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EDITORIAL



***find what
you love to
do and do
it ...***

Not too long ago, I had the privilege of watching an old friend receive an honorary doctorate from Brock University. As he addressed the crowd of excited graduates and families, he spoke not about the world situation, nor about his many achievements, but about the importance of commitment.

His message was a simple one: find what you love to do and do it – for as long as you can.

The honorary degree recipient was Terry Varcoe, a man who has held the position of vice president of finance at Brock for 37 years.

Just one year longer than our own Paul Wilson has reigned as Director of Athletics at Trent.

And I know that Paul – who happens to be an old friend of Terry's – would share his views on the importance of remaining dedicated to a place and to the people in it.

Paul's career at Trent has been marked by the same love of task that Terry found at Brock. Both men had the remarkable opportunity to be builders of young universities, to watch something important grow out of nothing more than hopes and dreams and architect's sketches. Both men have watched more than three decades of students pass through the gates, both have weathered the gales of uncertain funding futures and both have contributed mightily to seeing their institutions through the good times and the bad.

Both have loved their work.

And both will leave their respective universities far richer for their time at the helm.

May we all be so fortunate to find work that is so fulfilling and causes that are worthy of so many years of dedicated service.

As those of you who know Paul will attest, he has been the lifeblood of athletics at Trent – but he has been so much more than that. His booming laugh, his ability to remember the names of every student who ever went to Trent (or even considered it) and his enthusiasm for alumni events of all kinds, have made our university a better, kinder and more welcoming place. Our tribute to Paul Wilson and his talented wife Gillian, begins in this issue, but we have no doubt that it will be continued at many alumni gatherings, for many years to come.

Thank you Paul, for everything.

Liz Fleming '77



BACK IN BUSINESS!

The Belleville/Quinte Chapter has been revived, thanks to the volunteer leadership of new Chapter President Nordra Stephen '75. For more information about possible chapter activities & events, or to assist with the Chapter committee, contact Nordra at 613-966-4011 or garnett.stephen@sympatico.ca.

Watch for a mailing about a chapter reception in October, with guest of honour retired Athletics Director Paul Wilson.



We're Well Represented

This past June, members of the Alumni Council converged upon Camp Kawartha for our annual weekend retreat to see where we were with our planning priorities and what kinds of things we needed to do to help move our goals forward. In addition, we spent a great deal of time discussing what's going on today at the University and how we might be able to combine our Association goals with the over-all goals of the University.

While these two things might seem contrary at the outset, they are actually closely connected. After all, the experiences and the reality of the current students directly affects what our Association will look like tomorrow. It's in our best interests to know today what we'll be faced with tomorrow. To this end, we were pleased to welcome Director of Communications **Marilyn Burns '00** to our meeting. Marilyn gave a wonderful presentation about the University's plans for a communication strategy. We were able to offer suggestions, ask questions, and generally discuss what was important to us as a broad-reaching group. The communication strategy, as you know, is a key component of our 2001 planning document, so we were glad to have an opportunity to discuss it with Marilyn.

As well, we were visited by Professor Chris Metcalfe, Dean of Research and Graduate Studies, and President Bonnie Patterson. Both Chris and Bonnie discussed ideas and current initiatives underway at Trent and where the future might be headed. It was wonderful to hear about the many successes that Trent has met both in graduate studies and in the general life of the University.

I am pleased to tell you that our visitors commented on the youthful enthusiasm of our members, and our high level of interest and knowledge of what is going on at Trent. It is this kind of attentiveness to the needs, restrictions, and atmosphere of the Trent of today that gives us a strong voice in the University community, even though some of us graduated many moons ago.

A large part of the respect in which we are held in the Trent community comes from the wonderful representation we have on committees such as the Board of Governors. While there are many Alumni who sit on several University committees, the BOG is a very demanding one in terms of the time commitment and the level of knowledge and participation members are expected to meet. We have always been well served by

our BOG representatives! On behalf of the Council, I would like to thank **Paul Crookall '65** for three years of excellent service as one of our two Board reps. **Kate Ramsay '71** will continue for her second year and **Dan Coholan '77** will begin a two year term. The knowledge, expertise, and commitment these people have brought, and will bring, to the Board of Governors is nothing short of spectacular. Thank you!

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not recognize another alumni contribution that directly impacts how effective the Alumni Council and the Alumni office works for you, its members. **Kathleen Easson '78** recently celebrated 20 years of service at Trent University! As most of you will know, Kathleen is the kingpin of the Alumni Office; the walking computer who knows all, schedules all, and makes sure that everyone is where they should be. She is an excellent advocate for our Mentoring Program and making undergraduate students aware of the Alumni Association, and wastes no time in meeting the requests of Alumni from around the world or staff members at the University. On behalf of the members of the Alumni Council, past and present: Thank you Kathleen, for your years of wonderful service to our organization!

Add to all of these people, and many more not mentioned here, the 950 new alumni members who were welcomed into our group at the May convocation. With their Trent experience fresh in their minds, it is our hope that they continue to act as ambassadors for Trent and speak of the value of the education they received here. As well, I look forward to their involvement in the Alumni Council for many years to come.

Thank you to everyone who serves our 24,000 members so well!

Maureen Hughes '89



Building Greatness at Trent

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When you step onto the Faryon Bridge at Head of the Trent this year, you'll be seeing the Trent University you know and love—and you'll be seeing the University in a whole new light. Construction of brand new facilities will be visible on the East Bank and, no doubt, there will be a buzz in the air about so much more. These are pivotal times for Trent and, I'm sure you'll agree, the University's future is looking bright ahead.

Trent's success in attracting a funded consecutive teacher education program will go a long way to strengthening a sustainable Trent future and responding to the long-expressed needs of students and the community. Recent stats show that 40 percent of Trent graduates go on to pursue a career in education. This program will help our current students achieve their career goals and

provide a much-needed supply of graduates holding a Bachelor of Education right here in our own community. The program announced in the summer will accept its first students in 2003, to the delight of students, faculty and educators throughout the region.

As alumni, you'll be glad to know that the university funding announced in the June provincial budget will help us to prepare for the growth we anticipate through the double cohort and beyond. The jump from \$293 million to \$368 million in operating funds gives colleges and universities the ability to address issues related to the double cohort system-wide throughout Ontario. At Trent, our key goal remains to ensure that students have a similar quality undergraduate experience to the one that you, as alumni, had during your years here. Our focus on the success of the individual student.

As you'll read later in this issue of *TrenT*, building projects at Symons Campus are moving ahead—and exciting developments in teaching and research will be the inevitable result. Construction on Trent's new Science Facility and the Integrated College/First People's House of Learning has moved ahead with the selection of architects and contractors.

Research and innovation at universities got an additional boost through the provincial budget, with \$250 million to be injected into the Research and Development Challenge Fund. The Ontario Innovation Trust will increase by \$300 million and the Ontario Research Performance Fund will increase by \$2 million per year, assisting universities with infrastructure support and funding for the indirect costs of research.

While universities had hoped for a response to the issues of unfunded students and deferred maintenance, a bright spot was extended funding for the Ontario Student Opportunities Trust Fund (OSOTF), a matching program for student aid. Overall, the budget gave an indication that university education remains a funding priority for the provincial government.

The Council of Ontario Universities (COU) will continue to work with the Ministry to address these and other issues—and, of course, it will be critical that Trent's specific needs be clearly understood.

Meanwhile, Trent's Office of the Registrar reports confirmation of acceptances are up 40 percent over the previous year at Trent. An additional 1,700 students are expected to enroll at Trent over a five year period. Perhaps most notably, a recent report shows Trent tops all other Ontario universities for first choice acceptances. To prepare for the extra students, the University has hired 18 more faculty this summer to complement the 25 new professors who joined Trent last fall. We will also begin recruitment efforts this term for an additional 20 faculty for 2003/4. Student Affairs is planning innovative and exciting Introductory Seminar Week activities to prepare for a younger contingent of first-year students. To help avoid some lineups and delays the University is implementing a brand new software program called My Trent, which will give students unprecedented online access to their marks, schedules, and course registration status.

Having reviewed this message to you, our alumni, it strikes me that, in so many ways, these are exciting times for Trent University. At the June 8th meeting of the Alumni Council, I gave a brief talk about how Trent continues to forge ahead on the path toward its preferred future. As always, I was impressed with the level of interest, commitment, and involvement our alumni brought to the discussion. Rest assured that with Build 2000 projects fully underway, greatly increased enrollment figures, and exciting new leaps in academic programming and research, Trent is truly poised to celebrate its 38th birthday this October with certainty for a great future.

On a closing note, this past spring, a dear friend of Trent

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BY JAMIE FLEMING '76



The Inimitable PSB: A Conversation With The Great Man on The Approach of His Retirement

Above: PSB Wilson received the Symons Award for Excellence in Teaching and the Board of Governors Eminent Service Award at Convocation on May 31, 2002.

Contemplating the end of the Wilson era at Trent is nothing short of mind-boggling: akin to imagining Niagara Falls without water or the Arctic Circle without ice. In so many ways, and for so many years, Paul Wilson has embodied the very essence of athletics at Trent – for varsity and intramural athletes alike. He has left his mark in more ways than we can enumerate and for this he will long be remembered. In celebration of his long service to Trent and its people, and to serve as a means of letting all those who love Paul enjoy another taste of Wilson wit and wisdom, we invited long-time friend, Trent alum and squash buddy, Jamie Fleming '76 to chat with the great man himself. Their conversation follows:

Jamie: Paul, how many years has it been?

Paul: A very, very long time. It's been 36 years.

Jamie: And what brought you to Trent in the first place?

Paul: It was Michael Treadwell, actually. He was working as Dick Sadleir's assistant at the time and they'd determined that Trent had better have somebody to handle athletics. Michael and I were old friends from U of T and he knew where to find me in England. When he called and told me about the Athletic Director's job, the first thing I said was 'Where the hell is Peterborough?' But it was Michael calling, after all, so I decided to come and have a look. I've been here ever since.

Jamie: And what did you find when you arrived?

Paul: Not bloody much! There were no facilities at all – in fact, the Nassau campus didn't exist yet. In those early years, we used city rinks and pools and fields. The City of Peterborough was anxious to have a university, so they were very generous about sharing with Trent students.

Jamie: At what point did you get facilities on campus?

Paul: In 1971, we got the bubble. It was just a temporary thing, which in fact, lasted for ten years ... better than nothing, but certainly not what Trent needed. The Athletic Complex opened in October of 1977.

