent, where the innovation of cutting-edge research co-exists with

individualized support from professors who love to teach, offering students an exceptional worldview. Students graduate ready to succeed in their career of choice – equipped to make a difference in the world.

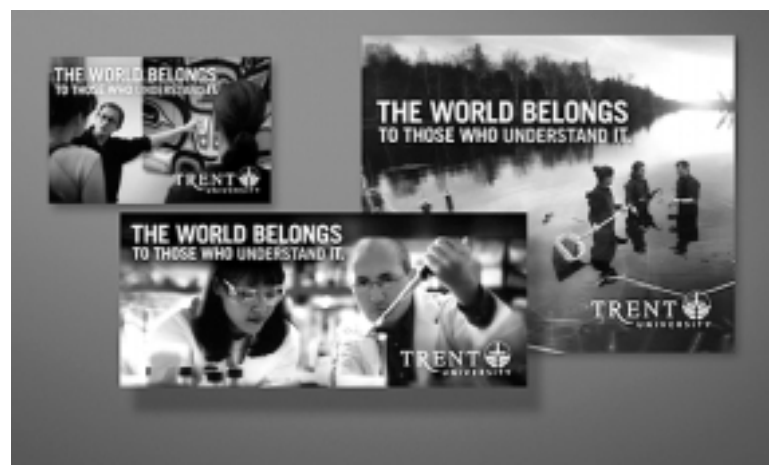
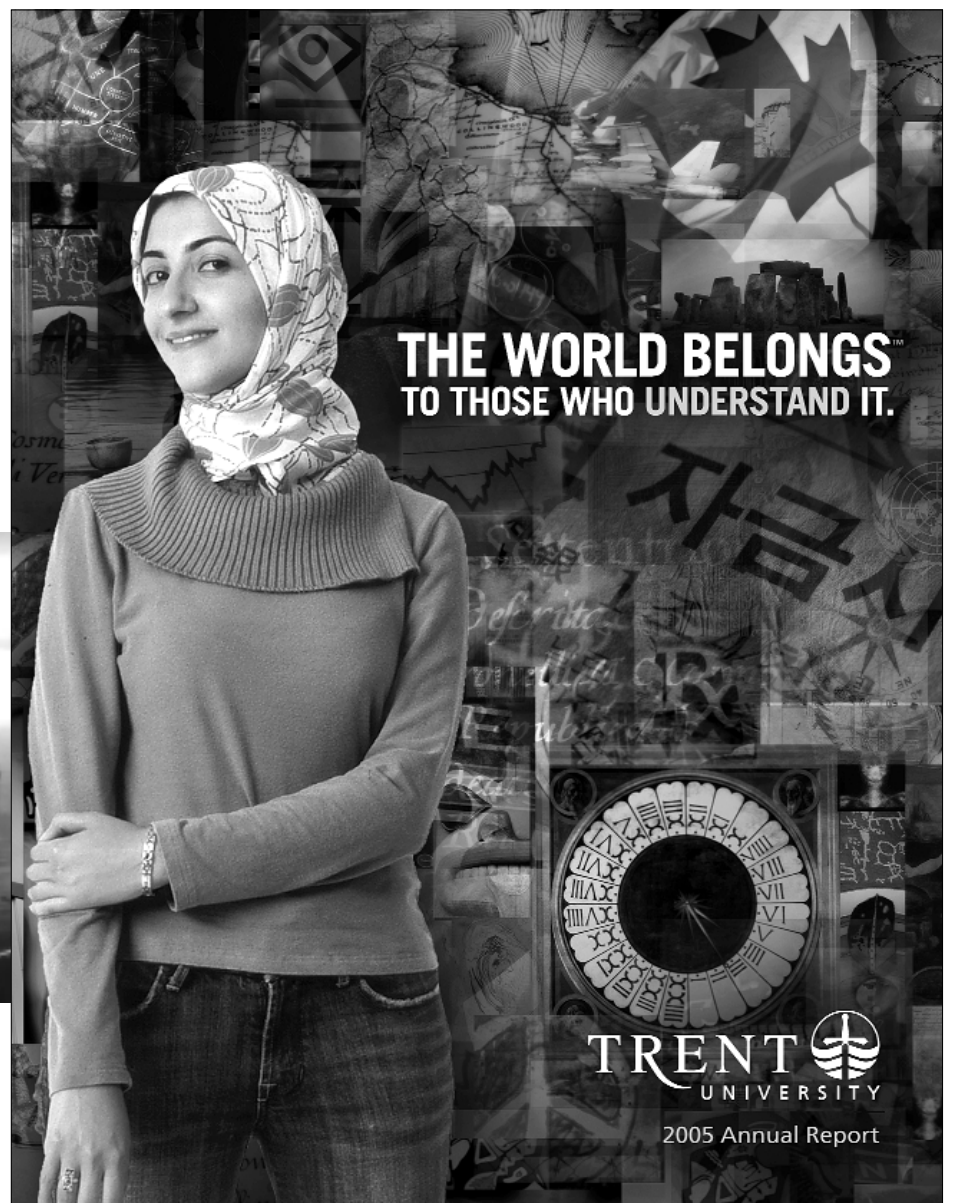
The market positioning launch this week is the culmination of many months of work. In 2004, a team was formed to look at Trent's reputation beyond the boundaries of the University campus. Leaders at the University wanted to understand how high school students, parents and opinion leaders perceived the institution, so they could turn their attention to the best way of showcasing Trent to the rest of the world.