Jamie: Paul's Palace.

Paul: The Athletic Complex is a landmark building on campus and I think it has always spoken to the importance that Trent places on the non-academic aspect of student life.

Jamie: Paul, there've been so many important moments in your career at Trent. Are there any that will stand out in your memory?

Paul: There are too many to mention them all ... Gillian and I have had a wonderful time here at Trent and in the Peterborough community. If I had to choose one or two, I'd have to say that winning the Symons Award for Teaching was a huge event not only for me, but also for the program as a whole. It showed that there is a recognition within the Trent community that important teaching can happen outside the classroom...and that's key to what the Athletics program is all about.

The opening of the Athletic Complex was a stand-out moment. We'd come of age ... we were ready to hire staff and get going. The development of Trent's partnership with the Peterborough Rowing Club and the building of the boathouses ... those were also important landmarks. But I think that the part of the Trent experience that has been most rewarding has been the chance I've had to work with some really outstanding people ... like Gillian Stamp, Carol Love, Sue Robinson, Bruce Emmerton and Scott Ogilvie. It was always the people who were most important...who made this place what it is.

Jamie: One of the things that I've always thought set Trent apart from other universities was the equal emphasis that was put on varsity and intramural sport. One never seemed more important than the other – was that a fair perception?

Paul: I always believed that athletics should be a part of everyone's univer-

sity experience and that our attention shouldn't be focused exclusively on the varsity athletes. Our philosophy was that the intramural ball hockey game was as important to those who participated as the varsity hockey game was to its players. We felt that every participant should be treated the same way – they should get the ice time, or the gym time they needed, with proper referees. You need to concentrate on building a strong base of intramural athletics ... the elite athletes will come to the surface and you can steer them into the proper spots as they appear.

You have to remember that our students are our customers ... they're paying the freight. In fact, 60 percent of Trent's income comes directly from the students and they deserve gym time and pool time and whatever else they need to participate in athletics. It's that simple.

We've always had incredible support from the students. A few years ago, we asked for an eight percent increase in athletic fees, and the students came back and said 'Here, have eleven percent.'

Jamie: That really says something about how important students feel the athletic program is.

Paul: One of the great highlights of my career at Trent has been the messages I've occasionally received from alumni saying things like: "the athletic program had a profound effect on my time at Trent." One fellow I bumped into at a golf tournament not too long ago came up and introduced himself specifically to tell me how



Lloyd Fenemore '66, President Bonnie Patterson and Paul at his induction into the Peterborough Sports Hall of Fame

much he'd enjoyed his fencing career at Trent. Things like that made it all worthwhile for me ... made me proud of what we've been doing here.

Jamie: And Trent athletes have given you reason to be proud.

Paul: Trent has produced some very fine athletes over the years. People like **Rob Marland '83** and **Ted de St. Croix '76** ... all the various rowing teams and soccer teams and rugby teams and ... There are far too many to mention them all. But there are moments I'll always remember. Like the time the Trent men's and women's soccer teams beat U of T in Varsity Stadium, one after the other ... glorious!

Jamie: One of the memories I'll always have of the Trent Athletics Department under your leadership will be of the squash tour of England you organized. At the time, I didn't think there was anything unusual about a couple of students, a couple of professors and their wives and the Director of Athletics heading off to play squash in England together, but now, as a university administrator myself, I realize how incredible it was.

Paul: What was incredible was the fact that we all managed to show up in front of the Red Lion Pub in Wareham at the same time! I'd figured the chances of that happening were infinitesimal, but we all arrived within ten minutes of each other.

I was also lucky enough to be part of a rugby tour of England, Wales and Ireland in the early 80s, and a marvelous time was had by all.

Jamie: Paul, given the traditions of participation and inclusion that you've established for Trent athletics, what would you like to see in the future?

Paul: I'd hope to see that same participation philosophy continued, but it will be up to the new Director to create a program in his/her own mold. There are huge challenges ahead like the coming of the double cohort: no one is really prepared for that, I don't think. Trent's application rate is up by 49 percent, the highest in the province, thanks to a strong high school liaison team and great support from the registrar. It's going to be quite a job to find facilities to accommodate more students than we've ever had before, and they'll be younger students. Another great challenge will be to convince the academic world that athletics is a viable and important part of university life; and the generally sedentary lifestyle of



Nancy Sharpe '82 was inducted into the Peterborough Sports Hall of Fame on the same occasion as Paul Wilson

our population as a whole makes the promotion of healthy participation all the more pressing an issue.

Jamie: And what about you, Paul? What does the future hold for you?

Paul: Well, Fleming, it's hard to get rid of me, it seems. Tony Storey and the Alumni Council have asked me to

serve as an alumni ambassador of sorts. I think my job will be to travel around and drink beer with alumni in various parts of the country. I think I should be able to do that very well!

Jamie: Sort of tapping into a natural talent, I'd say.

Paul, on a serious note, I'd like to

wish you all the best on your retirement and thank you for everything you've done for Trent. Liz and I hope you'll make Niagara your first stop on your ambassadorial tour, and we hope you'll be making your rounds for many years.

Paul: Indeed. ☺

Paul Wilson is not the only member of the Wilson family who has made an important and lasting contribution to Peterborough and Trent. Trent Magazine invited alumna Beth McMaster to contribute this profile of Paul's "mate," Gillian Wilson.

Gillian Wilson by Beth McMaster '78

We've grown accustomed to her face ... it's second nature to us now

Ever since she turned on a cockney accent and brought Eliza Doolittle to life in the Peterborough Theatre Guild 1972 production of *My Fair Lady*, the whole community has been in awe of Gillian Wilson's theatrical talent.

Even before she engaged in verbal combat with Henry Higgins (John Wiseman), in fact soon after Gillian and Paul arrived at Trent in 1966, she was involved with Theatre Trent productions of the very popular Gilbert and Sullivan Operettas and with shows at Lakefield College School. Over the years Gillian and David Gallop directed and produced hilarious Anniversary shows for the Trent Community.

Gillian's main work with the Theatre Guild has been acting and directing. And talk about versatility! She was one of the staid king's wives in *The King and I* and then became a Kit Kat Girl looking for a menage a trois in *Cabaret*. She took many leads but according to Gillian the role that was the most fun was when she went over the top (in acting and in the low cut costume!) for the part of Mrs. Squeezum in *Lock Up Your Daughters*.

Wait Until Dark, Brigadoon, Blithe Spirit, Oliver!, and Me and My Girl

were a few of the successful shows that were lucky enough to have Gillian in the director's chair.

Gillian didn't shy away from the less visible tasks either. She has produced (*Murder in the Cathedral*), stage managed (*Ring Round the Moon*), assisted with make-up, house managed and put together programs.

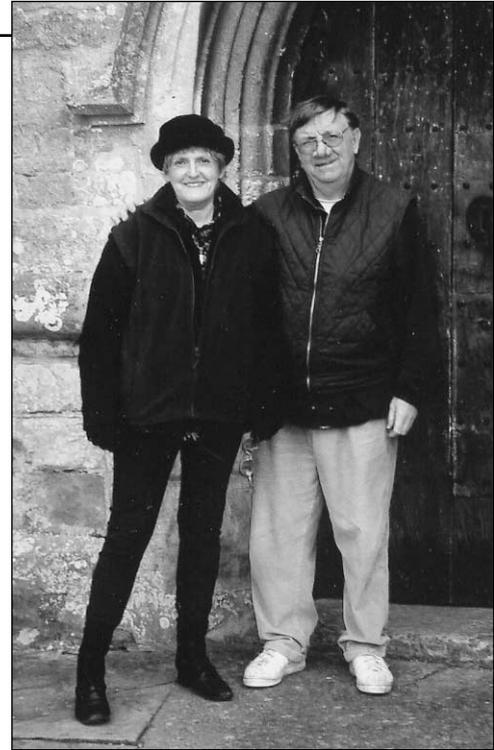
Much of this was done while Gillian and Paul were serving a five year term as Dons of Lady Eaton College. Both Robyn, born in 1968, and John, born in 1970 got a head start in theatrical training because of the number of rehearsals they attended, both inside and outside the womb! The dramatic interest of other Peterborough children was encouraged through the creative drama classes Gillian conducted over several years.

Parties! There were parties for the students. There were team parties for rugby, for cricket, for squash. The Wilson door was open and Gillian was there unrolling the welcome mat.

As time went on, knowledge of her fine stage work spread to Lindsay where she appeared in Kawartha Summer Theatre's professional shows for two seasons.

Gillian was on the board of Arbour Theatre during its very active years and served on the selection committee for Peterborough's Pathway of Fame. Activities during her term as chair of the board of The Art School of Peterborough included major fundraising auctions.

In more recent years Gillian has directed an annual fund-raiser for



Paul & Gillian Wilson, outside of the church where they were married in Queen Camel, Somerset

Showplace. Over the four years, *Spring Tonic*, a celebration of local talent, has raised close to \$100,000 for the downtown theatre. Because she brings such fun to everything she does, year after year Gillian has a devoted group ready and willing to donate their time to put the show on stage.

It was a lucky day for Trent, and for Peterborough when Paul Wilson accepted his position as Athletic Director and part of that good fortune was that Mrs. Wilson was Gillian who has been and still is an energetic, capable and generous contributor to the community. It has indeed been "lovely". ☺

Trent University to launch high-profile consecutive education program



There is good news afoot for the 1,500 people who called Trent University this past year to inquire about the availability of a consecutive teacher education program.

For years Trent has lobbied the provincial government for the approval of its own consecutive teacher education program. Now, on the eve of a province-wide teacher shortage, the University has been given the green light to create its own program and open up 155 teacher education spaces for September of 2003.

In late spring of 2002 Trent received a letter from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities confirming the approval of the program. This was followed, in June, by a visit from representatives of the Ontario College of Teachers and the launch of program development discussions. A steering committee and advisory committee have been established and a new School of Education and Professional Learning director – **Dr. Deborah Berrill '69** – has been appointed.

The introduction of a consecutive program goes hand-in-hand with the concurrent education program Trent has been offering for many years in conjunction with Queen's University. In a concurrent program students take education courses in tandem with B.A. or B.Sc. courses, followed by one year of study and practicum teaching administered through Queen's. Traditionally, in a consecutive program scenario, students apply after they have completed a B.A. or B.Sc., focussing all of their education studies into a subsequent year. Both programs result in a Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) designation.

The Trent program will offer 115 spaces for full-time education students using the traditional consecutive model. A second, unique approach will also be offered to students who prefer to complete their education training on a part-time basis. Forty part-time spaces will be

offered, which may be particularly attractive to mature students who have job and family dynamics to consider. An innovative compressed summer schedule will be an option for part-time students, along with part-time studies throughout the school year.

Specific details of the Trent consecutive education program are being firmed up, with a goal of September 2003 as the intake point for the first group of students. Dr. Deborah Berrill (*shown at left*), former director of the Trent/Queen's Concurrent Teacher Education program, will be a key player in pulling the program components together. She is a highly-respected educator and, as the new director of the Trent School of Education and Professional Learning, will oversee the entire process.

The expectations of Trent University leaders for an extremely successful consecutive education program are based on the experience of the program's administrative staff as well as community interest in the program. There is high demand from Trent students for education training and the many outside calls received this year echo that interest. Both area school boards are highly supportive of the program's introduction.

Peterborough has historic ties to education programming that date back to the opening of the Peterborough Normal School in 1907. This later became the Peterborough Teachers' College and, in the 1970s, the Trent/Queen's concurrent program began. Trent is committed to nurturing and supporting that arrangement, introducing the consecutive program as a complement to the existing concurrent program.

Many members of the Trent community are excitedly discussing the news of the approval of the consecutive teacher education program and its positive implications for Trent, as a whole. ☺

Preparing for the Double Cohort: What does it mean for Trent?

In Ontario many parents, including Trent alumni, have been deluged with media reports on the phenomena of the 'double cohort.'

The double cohort refers to the Government of Ontario's decision to eliminate Grade 13 effective September, 2003. That year will see two cohorts or groups of students graduate from high schools at the same time – grade 12 students and the last of Ontario's graduating class of grade 13 students in their final 'OAC' year of study. The decision brings Ontario in line with many other provincial jurisdictions that see their students graduate from high school after Grade 12.

Although elimination of Grade 13 is not set to take place for another year, many post-secondary institutions, including Trent University, are already feeling the affects of the double cohort implementation. Some students are 'fast-tracking' their studies to beat a perceived glut of applications to universities and colleges. This fast-tracking trend is most evident by the significant increases in applications to Ontario universities this spring. Applications to Trent increased dramatically.

What is Trent University doing to prepare for these changes?

MEETING WITH STUDENTS/PARENTS

Getting Trent University's messages out to students and parents has been a priority. Public meetings have been held in the Kawarthas in collaboration with Sir Sandford Fleming College to address students' and parents' questions and concerns. Advertising boosted attendance at the meetings and local media reporting increased awareness of the issue and Trent's plans. Liaison staff have also been meeting with prospective students and their families at numerous applicant receptions outside of Peterborough. Attendance at these meetings was strong and many questions at these sessions focused on how Trent is preparing for a younger cohort of first year students.

NEW SUPPORT SYSTEMS

At Trent the 'don' system has been reorganized and new training programs introduced for college staff to provide better support services to younger students. Providing a safe learning and residential environment is a priority issue for parents. Trent's small size is an attribute that will provide reassurance to students and their families.

ADMISSIONS – FAIR TREATMENT

In response to frequent questions by students, Trent has stressed that its admission procedures have been carefully reviewed to ensure that equal consideration is given to both OAC

students and graduates of the new Ontario curriculum. As in the past, Trent will continue its long-standing practice of evaluating any extenuating circumstances regarding a student's application.

INVESTMENTS IN FACILITY UPGRADES

One of the most important responses the university has undertaken is a revised capital development strategy to accommodate the double cohort. Through Ontario's SuperBuild program and investments by the university, construction of a new \$17 million dollar Science Addition will provide students access to research labs, lecture halls, teaching labs and ancillary space. A new Integrated College/Residence and First Peoples House of Learning has also been approved. This facility will include a new 250-bed residence fully integrated with academic space, classrooms, lecture halls, academic offices, department administrative offices and new cultural space for the Native Studies Department. All facilities are scheduled to be ready for September, 2003, will blend into the natural landscape and will animate the activity on the East Bank towards the Otonabee River.

NEW FACULTY

Trent hired 26 new faculty for the 2001-02 academic year. Through implementation of its long-range staffing plan, the University plans to recruit an additional 18 new professors in the coming year followed by 20 more new faculty members in 2003-04. New faculty combined with improved class scheduling, and an increase in classroom and lab space, will add to Trent's reputation for providing students access to faculty in small classroom settings.

REVISED ENROLMENT PLAN

Trent's revised institutional enrolment plan projects almost 1,500 additional students between now and 2004-05.

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BY TANIA PATTISON '84



Honorary Degrees: A Behind-the-Scenes Look

Above, Dr. Doris McCarthy

What do astronaut Chris Hadfield, former hockey player Bob Gainey, dancer Karen Kain, and native activist Matthew Coon-Come have in common? Apart from being distinguished Canadians, they are all honorary graduates of Trent. They are among the over 160 men and women who have walked across the stage at Convocation to receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters (D.Litt.) or Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) from Trent.

Who are these honorary graduates, and how are they selected?

Each year, up to four individuals are awarded honorary degrees in recognition of the outstanding contributions they have made to society. The contributions could be in any field: the arts, science, business, sports, public service, academe, and so on. Some, like Margaret Atwood, Gordon Lightfoot and the late Ernie Coombs ("Mr. Dressup") are household names; others are far less likely to be seen on national television, but are considered no less worthy of recognition for their contributions to their fields.

The process of obtaining an honorary degree from Trent usually starts in the fall, when a call for nominations goes out from the Committee on University Honours, a sub-committee of the Senate Executive. Anyone may submit a nomination to the Committee, which is made up of the Chancellor, the President, a member of the Board, and representatives from faculty, the alumni, and the student body.

While there are few hard-and-fast rules concerning honorary degrees, there are one or two guidelines that nominators should keep in mind. Active elected politicians are usually not eligible, and honorary degrees are generally not given posthumously. Canadian citizenship is not a requirement, and past recipients have included such well-known international figures as Nelson Mandela and Andrei Sakharov. However, the Committee tends to avoid nominees who already have "a long list of hon-

ours and degrees," and tries to seek out individuals who have made a significant contribution to society, but who have, as yet, received little formal recognition.

While a connection with Trent or the Peterborough community is not required, a number of recipients have been involved with the university and the city. Some, like **James Orbinski**, are past students; others, such as T.H.B. Symons, are remembered for the crucial role they have played in the development of Trent. Members of the arts community who have enjoyed a relationship with Trent and the local area include writers Timothy Findley, Robertson Davies, and W.O. Mitchell, Trent architect Ronald Thom, and of course, Peter Gzowski. Similarly, honorary graduates are often members of the local business community, noted for their service to the university and the local community.

Once the nominations are in, the Committee on University Honours has the difficult job of coming up with the names of the three or four individuals who will receive the degree. The final decision is approved by the Senate Executive, and ultimately by the Senate, and the decision is made whether to confer the degree of D.Litt., or that of LL.D. Most honorary graduates will receive the LL.D. degree, with the D.Litt being reserved for those involved in the literary world.

All that remains is for the recipients to be invited to come to Trent to receive their degrees. Honorary degrees are generally not granted in absentia, and it is customary for each recipient to attend Convocation and receive his or her degree in person.

This year, four honorary degrees were awarded at Convocation on May 31st. The recipients were: John de Pencier, former Chair of the Trent Board of Governors, nominated for his extensive volunteer work; Canadian landscape artist Doris McCarthy (*shown at left*); David Morton, former CEO of Quaker Oats, recognized for his volunteer work and fundraising efforts; and John Daniel O'Leary, President of Frontier College.

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BY MARILYN BURNS '00

Susan Mackle: a woman of distinction

In her 14th year at Trent, Mackle has made many outstanding contributions to the community including last year's Beyond Our Walls campaign which exceeded the campaign goal raising \$17.2 million for Trent University. President Bonnie Patterson offered her sincere congratulations to Mackle for the award. "This award pays tribute not only to Susan's leadership in the advancement

profession, but also to her volunteer work in the community," said President Patterson. "Susan is continuously sharing her professional skills with community service groups, adding to the vitality of the Peterborough community."

Mackle's leadership skills and dedication have not gone unnoticed by her staff. "Susan has led the most successful fundraising campaign in the history of Trent University and in the Peterborough area, and as busy as she is in her position as one of the Vice Presidents of the University, she finds time to volunteer in the community," her staff commented. "Susan is warm, strong and supportive of her staff, colleagues and community."

Mackle has expressed her gratitude for the award and, perhaps especially, the nomination by her staff. "The fact that my staff nominated me was a wonderful indication that they were supportive of my work in the community," she said.

Soroptimist International is the world's largest classified service organization for executive and professional women who are working through service projects to advance human rights and the status of women. Although she is not a member of Soroptimist, Susan definitely reflects the kind of women involved with the organization. A spokesperson for Soroptimist International of Peterborough says "There is no doubt that Susan embodies all the characteristics that this award represents. As a professional, Susan consistently displays

her unquestioned passion for Trent University. Her ability to encourage and inspire others to become involved in the Trent community is a key factor to her success. Susan consistently presents Trent not as an ordinary institution but as something special – a distinct and outstanding university. Her enthusiasm for improving society through both her volunteer and professional activities reinforces the decision to honour Susan Mackle as the 'Women of Distinction' recipient this year."

Mackle graduated from King's College at the University of Western Ontario. Before beginning her career at Trent in 1988 as Vice President of Development, she worked as the Vice President of Development and Community Relations at the Wellesley Hospital in Toronto. In 1998, Mackle was promoted to Vice President Advancement at the University. She has truly enjoyed every year at Trent: "My work is fascinating, I get to experience so many things and interact with such exciting people," she said.

There's no doubt, this 'Woman of Distinction Award' recipient will continue dedicating her time and knowledge to Trent and the community. ☺

The name 'Soroptimist' is coined from the Latin words 'soror' and 'optima' meaning the best for women and, in fact, Trent may have one of the best of women.

Vice President of Advancement, Susan Mackle is truly a woman of distinction in the Peterborough Community and it was her staff in the Development Office here at Trent and the Soroptimist International of Peterborough who gave her the recognition she deserved.