Led by the Communications Office under Don Cumming, senior director of public affairs, and Marilyn Burns, director of communications, a detailed

process including extensive market research, found that the high quality of academic and extra-curricular life at Trent was a well-kept secret. Advertising agency Brandhealth of Peterborough was engaged to work on creative solutions to refine the University's message and look.

Over the course of the academic year, all University materials

will adapt to the new market positioning. Beginning with the University's web site and selected print publications, and manifesting itself in a highly-targeted advertising campaign focused in Ontario, the project will raise awareness of Trent and the distinctive learning environment that so uniquely prepares grads for success. ☺



Christine Hadekel heard some amazing stories of perseverance from Tibetan refugees living in Dharamsala, India.

Ms. Hadekel, a fourth-year Global Studies major at Trent, lived among the refugees for four months as part of the Trent International Study and Exchange Program (TISEP).

Many Tibetans attempt the treacherous journey to escape the Chinese-occupied country.

“The refugees must hike across the Himalayas on foot to get to India. Along the way people die from starvation and hypothermia,” she said. “Little children, two years old, walk across the mountains by themselves. Their parents send them to India as a cultural survival method.

“It gives you a greater sense of appreciation for what you’ve got. What really struck me is that despite their hardships they are the happiest people. They never complain about their circumstances. While in Dharamsala, Ms. Hadekel heard two of the Dalai Lama’s teachings, which he gives each year in February and



Christine Hadekel with her students

July. She also met the Dalai Lama’s sister, who heads up Tibetan Children’s Villages. The organization houses thousands of Tibetan refugee children and provides them with an education.

As part of her exchange in Dharamsala, Ms. Hadekel taught English to the Tibetan refugees and conducted research on their plight.

helping Tibetan refugees

She studied their language and read books by Tibetan political prisoners and poetry written by refugees. She also learned more about the history of Tibet.

“I wanted to see Tibet for myself so I could understand everything on a more profound level,” she said.

Ms. Hadekel got her chance by spending a month in Tibet in June with an important mission. She carried possessions and photos from refugees back to their families in Tibet.

“It was really emotional,” she said. “Many of the Tibetans hadn’t seen their family members in years.”

Ms. Hadekel began her year abroad at the University of Puna south of Bombay. She remained there until December when she travelled north to Dharamsala.

She hopes to one day return to Tibet and Dharamsala.

“It’s a struggle I feel so passionately about. They are a non-violent people, they believe in compassion and love. ☺



Benjamin Boaz Feldman

When Trent student **Benjamin Boaz Feldman** chose, on impulse, to go abroad to Thailand for a year of study, he had no idea how far his journey would take him.

Mr. Feldman, an international student from Switzerland in the Business Administration program, went to study the Hill Tribe people of Thailand on a Native Studies exchange to Chiang Mai University near Bangkok. He rounded out his year abroad by becoming an ordained Buddhist monk.

“It was life-changing,” he says of his time in Thailand.