This past March, Soroptimist awarded Mackle with the 'Woman of Distinction Award' for 2002. She was selected as a woman who has made outstanding achievements in her professional, business and voluntary activities during the last ten years, demonstrated exemplary character, integrity and leadership, and been visible and vocal in her field. "I am actually quite involved in the community," she said. Mackle was the first female President for the Peterborough Rotary Club and has been involved with many other committees throughout the community.



VP Susan Mackle (centre) and colleagues (l to r): Lois Fleming, Katie Brown, Jennifer MacIsaac and Helen Keller.

Respected educators achieve Professor Emeriti status

The following professors have exemplified wisdom and dedication to quality education at Trent University. They have all been active in campus life, beyond the classroom, and are highly respected in their fields of study. Thankfully, as they enter retirement, they have been honoured with Professor Emeriti status and plan to continue with various research projects. As a result, you're likely to see at least a few of the following individuals around campus in the years to come.

PATRICIA MORTON

History Professor Patricia Morton came to Trent in 1976 and, after 26 years of teaching, has been honoured with Professor Emerita status.

Morton is originally from Toronto, where she attended the University of Toronto and received her M.A. and Ph.D. She wrote extensively about the fields of women's history and the American south, including numerous articles and two books, entitled *Disfigured Images: the Historic Assault Upon Afro-American Women* and *Discovering the Women in Slavery*. Morton also enjoyed serving as Senior Tutor at Lady Eaton College for four years.

She has been the recipient of several awards including an Ontario Scholarship, Ontario Graduate Fellowship and a University of Toronto Fellowship. Along with teaching, her pleasures in life include writing short stories, outdoor activities, and spending time with her family, including her husband, David, and six grandchildren.

JOHN MARSH

For 31 years Professor John Marsh has been teaching students about the wonders of geography. Born in the U.K., the professor left the University of Calgary to come to Trent, where he became an important part of the university's faculty and broader community.

"I chose Trent because of its innovative character, commitment to teaching and its proximity to wilderness and Toronto," says Marsh, who is retiring from his role as educator. Marsh feels his greatest professional reward has been seeing graduate and undergraduate students complete interesting theses and progress to jobs in conservation.

Marsh has been a long-time member of several committees at Trent University, including those in the area of Academic Development, Graduate Studies, the Frost Centre and Nature Areas. His career has taken him far beyond Trent boundaries, teaching Trent summer courses at the University of West Indies in Trinidad and geography courses in Barbados. This professor has also published over 240 articles, reports, editorials and reviews and has edited five books. Over the years, Marsh has made hundreds of presentations at conferences, such as the World Parks Congress, the Canadian Association of Geographers and the Parks Research Forum of Ontario.

There are many things about the Trent campus Professor Marsh will miss, such as interaction with students and field work. "I will remember the exciting atmosphere around Trent in its first decade, the compatible colleagues and the attractive campus," he says.

Although he has finished teaching, John Marsh expects to live in the Peterborough area for a few more years and will offer a training course in 'ecotourism and community development.' As a Professor Emeritus, the research he will conduct during his retirement will focus on national parks and national identity in Canada, as well as the "characteristics, designation and protection of cultural landscapes," particularly in the Kawarthas. In the midst of these things, Marsh plans to find some time for consulting about international conservation and simply enjoying what he taught so well – the world and its geography.

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BY GAIL MCLAREN '69

The First Head of the Trent

Watching my daughter's crew rowing in the Trent regatta last year took me back 30 years to the time when I was part of the first Trent women's crew and the first Head of the Trent.

We had actually made our debut the previous year in 1970 at the Eastern Canadian rowing championship in St. Catharines. We were not considered much of a threat. At that point in its history, many people had never even heard of Trent, much less having any idea where it might be.

When we arrived on the scene wearing our for once co-ordinated shirts borrowed from some varsity men's team and carrying our aged, also borrowed shell, we were met with some skepticism, if not outright derision from the more established schools like Western. In fact rumour had it that Brock University, confident of victory on their home course, had already had their name engraved on the trophy.

They of course could not have known about our secret weapon, Lach MacLean (in training even then for his future role as an officer in the Navy.) Lach and Chris Leach (a former Olympic rower) were the driving force behind that first rowing season at Trent when two crews, a women's and men's eight, were launched. The recruiting process consisted of literally twisting the arms of a few hearty women with some affinity for water sports. Many of us, keen canoeists, were challenged to try a "real" sport. After a brief honing process we had eight novice rowers and a cox, all with a sense of adventure but really no idea of what we were in for.

After our first week on the water, even the most masochistic among us were experiencing serious doubts. It wasn't just the blisters on our hands not yet hardened into calluses, nor the bruises on our calves where the not easily adjustable tracks made contact. It wasn't simply a matter of aching muscles adjusting to this rig-

orous new physical regimen. It wasn't even the discomfort of wading just up to crotch level into the cold river to launch the boat. (There were no docks that first season.) No, beyond all these physical inconveniences what was quickly apparent to all of us was that we were in the hands of a fanatic, and having made this commitment there was no way out. No way out of the nightly "warm-up" run up the drumlin, Lach standing at the bottom yelling to make sure no one faltered (failing to run all the way would mean extra track sprints). No way out of various Lach designed forms of torture like running while carrying a teammate piggyback. And certainly no way out once we were on the water, Lach right beside us analyzing, criticizing our every move. "Seven, you're shooting your ass! Bow you're late again! Set it up! SET IT UP!" And invariably just when we had all reached our outer limits for that day's practise, the oft repeated, "Just another hard 20!" It was, of course, never just 20 strokes.

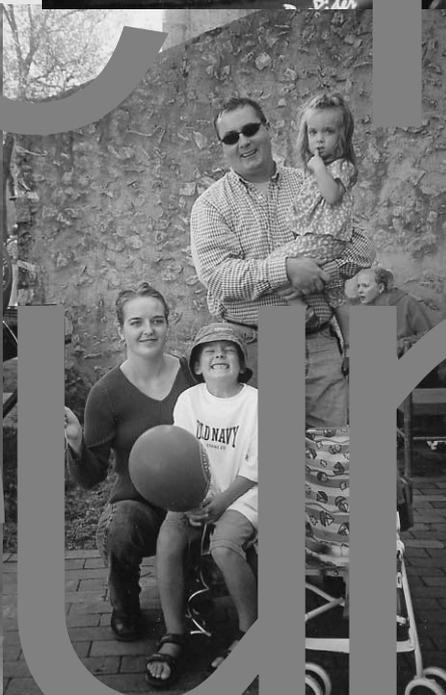
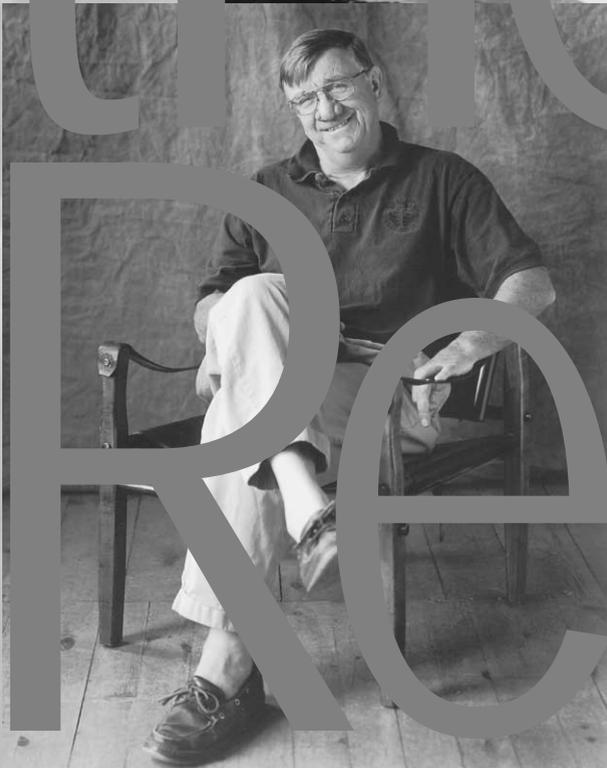
Half-way through the season we'd be finishing just as darkness fell. (We shared our borrowed shell with the men's crew and they got the early morning shift.) Lach read "The Psychology of the Superior Athlete", a book, which we could only assume prescribed rigour, discipline and no praise whatsoever!

For that final regatta of the first season we were not even allowed to share a bus with the men's crew. Nor was there to be any "fraternizing" prior to the race, just the total focus required of the "superior athlete". But amazingly we pulled it off, this motley crew from the new, unknown university, the victory being that much sweeter because we weren't expected to even place.

How satisfying that moment when we threw Lach, duffle-coated, into those cold, murky waters, immediate compensation for all the abuse we'd been subjected to. By the next September a few of us still forgetfully flush with glory, signed on

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WHERE AND WHEN TO FIND IT...

At Reunion Weekend/Head of the Trent

Friday October 4, Saturday October 5 & Sunday October 6

Rowing – races all day Saturday 9 am to 5 pm – Trent/Severn Waterway from Parkhill road to the Faryon footbridge, Symons campus. Regatta registration can be completed at [www. Trentu.ca/rowing/hot/registration.html](http://www.Trentu.ca/rowing/hot/registration.html)

Paul Wilson pub tribute – Saturday evening from 6:00 pm at the Olde Stone Brewing Company, 380 George Street

Alumni trivia challenge pub – Otonabee College Cat's Ass pub-Friday evening from 8 pm – team based competition

TUGS Reunion – check for information at www.trentu.ca/geography

Children's activities – Champlain College Great Hall riverside lawn-Saturday afternoon ... balloons, free children's drinks & snacks, face painting, video feature presentation, Elmer the Safety Elephant (2:30-4:30 pm)

Food & drink – 1. Alumni gathering area CC Great Hall lawn noon to 5:30 pm – cash bar & bbq 2. Trent Rowing Club beer garden Bata Library parking lot – noon to 6 pm

Accommodation – www.thekawarthas.net Book as early as possible!

Souvenir mugs & t-shirts – Rowers' beer garden & alumni gathering area

Alumni cards – Alumni gathering area, alumni canopy in the Rowers beer garden & outside Trent bookstore Saturday afternoon

Live band - Treblecharger! - Friday evening in the CC Great Hall (organized by the Trent Central Student Association). Tickets available from the TCSA (705) 748-1000. A limited number of tickets will be held at the door for alumni.

Alumni Council meeting – 11 am Saturday, Blackburn Hall (Physical Resources meeting room)

Alumni athletics

Old Boys rugby – Sunday 2:30 pm – main field

Old Girls rugby – Sunday 1 pm – second field (opposite Blackburn Hall)

Run for the Cure – annual run or walk for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, Sunday 10 am at Crary Park, Little Lake

Virtual reunion/regatta – If you can't make it back this year, check out our webcam images – Saturday 2 to 5 pm at [www. Trentu.ca/alumni](http://www.Trentu.ca/alumni). Click on Head of the Trent.

HERMANN HELMUTH

For Professor Emeritus Hermann Helmuth, retirement goes far beyond its laid-back reputation. Slotted into his retirement agenda are research, reading, learning and volunteering in science-related institutions. Other personal pursuits he hopes to make time for include travelling, gardening, cycling and, one of his most enjoyable pastimes, collecting shells and minerals.

A Professor of Anthropology, Hermann Helmuth began teaching at Trent in 1969, coming from the University of Kiel in Germany. Dr. Helmuth holds a Doctor of Science in Anthropology degree from Kiel University, with a specialization in physical anthropology. He also studied geology and zoology.

Professor Helmuth is the author of several scholarly pieces including features about the ancient Maya in Belize; the sites of Lamanai and Altun Ha; human skeletons from the Rowgrave site of Altenerding, South Germany; and other work on human skeletons such as that done at the Viking project from Haithabu in North Germany. Helmuth has also presented papers to a number of national and international conferences.

Professor Helmuth has taught many courses at Trent, such as 'Biological Anthropology' and 'Comparative Human Osteology and Evolution.' He has also been a member of the Animal Care Committee at Trent for at least 15 years and will continue to be appreciated by fellow anthropologists from around the world as he joins the ranks of Trent's Professors Emeriti.

DR. DON MACKAY

Dr. Don Mackay joined the Trent University community in 1995, after a 28-year career in the department of Chemical Engineering and Applied

Chemistry at the University of Toronto, and has now moved into the ranks of Professor Emeriti. Originally from Glasgow, Scotland, Mackay received his B.Sc. and Ph.D. at the University of Glasgow.

Throughout his seven years of research and teaching in Trent's Environmental and Resource Studies Department and Chemistry Department, Professor Mackay made a significant contribution to life at the university. In addition to his teaching commitments, he served as a Fellow of Champlain College.

With support from a variety of chemical industries and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) of the Canadian federal government, one of Dr. Mackay's most prominent successes was the establishment of the Canadian Environmental Modelling Centre. The philosophy of the project is to improve the ability to understand and predict the sources and effects of chemical substances in the environment. Models predict where chemicals travel in the environment, how long they persist and their effects on humans and other species.

In 2001, Dr. Mackay was the first Canadian recipient of the very prestigious International Honda Award for the development of the 'Mackay Models' and his work in 'Eco-Technology.' The award included a certificate, a medal and a sum of \$130,000. Mackay was also one of three finalists for the 2001 Gerhard Herzberg Canada Gold Medal for Science and Engineering, and he has received several other awards including one from the Association of Environmental Engineering Professors; the Distinguished Lecturer Award; an Excellence in Research Award from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment; and an Editor's Award from the Journal of Great Lakes Research.

Trent University applauds the contributions Mackay has made to the university and to the sphere of global environmental studies. Dr. Mackay will continue key research projects as a Professor Emeritus at Trent University.

DOUGLAS MCCALLA

Douglas McCalla, the leading authority on the economic history of Upper Canada in the 19th century, is retiring from his 34-year teaching career at Trent University.

Professor McCalla joined the faculty at Trent in 1968 and has taught such courses as 'Nation and Citizenship: Interpreting Canada,' 'The Making of Canada, 1760-1873' and 'Canada and Japan/Japan and Canada.' He has received several major research grants and awards including Trent University's Distinguished Faculty Research Award in 1995-96 and a Research and Teaching Merit Award in 1997. One of his greatest awards, outside of the Trent community, was the Killam Research Fellowship which he received in 1998. McCalla was the first Trent faculty member to receive this prestigious, and sizeable, national prize awarded by the Canada Council. This award was noted by Paul Healy (Dean of Research and Graduate Studies, 1998) as "a sign of McCalla's national reputation for excellence in his discipline." The fellowship allowed him a two-year absence from teaching, during which time he wrote an economic history of Canada from 1600 to 1939.

Raised in Edmonton, McCalla became a Rhodes Scholar for Alberta in 1965, one year after he received the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship upon completion of his B.A. at Queen's University. He earned his M.A. at the University of Toronto and his doctorate at Oxford. He is the editor of several books, the writer of dozens of articles and the author of books including the award-winning *Planting the Province: The Economic History of Upper Canada, 1784-1871*. As a retiree, Professor McCalla's connection to Trent will continue in his role as Professor Emeritus. ☺

Geography Alumni Panel 2001-02



From left to right: Jennifer McGillis '87, James Britton '85, Rachele Laurin '95, Miles Ecclestone '72 and Bryan Poirier '95

The annual Alumni Panel was organized once again by Professor Alan Brunger as part of the GO411h: Philosophy of Geography course and held this year on March 28, 2002.

Panelists briefly summarized their careers "after Trent".

Rachele Laurin (Joint Honours B.Sc. Geography/Biology) undertook her third year in the concurrent GIS Certificate course at Sir Sandford Fleming College in Lindsay. This equipped her to complete her thesis back at Trent in the 4th year and provided credentials for several subsequent jobs. These included summer work at the Environment Canada Inland Waters Directorate, Trent's Nature Areas Cartographic Assistant, post-graduate contract work with the Lower Trent Conservation Authority and lastly her present employer, the Ontario Ministry of Environment. Rachele has worked there for over two years and has become Acting GIS Group Leader with responsibility for scientific collaboration, hiring and several other areas of responsibility. She has completed upgrading courses and takes advantage of opportunities to accompany research scientists into the field.

Bryan Poirier (B.A. Honours Geography) wrote his thesis on recreational geography, which reflected his passionate interest in the outdoors and canoeing in particular. As a result of summer guiding experience in Temagami, Bryan encountered a faculty member from Queens University who encouraged him to pursue a one-year post-graduate course in Outdoor/Experiential Education there. Having found this to be most worthwhile, Bryan subsequently followed up an opportunity at the Canadian Canoe Museum where he now coordinates the Educational Programme. He jokingly admitted that, at least in part, his job at the Museum is a "thinly-veiled excuse to go canoeing" and is thus extremely satisfying. In addition to his vocational endeavours, Bryan is currently pursuing a M.A. on a part-time basis at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto.

Jenny McGillis (B.A. Honours Geography) went to Queen's University as part of her Concurrent Education training after Trent. She had taught within the local Separate School board at the Intermediate level until this year when she returned from her second period of maternity

leave to join St. Peter's Separate High School in which she specializes in Geography. Jenny has always preferred High School teaching and noted that her present position became available owing to a relatively rare retirement of a Geography Teacher in the Separate board.

She encouraged students to undertake an honours thesis for the sense of accomplishment that it provided and for the ideas that emerge for subsequent projects either within teaching or other occupations. The financial benefits of the Honours degree for teaching salaries are noteworthy as well, representing about \$1,500 *per annum*. Jenny has completed courses since graduation for both as Geography specialist (the qualification for department Head) and Principal (although neither position has yet materialized).

James Britton (B.Sc. Geography/Computer Studies) was a part-time student having been teaching at Sir Sandford Fleming College's Frost Campus in the cartography and GIS Division for several years with previous professional mapmaking experience in Lindsay. James subsequently sought more credentials and embarked on a M.Sc. in GIS at the

University of Edinburgh, which was rewarding in unanticipated (yet uniquely “Scotch”) ways after returning, the Fleming College opportunity “knocked” in the form of a teaching position in GIS at the University of the South Pacific in Fiji.

The antipodal sojourn was also “educational” in unexpected ways, not the least towards the very end of James’ stay when an armed coup by ex-military overturned the government of Fiji (during a field trip)! One year later, along with many other expatriate professionals, James left the country, although he has retained contact through his Ph.D. work and contract teaching.

James recounted various fascinating aspects of his experiences in the “field” in the south Pacific and stressed the value of training that Trent provided him in dealing with alternative societies and cultures. He noted that visitors from Canada and other “developed” countries need to be aware that the “aid” provided, if not “lavished”, on such countries as Fiji is often dependent on a level of bureaucratic efficiency totally absent from the local setting. Without the assistance is wasted and a source of frustration as much as genuine help.

Miles Ecclestone (Honours Geography) took a year off after completing his honours degree, which was beneficial in many ways. He decided that his geomorphology thesis research was sufficiently interesting to pursue the M.Sc. at the University of Guelph (completed 1978). An opportunity arose to return to Peterborough in the form of the position of Chief Technician at Trent’s Department of Geography and Miles has occupied that post ever since. One attraction of the job is the “never-ending” surprises that occur on a week-by-week basis. Another attraction is the opportunity for field-research and teaching both locally and elsewhere in Canada.

Miles urged students to “look around” before going on in Geography, but noted the attraction of graduate study if one is truly interested. Staying within Geography professionally is something of a challenge and many posts or jobs have “non-Geographical” titles although they clearly depend upon knowledge acquired in the Geography degree training. Many alumni have testified that their Geography background is invaluable to their work although not overtly recognized in the actual “title” they hold professionally.

In the subsequent question and answer session, both the panelists and members of the audience – students and faculty alike, made a number of points.

Museum work – Bryan Poirier – relatively few jobs exist and the pay is not high, although the work is satisfying and rewarding and has “fringe” benefits such as the opportunities for varied activities, including travel to seasonal events. However, the future employment pattern in the “museum field” looks bright owing to large-scale retirement across the board in Canada. The Museum Studies programme at Fleming College is an excellent way to prepare for work in addition to the degree from Trent. Once again, volunteering at the local museum is a sure way to “get your feet wet” (particularly at the Canoe Museum!) and to establish contacts.

What was missing from Trent Geography education? Jenny McGillis – very little, although the political “side” might have been mentioned more. Teachers also benefit from experience “before” teaching and the need to “volunteer” in the community (as well as in schools) should be stressed to prospective teachers. Trent Geography’s emphasis on field-work is an excellent way to tackle this and invariably “carries over” to the teaching career.

Rachelle Laurin credited the Concurrent GIS certificate program as beneficial for her in that she gained immediate employment and experience within the four-year Honours program in Geography.