“life changing” journey to Thailand

Mr. Feldman spent two months last winter at a Buddhist monastery in northern Thailand meditating and following strict precepts such as no reading and eating only one meal a day.

“Buddhism is the belief that there is no individual, just the body and mind being conditioned by our environment. Meditation is observation – finding a more pure state of self” he says.

Mr. Feldman was ordained on March 6, 2005 in a four-hour ceremony that included 11 other Buddhist monks.

He disrobed before returning to Canada four months later. Within Buddhism ordained monks can disrobe and return to being a layperson at any time.

“It’s up to the individual to decide – Buddhism is an individual path, we all have different needs, there is no one best way,” he says.

Before arriving in Thailand, Mr. Feldman didn’t know much about Buddhism. Now back in the Western world, he is continuing to follow certain precepts of the Buddhist faith.

His current goal is to always be positive, show respect and take responsibility – “Being the change I want to see in the world,” he says. “It’s always about doing the best you can in the present moment.”

Mr. Feldman put those words into action prior to his time in the monastery when he spent a

month travelling around southern of Thailand helping to rebuild homes, roads and sanitation systems following the devastating tsunami.

During his time at Chiang Mai University, from September to December 2004, Mr. Feldman lived with a Thai family and learned the language.

“The Thai people are friendly and honest,” he says. “They take time to have a conversation with you.” ☺

TRENT INTERNATIONAL STUDY AND EXCHANGE PROGRAM: EXPERIENCES ABROAD

Hearing Nelson Mandela speak at the Apartheid Museum in Soweto, South Africa, was just one of the many highlights of **Kathleen Watkin’s** year abroad.

“He speaks with such compassion,” said Ms. Watkin, an Archaeology/History major in the Queens-Trent Concurrent Program.

Last year she attended the University of KwaZulu-Natal in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa to study history and geography as part of the Trent International Study and Exchange Program (TISEP).

It was a chance visit to the Apartheid Museum on the 50th anniversary of the ANC’s Charter of Rights and Freedoms that found her in the presence of Mr. Mandela, Bishop Desmond Tutu and South African President Thabo Mbeki.

Although viewing the museum’s exhibits was difficult, she appreciated them because they depicted the brutal reality of Apartheid.

“They put it in your face what was done (to those who lived under Apartheid),” she said. She added that Apartheid’s effects, though it was banished in the early 1990s, are still evident today.

Earlier that day, Ms. Watkin had toured Mr. Mandela’s modest home in Soweto.

“When he isn’t at home, he opens his house up to visitors,” she said. “It’s very small, smaller than you would think and not much security.”

Ms. Watkin also had the chance to explore some archaeological discoveries while in South Africa. Pietermaritzburg, located on the east coast of South Africa, is about 45 minutes away from

the Drakensberg Mountains.

The Drakensbergs are well-known for San rock art located in the mountain range’s caves.

The San people, also known as Bushmen, no longer live in South Africa, driven out by colonial rule to Namibia and Botswana. Their art, drawn on cave walls, is similar to the Petroglyphs found north of Peterborough. The San drawings depict scenes of spiritual experiences and include drawings of elands, jackals and elephants, she said.

“The most recent San rock art is 500 years old,” says Ms. Watkin. “The higher up in the mountains it is found, the more spiritual it is in San tradition.”

Ms. Watkin also went on safari twice, visited the Cradle of Humankind and the Lion



Kathleen Watkin

Rehabilitation Centre in Johannesburg and travelled through the Sani Pass to Lesotho, a small country located within South Africa’s borders.

Now back at Trent for her fourth year, Ms. Watkin is looking forward to a return visit to South Africa. ☺

accomplished **writer** wearing
two **hats** at Trent

Author **Michael Johansen** is getting settled into his new role as an alumnus-in-residence and as writer-in-residence at Trent University.

After working in the world of journalism for several years, Mr. Johansen recently released his first novel, *Confession in Moscow*.

“It was almost luxurious to get into a novel after churning out three stories a day,” he said. “But to be able to set all that aside and immerse myself and not work to a daily or weekly deadline wasn’t easy.”

Since graduating from Trent in 1989, Mr. Johansen’s journalism career has included reporting for the St. John’s Telegram and working for CBC Radio in Labrador. He currently writes a weekly column for the Telegram.

His novel, *Confession in Moscow*, is a gripping tale of a man who turns himself in at a police station in Moscow to confess to a murder he apparently committed as a 10-year-old in the last days of World War II on Bornholm Island, Denmark.

The police inspector investigates and turns up some surprising evidence that sheds light on the historical facts surrounding the confession.

The novel draws from a little-known historical event – when

the Soviet Union bombed the German-occupied Dane island during the final days of World War II.

While researching *Confession in Moscow*, Mr. Johansen spent time in Denmark, Moscow and St. Petersburg. He then travelled to Germany where he started writing the novel.

Mr. Johansen said his original intention was to write a non-fiction book. But after interviewing Danes who had been teenagers during World War II, he changed his track. He dreamed up the character of the 10-year-old boy and started writing the book as a novel in first person narrative.

His extensive research and talent for writing has won him accolades. *Confession in Moscow* was short-listed for the 2004 Arthur Ellis Award for Best First Novel and also for the 2003 *Foreword Magazine* Book of the Year Award.

During his time at Trent Mr. Johansen will finish his second novel titled *Separation Point*. It is a murder mystery set in Labrador, he said.

Mr. Johansen, although born in Toronto, now calls Labrador home. He first went there in 1981. After moving back and forth a few times, he made it his permanent home about 10 years ago.

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Michael Johansen



Alumni-in-residence Michael Johansen (left) and Paul Delaney with Mr. Johansen’s dog Ben.

“It’s such a beautiful place. There’s such a variety in the landscape and the people – it’s always interested me,” he said. “It’s a like a colony. The Labrador people have a reticence about taking control of their own situation.”

He will stay at the Champlain College Master’s Lodge with his dog Ben until May. As a writer-in-residence, he soon hopes to begin a writers’ circle open to any students, faculty, alumni or staff who may be interested. He joked that

UPCOMING events

October 27 and November 10: Seventh Annual Rooke Lecture Series – The Sixties Revisited... Those Were the Days. Lectures begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Peterborough Public Library. For more information, visit www.trentu.ca/english/rooke/

October 31 to November 3: Gilbert Ryle Lecture Series with the theme, Self-organization and the Problem of Life. All lectures begin at 8 p.m. For more information, visit www.trentu.ca/philosophy/ryles.htm

November 3 and 17: Writers Reading Series continues. For more information, visit www.trentu.ca/english

October 19 and November 16: Thomas H.B. Symons Seminar Series on Graduate Research. Seminars begin at 7 p.m. in the Traill College Junior Common Room. For more information visit www.trentu.ca/gsa/news.html ☺

he has selfish reasons for hosting a writers’ circle.

“I’ve always found writers’ circles help me with my writing,” he said. “It’s a great way to get feedback on your works-in-progress.”

Mr. Johansen also plans to work with the Trent International Program. As a student, Mr. Johansen participated in a study exchange to Dundee, Scotland. ☺

ALUMNI-IN-RESIDENCE:
RETURNING TO TRENT

Trent alumnus-in-residence **Paul Delaney** holds a rare title bestowed upon few throughout the world.

In March 2005 Mr. Delaney was made a divisional chief of Port Loko, Sierra Leone.

So how did a retired elementary teacher from Simcoe County end up as a chief of a town in northern Sierra Leone? You have to travel back to 1988 when Mr. Delaney returned to Canada after a stint teaching at a teacher’s college in Sierra Leone.

“When I returned to my home school in Simcoe County, I told the student council about what I’d seen,” he said. Many students in Sierra Leone lacked the proper school supplies necessary for learning.

“My students wanted to send bales of pencils, pens and paper back to a school in Sierra Leone.”

Mr. Delaney coordinated the project, which grew when a secondary school in Port Loko, Sierra

providing a **helping** hand
in **Sierra Leone**

Leone asked for fundraising help to build a well at their school.

“The kids came up with a solution – they would ask other schools to help and go on TV to appeal for donations,” said Mr. Delaney.

When civil war broke out in Sierra Leone, Mr. Delaney said he struggled with continuing the project because of the brutality of the war.

“My students were in Grade 4 and I struggled with the situation.