What GIS techniques and methods are best? Several panelists noted that employers often have limited knowledge of the range of alternatives for producing the same result and demand experience in very specific software teacher techniques. The dominant producer of GIS software is ESRI and its products tend to monopolize the field, e.g. ARC-INFO. Very good alternatives exist, certainly for teaching purposes e.g. IDRISI, although these are not used much commercially.

Rachelle Laurin noted that she has found GIS to provide an “avenue” for inter-disciplinary interaction, particularly as more and more scientists and researchers acknowledge its merits for analysis and representation in their work. She emphasized the value of computer programming, acquired as early as possible. Rachelle also noted that the present labour trouble in the Ontario Government (her union OPSEU is on strike) was, in part, to combat the trend to contract work and the reduction in permanent jobs. GIS work is often of this contractual type and may be so increasingly.

James Britton credited the Trent programme with a great deal and felt little was “missing”. He appreciated Geography for its diversity and the variety of opportunities and environments he experienced.

Importance of grades at University? Some debate arose over the relative importance of high grades. Some of those present felt that only two “key” grades existed that of “pass/fail” and “A” or below. The latter applied particularly to graduate school entry and even more so to the competition for grants and teaching assistance salary at graduate level.

The feeling was that otherwise, the precise average was not the focus of attention in job interview and competition. For example, no one reported grades being mentioned in job interviews. Postgraduate education screening emphasized the last ten courses in most cases, looking for

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Since 1997, the Trent University Alumni Association's planning priorities have included strengthening the Association's campus profile and 2001-02 was a particularly vital and satisfying year in this regard.

We revived the student and alumni leadership reception, an informal evening allowed that student leaders from the Central Student Association, Senate and Board representatives, the college cabinets and council, athletics and clubs and groups to meet each other, along with alumni leaders. The evening was titled "Leadership

alumni achievements, outlined alumni satisfaction with their Trent education, profiled alumni career opportunities and distributed Children of Alumni scholarship applications to high school students whose parent(s) had attended Trent. Trent Alumni lapel labels were proudly sported by many of the staff and faculty who assisted at the very successful Open Houses.

Association Past President **Cheryl Davies** once observed that there were so many areas at Trent that would benefit from just a modest amount of support. She exhorted the Council to improve Trent "\$200 at a time." That direction was most evident in 2001-02 as the Alumni Special Projects Fund provided varying levels of support to the Debating Society Tournament, the Model United Nations Society conference, the Fine Arts Collection, the Friends of Trent Athletics trophy case and a presentation on body image and the impact of media on girls.

The Special Projects Fund also supported the annual program of recognition of graduating students at the colleges. Once again, alumni volunteers and staff (**Eileen Hurley '86, Kathleen Easson '78, Tony Storey '71, Tom Phillips '74, Maureen Hughes**) attended dinners, luncheons and receptions to congratulate deserving students for their important contributions to college life, and to remind everyone of the tremendous value the Alumni Association places on the role of the colleges in Trent's fabric.

There are other annual awards inspired and managed by Trent Alumni. The Alumni Bursary Fund is a lifeline for dozens of students. The WACH Dobson Travel Grant assists a member of the Trent International Program with travel costs. It honours the late Bill Dobson, the father of **Iain Dobson '70**. The Currie Honours Geography Awards helps cover the costs of thesis field work and is a long-time program generously funded by former Association President **John Currie '76**. The Lightbody Prize rewards a Peter



Trent Alumni – Good Campus Citizens

Deserves Recognition", and a number of grateful students applauded the Alumni Association for taking the time to recognize the value and importance of student volunteerism to the life of the university.

The tradition of having an alumnus/a return to campus to contribute to the intellectual life of the university was continued through the Alumni Lecture. **Arlene Allan '92** traveled from Northwestern University in Michigan to discuss *Oedipus at Rest: Sophocles Last Play*. Arlene's lecture was particularly helpful for those who also attended the Classics Drama Group's performance of Oedipus at Kolonos. Through the generosity of **John Morrith '75** (Peterborough Wine Not), the Alumni Association was able to donate wine to a post-performance reception at the new Lady Eaton College offices of Ancient History & Classics.

Volunteers from the Alumni Council also took part in both University Open Houses. **Kate Ramsay '71, Maureen Hughes '91** and **Cheryl Davies '68** oversaw an alumni booth which showcased

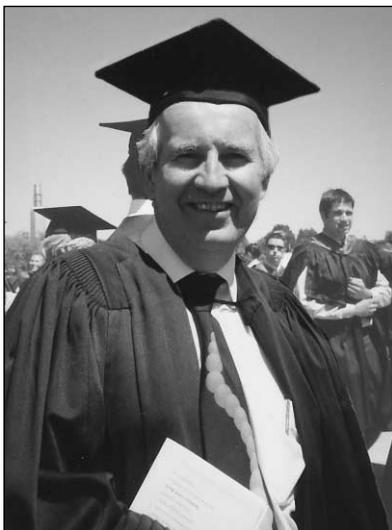


2002 Alumni Lecturer Arlene Allan '92

"Celebrating Our Alumni" was the theme of the Trent Foundation annual meeting. On hand from the alumni & friends ranks were: Allan Barnfield '91, Maury Blue '74, Neil Hannam '87, Kate Ramsay '71, Yvette Scrivener '88, Tony Storey '71, Glen Easson '89, Maureen Hughes '89, Jack Roe '73, Cheryl Davies '68, Walter Howell '69, Kate Krenz, Dave Lasenby '64, Kim Krenz '89. Not shown Sara Fernald '76



Robinson College student who blends academic achievement with significant contribution to college life. It was established to honour **Bob Lightbody '64** for his service on Trent's Board of Governors. This year also saw the granting of two Children of Alumni Scholarships for students beginning their Trent education. Excellence in student governance is saluted annually through the Robert Stephenson Award. This award was introduced by the Association on the occasion of **Robert Stephenson's** service as Chair of the Board of Governors (the first alumnus to so serve.) Our second alumnus Board Chair **Gary Wolff '67** has also completed his term. The Alumni Association was delighted to announce another award which will benefit a Trent student. The Gary Wolff



Leadership Cup will be presented annually to a student athlete who demonstrates courage, determination and leadership in any sport at any level.

This is certainly not an exhaustive list of prizes, awards and scholarships with alumni overtones, but it does indicate the growing presence of alumni in rewarding deserving students for a variety of needs and accomplishments.

Alumni continue to be visible on campus as Board, Senate and committee members. Our Board included **Gary Wolff, Kate Ramsay, Paul Crookall '65, Glen Easson '89, Marie Doyle '89 and Len Vernon '64**. We were represented on Senate by **David French '80, Maureen Hughes, Scott Milne '91, Reg Hartwick '84, Karen Sisson '78 and Jennifer Backler '93** all



Gary Wolff '67 (left) and the newly established Gary Wolff Leadership Cup (middle)



George Meanwell '70 and Clifford Maynes '70 performed at the Peter Robinson College Squash Court Hall

served on university committees.

Our alumni contribute to the intellectual, social, cultural and recreational dimensions of Trent. **George Meanwell '70** (of Quartetto Gelatto), backed up by **Clifford Maynes '70** performed in the Peter Robinson Squash Court Hall (now converted into a common room/performance space.) The annual Alumni Geography panel is the subject of an article elsewhere in this issue. **Suresh Narine '91** travelled from Alberta to take part in a weekend conference on corporate connections to university research. Trent Athletics continues to

be well served through alumni involvement in coaching and other support roles. Alumni were out in force at both the Athletic Awards banquet and the All Canadians reception.

A final highlight for our Campus Profile efforts was the annual meeting and luncheon of the Trent University Foundation. The theme was "Celebrating Our Alumni." **Maureen Hughes** and **Tony Storey** reviewed the Alumni Association's Planning Priorities 2001-04 and spoke about the Alumni Wall of Fame. Exhibits from the Wall of Fame were displayed. Lunch included live music, courtesy of Cheryl Davies and Glen Easson, who performed songs by **Stan Rogers '68** and **Gordon Lightfoot** (Honorary Graduate). Following lunch, **David Lasenby '64** outlined his work as a Trent biology professor, while community alumna **Sara Fernald '76** discussed the impact Trent had on the development of her professional and volunteer careers. Many thanks to Foundation secretary Katie Brown for suggesting the focus on alumni. We were proud and pleased to be involved. ☺



Ecologist returns to Canada to join Trent University faculty

Dr. Dennis Murray has always loved insects and animals. Even as a child he raised tadpoles in his backyard pond and stored earth worms in his family fridge, so it was a natural progression when he began to study sciences at university.

"I have always been interested in how species interact together, and in complex interactions you might not immediately see," explains Mr. Murray, who will arrive at Trent University in the fall of 2002 as the Canada Research Chair in Terrestrial Ecology.

Originally from Trois Rivières, Quebec, Mr. Murray earned his B.Sc. at McGill, his M.Sc. at the University of Alberta and his Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin. After one year of post-doctoral work at the University of Massachusetts he joined the University of Idaho faculty in 1996.

"I'm thrilled to be coming back to Canada," says Mr. Murray, who enjoys paddling and the many other outdoor activities that the Kawarthas are well-known for. He adds that he has heard many positive things about Trent and is looking forward to joining faculty in the Departments of Biology and Environmental and Research Studies. Mr. Murray's wife, Cynthia Kapke, and several family pets will also be moving to the Peterborough community.

The focus of Mr. Murray's research at Trent will be on two areas: predator/prey relations and host parasite interactions. Specifically, Mr. Murray will research these in small mammals, some larger mammals and amphibians. He will also study the Algonquin Park wolf population in conjunction with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources.

Some of Mr. Murray's research will be conducted at Trent's James McLean Oliver Ecological Centre on Pigeon Lake. Other research may occur throughout Ontario and in additional provinces.

"My official date of arrival is October 15, but I'm hoping to be there (at Trent) a bit earlier than that," says Mr. Murray. He will have a temporary office until the new science wing is completed in 2003. At that point Mr. Murray will be working and teaching in the new facility.