Women and babies were being murdered. People were having their arms and legs cut off. But the kids said, ‘How can we abandon them when they need our help?’”

The students eventually turned into a lobby group, said Mr. Delaney. “We did our best to get the sides to end it.”

In 2000, Mr. Delaney took four of his students to a United Nations conference in New York. The group did a presentation on Sierra Leone and what the school had done to try and help.

“Here are my little guys from Simcoe County in front of Secretary General of the United Nations Kofi Annan. It was so passionate – the ambassador from Sierra Leone wept. They believed in what they were doing.”

Fast-forward to March 2005. Mr. Delaney had a standing invitation to come to Port Loko to see the new secondary school built with the more than \$100,000 raised over 12 years.

He took the opportunity to go, travelling with a class trip organized by the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board. While the students and teachers remained in the Freetown area, Mr. Delaney headed north to Port Loko.

When he arrived, he was greeted by the whole town and was surprised with the ceremony naming him as an honorary chief.

While there, he toured the new high school and met children from the orphanage his classes had also supported.

Although he is now retired, the project has continued at his former school, he said.

“How can we abandon them when they need our help?”

Paul Delaney

“I miss that everyday contact with elementary students,” he said. “But this is a very pleasant alternative. I love being here; there’s a lot of intellectual stimulation.”

A graduate of ’68, Mr. Delaney first arrived at Trent when it opened its doors in 1964. He recently gave a slide show that featured photos from his time at Trent 40 years ago.

The alumnus-in-residence program connects accomplished alumni with current Trent students. Visiting alum visit with students, provide lectures and participate in campus life. ☺



ICAV Symposium at Trent

The Canadian-led International Consortium on Anti-Virals (ICAV), affiliated with Peterborough's Trent University, held a public symposium and scientific workshop September 23-25, 2005, to stress the urgent need for a global solution to emerging pandemic disease. Over 130 top scientists, researchers and medical experts from around the world attended.

World-renowned virologist and influenza expert, **Dr. Albert Osterhaus**, known in scientific circles as the 'Virus Hunter', topped an impressive list of speakers at ICAV's Third International Public Symposium and Scientific Workshop – 'Combating Global Pandemics'.

Osterhaus is a powerful voice in viral pandemic planning. A trained veterinarian, who earned his PhD in virology at Holland's Utrecht University, Osterhaus has played a role in the discovery of the SARS Corona virus, hMPV virus, and avian influenza virus or H5N1. He was responsible for alerting the World Health Organization (WHO) regarding H5N1, resulting in the culling of 1.2 million chickens in Hong Kong. He continues to be an advisor to the WHO, as well as to other agencies and governments around the world.

The Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Minister of State, Public Health, addressed the closing dinner.

ICAV was founded in 2004 by a group of Canadian scientists from The Protein Engineering Network of Centres of Excellence (PENCE) including **Drs. Jeremy Carver** and **Michel Chrétien**. Its inception came on the heels of the SARS crisis. ICAV is comprised of experts and institutions from 15 countries. These include the Pasteur Institute (Paris, Shanghai, Hong Kong); Glycobiology Institute (Oxford University, Oxford); Médecins sans Frontières (Paris); Taiwan Institute of Biochemistry; Pharmaciens sans Frontières (Montreal), Scripps Institute for Medical Research (San Diego); and the Glycomics Institute, Griffiths University (Australia). ☺



First Middleton Prize Awarded

Stephen Partridge, a third-year Philosophy and Political Studies major, has won the first ever James Middleton Essay Prize.

Mr. Partridge received a \$600 award for his essay *Plato and Justice* at a luncheon at Lady Eaton College on September 26.

"It's an essay that was creative and a risk-taker but it was also an essay that was accessible. It is work that can be broadly consumed outside of the university," said Dr. Christopher Tindale, who chaired the committee judging the essays.

Accessibility, a criterion for essay submissions, was one item that drew Mr. Partridge to the contest.

"I thought some of the characteristics they were looking for in the essays were very important, particularly the accessibility issue," he said. "I'm really honoured to win this award."

Trent Professor Wins Peter Robinson Award

Dr. Donald Mackay, Professor Emeritus, has received the City of Peterborough's prestigious Peter Robinson Award.