"We are delighted to welcome Dr. Murray to Trent University's community of scholars," says Dean of Research and Graduate Studies Chris Metcalfe. "His vast experience and extensive publishing in population dynamics, behavioral and nutritional ecology, wildlife conservation and



The Alumni Wall of Fame display at the Trent University Foundation meeting – June 2002

BY TUI MENZIES '69



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The Sacred Flame of Learning: the Meaning of Convocation

[This is the text of a speech given by alumna Tui Menzies '69 at the 2002 Julian Blackburn College graduation dinner. You can't hear it in print, but Tui's invitation to the graduating students to salute their teachers prompted a tumultuous round of applause. Tui was quick to point out that the true value of her speech lay in that burst of recognition for Trent's professors, and the quality education they foster.]

It has been almost 30 years now since I received my undergraduate degree from Trent and yet it is still a moment which is very clear in my memory. Mine was the generation of peace and protest marchers, of rebels against the 'crass materialism of post-war North America', of young women seeking to find our voice, of young men rejecting the Beaver Cleaver's father prototype. Consequently, ceremonies such as graduation were held in faint disdain by some of us as "establishment rituals". Now, if there is anyone here from an immigrant family, you'll know exactly why there was no question whatsoever that I would be walking across that stage and getting my degree, establishment rituals notwithstanding. They hadn't come over from Scotland in the Depression and worked their fingers to the bone so that I could be a hippie and miss my graduation, thank you very much.

It was a beautiful day, hot and sunny. We walked in procession behind the faculty members and seated ourselves by the Library in strict alphabetical order. A native elder burned sweet grass, purifying the ceremony. This simple act lent a sacred sense to our being there and I began to be very glad that I had come. In the spaces of silence between the speeches, the river could be heard burbling by the stone walls and the swallows swooped and soared over our heads. It was then that I had my revelation – or as we like to say in English Literature, a moment of epiphany.

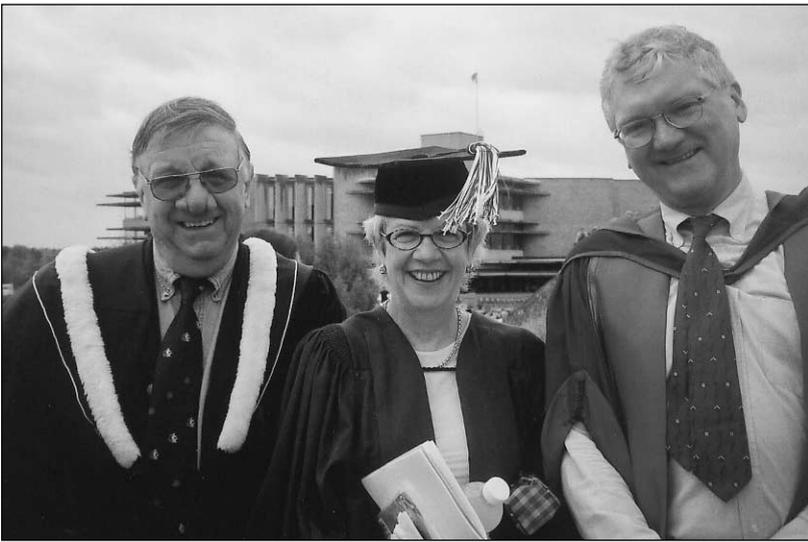
As I looked at the faces of the men and women who had taught me, dressed in their various gowns and fantastical caps from universities around the world, I realized that I was a part of something very ancient and extraordinarily special. I had not had a sense of this as I struggled with the obscure analogies of Spencer but at that moment I felt as though these people were handing something very precious to all of us. As with things

felt in the heart, it sounds a bit corny when put into words but it was as though the graduation ceremony was a symbolic passing along of the sacred flame of learning and that this in and of itself was a gift of profound freedom.

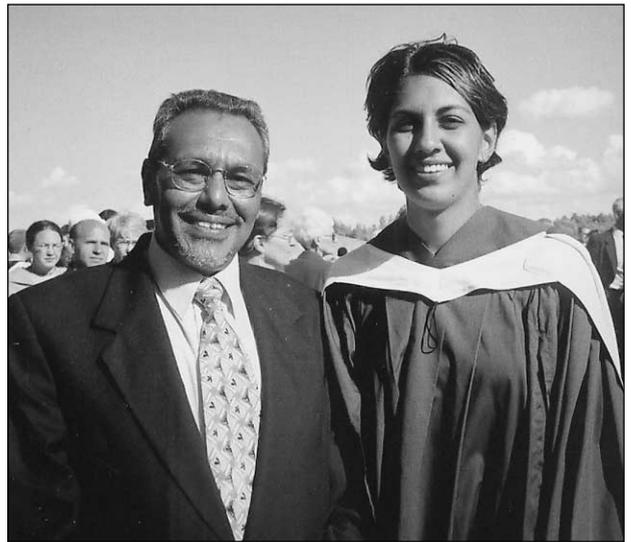
At that moment, I felt a deep gratitude to those teachers who rigorously protect this freedom, who are constantly vigilant in defending the right to speak and write one's mind without fear of censure. Quite aside from any specific knowledge which they had imparted to us, they had also taught us to be tolerant of the opinions of others, to be patient and diligent, to be passionate about ideas. I remember feeling profound gratitude that they had not only fostered our curiosity, treated our thoughts with respect and accorded us the dignity of having our ideas matter, but that they themselves continued to research and explore the frontiers.

Next week it will be your turn. You will be handed your spark of learning to take out into the world. You too have now become keepers of the flame. I hope that the Convocation ceremony will hold as much meaning for you as it did for me those years ago and that you will feel, as I did, that you have been given something very precious indeed. Would you join with me now in expressing our appreciation of our teachers to their representatives here this evening, Dean Colin Taylor and Associate Dean Popham. ☺

Convocation 2002 images



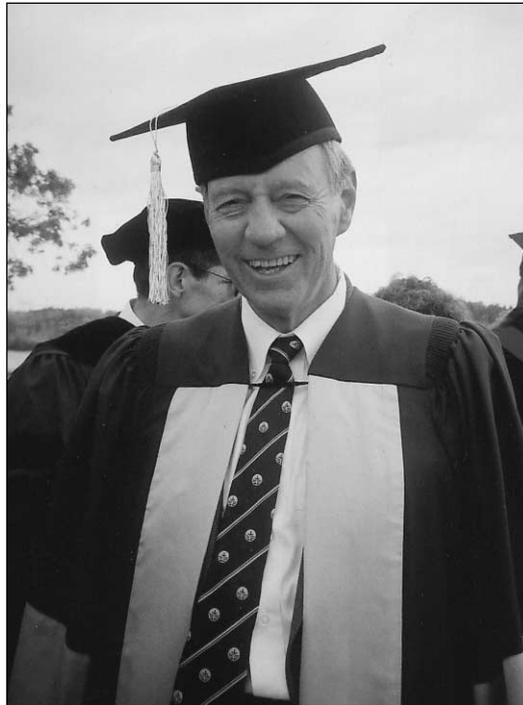
Paul Wilson (Honorary alumnus), Former Board Chair and Honorary alumna Jalynn Bennett and Professor David Glassco



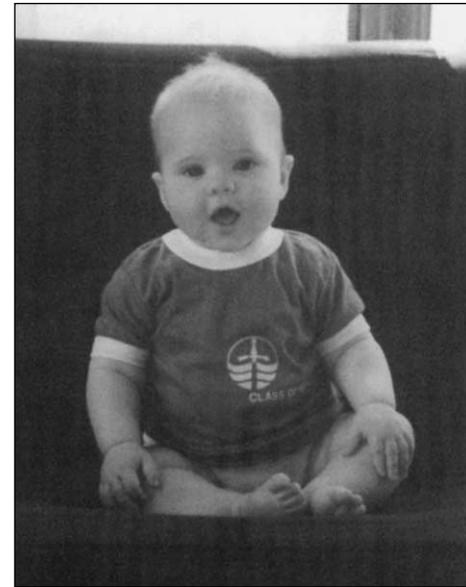
Trent staff member, alumnus and proud parent Manindra Shah '69 and daughter and new graduate Parimeeta '98



Trent Director of Communications Marilyn Burns '00 joined the ranks of the alumni with a degree in English



Former Board Chair and long time friend of Trent & the Alumni Association John de Pencier received an honorary degree



Jesse Wilkes '96, shown here in 1978 with a Trent t-shirt presented by proud uncle Paul Delaney '64. Jessie graduated at this year's Convocation to the delight of her mom, Anne (Delaney) Wilkes '67

Sunshine Sketches



1981

Tom Philp was appointed Editor of *The Independent*, a feisty stand-alone newspaper in Brighton, Ontario, in June 2002. A senior reporter with the publication recognized widely as "the best news source in Northumberland County," Tom finished second as Reporter of the Year in the 2001 competition sponsored by the Ontario Community Newspapers Association. Alumni can read some of his work at www.eastnorthumberland.com. He lives in Colborne (Big Apple Country) with his wife Linda.

Doug Lounsbury and his wife Stephanie are overjoyed by the arrival of their first child, Grace Olivia. Grace was born on April 21st 2002. The Lounsburys currently reside in Georgetown, and can be reached at lounsbury@iprimus.ca. photo 3

1987

Meg Earley married John Chisholm on September 15th 2001 on Bowen Island, B.C. Meg has just graduated with a M.Ed. from the University of Calgary. photo 4

1972

Helvi Virkamaki's "Happy Mother's Day" was included in the *Shadows of the Dawn, An Anthology of Canadian Verse*, published by the Poetry Institute of Canada, 2001.

1984

Kristopher Churchill married shortly after leaving Trent. Jocelyn, originally from Zimbabwe, Africa, is a Human Resources professional, currently working as an employment counsellor for the Canadian Hearing Society. The couple has a three year old son, Luke. Kristopher is completing a Doctor of Education degree in Educational Administration at OISE and is in a new position as Assistant Headmaster at Albert College School in Belleville, Ontario. photo 1

Brian Purcell and Colleen (Ludlow) '89 and their children, Robert, Jessie, Ali and the new addition, Josie make up a full Team Trend line! Josephine Geneva was born June 6th – about three weeks early. (We have had a total of five kids now including Johanna our guardian angel and think we are ready to call it quits. We are building a home to fit everyone in and would enjoy visitors.) (Brian and Colleen can be contacted at bricolpurcell@yahoo.com. photo 5

1974

Yes, pigs are flying and hell has, indeed, frozen over! With great joy (and much surprise), **Lucile McGregor** is thrilled to announce that, after a nine-year courtship and five-week engagement, she and Norm King were married on March 22, 2002. Lucile is thrilled to share this news with her Trent friends and extends special thanks to **Elizabeth Thomson** and **Lynda Marshall Ongaro** for their best wishes and pre-and post wedding visits.