The award, initiated by Mayor Sylvia Sutherland to recognize citizens' outstanding local, national or international achievements, was presented to Prof. Mackay during a ceremony at Showplace Peterborough on September 15.

Prof. Mackay has gained a world-wide reputation among scholars for enhancing the understanding of the behaviour and effects of oil spills and has developed an innovative system to predict the fate and effects of chemicals in the environment.

These "Mackay models" are used as a basis of regulatory and environmental policy decisions around the world.



Inaugural Thomas H.B. Symons Seminar Series

The Graduate Students' Association (GSA) hosted the inaugural Thomas H.B. Symons Seminar Series on Graduate Student Research, Wednesday, September 21.

The seminars were:

- **Charlene Murphy**, Anthropology – the Richardson Site Revisited: An Examination of the Floral Assemblage from a Late Pickering Village
- **Todd Gouin**, Watershed Ecosystems – the environmental fate of polybrominated diphenyl ethers in the Great Lakes Basin.

The Seminar Series will run monthly from September to March, and the top presenter will be chosen as the Symons Student Lecturer. The Thomas H.B. Symons Seminar Series on Graduate Student Research continues on October 19.

New Field and Track Officially Opened at Trent

Students, staff and faculty celebrated the opening of Trent University's new artificial turf athletics field Wednesday, September 14 with an inaugural lap around the new track.

President Bonnie Patterson led a ribbon-cutting ceremony and those gathered – approximately 200 staff, faculty and students – walked one lap around the track. Participants then headed to the infield for a group photo.

A cake-cutting and open house in the P.S.B. Wilson Athletics Complex followed the opening ceremonies. Students, staff and faculty were invited to tour the new Health in Motion Physiotherapy and Sports Health Clinic, which opened September 7 in the Athletics Complex.

"We truly have a world-class facility for the benefit of the students, staff and faculty of the University as well as the community. This will be a major venue for sporting activity that will host exciting events such as the Women's Under 19 World Field Lacrosse Championships in 2007," said Trent President Bonnie Patterson.

Le-La-La Dancers Society Visits Trent

A renowned Vancouver Island Native dance troupe, the **Le-La-La Dancers Society**, performed at NOZHEM: First Peoples Performance Space, September 18-22.

During the five-day residency at Trent, the Le-La-La Dancers gave three school performances of "Spirit of the Masks" for Indigenous youth of all ages from Peterborough and nearby First Nation territories.



"Spirit of the Masks" is a narrative demonstration of traditional songs and dances. The performers use carved cedar masks, head-dresses, drums, rattles and button blankets to depict the ancient stories of animals and spirits within their culture.

The dance troupe also presented a workshop for performers and a lecture for members of the general public.

The Le-La-La Dancers Society is from the Kwakwaka'wakw Nation of northern Vancouver Island. Under the guidance of Artistic Director **George Taylor**, the group has been performing traditional songs, dances and stories of their Nation for more than 20 years.



Prestigious Scholarship Recipients Welcomed to Trent

President Bonnie Patterson welcomed 22 of the University's prestigious scholarship winners to Trent at a reception in Champlain College, September 21.

"This is a great opportunity to meet you face-to-face and it's important that you get to know

each other," said Ms. Patterson.

"When you've won this type of scholarship, you're really at the top of your game. Because you are at the top of your game, you will play a leadership role as students. We look to you for that leadership."

Ms. Patterson encouraged the scholars to think and act outside the box. "You have that opportunity at Trent," she said.

The students participated in self-reflection exercises, learned the value of having mentors and received advice from upper year students on how to make the most of university life.

Trent Alumna Launches Book for the Fantasy Enthusiast

Trent alumna **Holly Bennett** is breaking the mould for Fantasy literature with the launch of her first novel, *The Bonemender*.

Ms. Bennett, a graduate from the class of '79, notes that Fantasy is a popular genre but is often oriented toward male heroes.

"I wanted to show that good Fantasy could be made with female heroes in epic battles," she said at the official launch of *The Bonemender* at Titles Bookstore in Peterborough on October 3.

According to Ms. Bennett, the book was inspired by the reading she and her children do together. In fact, *Star Wars*, a favourite of her children, was how she envisioned *The Bonemender* would come together thematically, she said.



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