(We are very happy and are rejoicing in this unexpected curve in our lives and Chess the Cat is thrilled to have his parents finally living together under one roof! Lucile can be reached at mcgrelu@parl.gc.ca.)

1986

Rhonda Jessup and Rob Wiersma, along with big sister Emily, welcomed Sarah Louise to the family on November 22, 2000. Sarah is now a 1 1/2 year old bundle of energy and an absolute joy. After Trent, Rhonda graduated from the Faculty of Information Studies at U of T. She is currently the Public Services Manager at the Whitby Public Library. photo 2

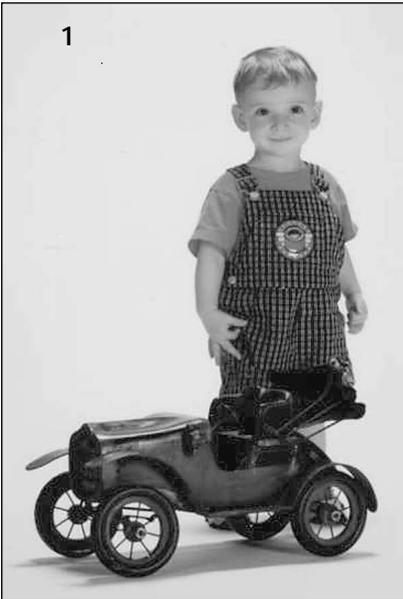
John and **Angela (Bougiotis) Vavitsas '88** are thrilled to announce the birth of their baby boy, Elliott Jonathan on January 16th 2002. Proud godparents are Steve and **Cheryl (Gallant) Fawcett '88**. Angela has been busy during her maternity leave. She completed co-authoring the Nelson Biology 12 textbook, which will be used throughout the province this upcoming September. In addition she will be commencing work on a chemistry textbook this fall and returning to her position as Head of Gifted Education at Northern Secondary School in Toronto. photo 6

1988

1989

Clive Archer and **Rosemary Judd-Archer** would like to announce the arrival of their first baby. Charles (Charlie) Clive Archer was born on August 30, 2001. Rosemary will be returning to teaching and OSSTF work in September. photo 7

Jeff and Sandra (Dona) Lynch celebrated the birth of their second daughter, Kyra Elizabeth on July 10, 2001. Jordyn, born two ears earlier, is very proud of her baby sister. Mocha, the family's chocolate lab is just happy to have someone else to lay close to. Jeff is still working with Quaker in Peterborough but is being transferred to Mississauga. Sandra is enjoying her maternity leave, especially living so close to the zoo. Jeff and Sandra will miss their friends in Peterborough but are looking forward to meeting up with old friends as they move to Oakville during the summer. You can reach them at jeff_lynch.msn@attcanada.net. photo 8

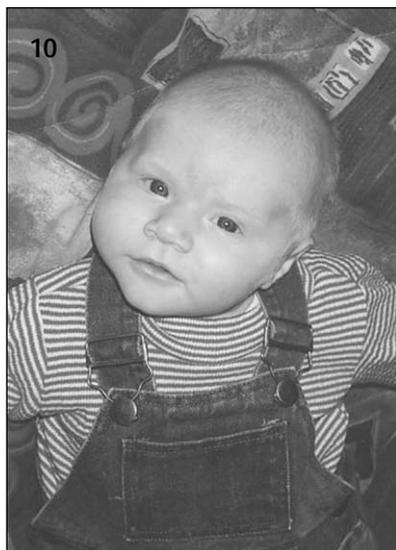




1992

Tina Watson and Greg Bernetic (SSFC grad) got married August 5, 2000 and are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Dominic Blake Bernetic May 15, 2001. The happy family are now residing in Fort McMurray, AB and would love to here from former classmates. Email address is *bernetict@shaw.ca*.

Melissa (Kennicle) and her husband Neil Juniper would like to introduce their daughter Alexandria Madison (pictured at four months), born November 9, 2001. Mel will be returning to her teaching position with the Bluewater District School Board in September 2002, while Neil continues to work for Blue Mountain Resorts. They can be reached at *mn.juniper@bmts.com*. photo 9

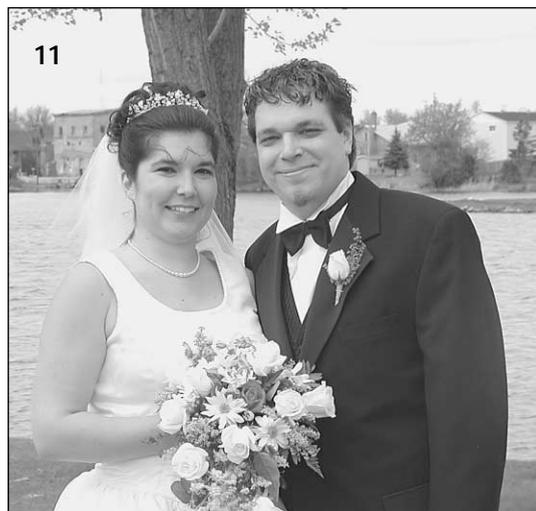


1993

Steve White and **Sue Bartels** were thrilled to welcome their first baby, Thomas Mackenzie White born at home on November 8, 2001. 14 oz. He is four months old in the picture. The couple married in 1996 at Lady Eaton and are currently living in Stouffville, Ontario. Steven is working as a Mental Health Case Manager at a social service agency and Sue is on leave from her job at Allstate as a Communicator, Web Technologies. Friends can contact them at *suebartels@hotmail.com*. photo 10

1995

Kristina Michaud and Wade Wilson were married May 18, 2002 in Alexandria, Ontario. The maid of honour was **Lisa Wise '94** and the bridesmaid was **Erin Allin '94**. Other Trent grads in attendance were **Adria (Zweerink) Hayes '94**, **Julie Marshall '94** and **Sarah Gooderham '94**. photo 11



1997

Adam Coovadia and Tanya, his wife of two years, are living in St. Petersburg, Florida and are expecting their first child – her name will be Darwin. Adam graduated from Trent in June 2002 with an honors degree in Biochemistry (he finished a general degree in biochemistry in 2000. He has also just graduated from post-baccalaureate program in Genetic Technology (which was offered by the Michener Institute for Applied Health Sciences) and recently has been certified by the Canadian Society of Medical Laboratory Sciences (CSMLS) as a Registered Technologist (R.T.) in Clinical Genetics and by the (U.S.) National Credentialing Agency for Laboratory Personnel (NCA) in both Cytogenetics and Molecular Biology. Adam is currently working as a Genetic Technologist for a Biotech company in Tampa, Florida.

1998

Scott Dawson received the OUA Coach of the Year Award 2001- 02. Congratulations Scott!

University and the community passed away. Helen Whiteside was the first female member of the Trent University Board of Governors. An inspiration to many, Helen was the consummate philanthropist, giving freely of her time, talent and treasure throughout the community. I will personally miss Helen, as will so many others both in and outside of the Trent community, but she lives on through her good deeds and the Frank and Reata Scott Scholarship which she created in memory of her parents.

In the spirit of Helen, and others who have left us, let's enjoy the time we have together to promote the future of Canada's Outstanding Small University. See you at Head of the Trent! ☺

First Head from p. 12

for another season of Lach's regimen. That year saw the first Head of the Trent, an event which now boasts of being the biggest single day head race in North America.

Of course 30 years later in this place called middle-age, it's the very rigour and discipline of the sport one misses, that and the camaraderie of a terrific group of women trained for a couple months at least to be in perfect synch. Needless to say there was much vicarious satisfaction watching Meg row for Trent last year.

Members of that first crew were: Toos Symons, Gail McLaren, Jane Stobie, Marcia Wynn, Leslie Harrington, Fran Henke, Cathy Nix, Martha Bull, and cox, Mary Lewis.

Afterword: In the course of writing this I was grateful for the vivid memories of Marcia Biles (Wynn) with whom I have kept in contact for those 30 years. Now I have to write in memory of her, as she died of cancer in England last November. She lived her life with gusto and will be greatly missed.

The revised plan will guide the University in its programming, staffing, facility and budget planning.

DIRECT INVESTMENTS IN FINANCIAL SUPPORTS

To better support these students, substantial investments have been made in new scholarships, bursaries and awards. In 1997-98, Trent's total scholarships, bursaries and awards amounted to \$900,000. In 2001, this figure had risen to \$4.5 million. These investments represent the largest student financial support program in the history of Trent University.

WE'LL BE READY

At the Provincial level, Ontario's universities continue to advocate

through the Council of Ontario Universities for the restoration of the \$28 million shortfall in Ministry funding for the double cohort. The Provincial budget delivered on June 17, 2002 contained specific responses to the double cohort as outlined in President Bonnie Patterson's message in this issue. These announcements were welcomed by Ontario's university community

Through meetings with students and parents, training of university staff, a fair admissions policy, major investments in facilities, the recruitment of new faculty, a revised enrolment plan, expansion of financial support programs for students — Trent University will be ready for the full implementation of the double cohort. ☺

Geography Panel from p. 16

improvement and high achievement; however, the elusive quality of "enthusiasm for the subject" may well tip the balance and a relatively low mark of say, 78 percent, be deemed acceptable, if commitment was genuinely expressed to the inter-viewer.

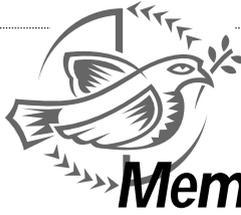
With regard to graduate school entry the choice of referee is important and the letter of reference carries a great deal of "weight". Networking is vital and personal contacts play a role in learning of opportunities and in eventually obtaining them.

Most employees in the growing field of GIS have no formal training in the field and have acquired their knowledge, "on the job" or through the "odd" course. This will inevitably change as training "catches up" with demand, but testifies to the uncertainty of the job market in this area of specialty and, to an extent, generally.

James Britton emphasized the need for persistence in seeking your preferred sphere of work and the need to be a "problem-solver" – thinking in this way not only for your self but also for the (potential) employer.

On-the-job training. The better employers will permit "on-the-job" training both "at work" and in subsidized workshops, evening classes, etc. Their willingness to invest in this way in the employee will be linked to perceived degree of commitment and problem-solving ability and enthusiasm. Much of the training will be computer-based and likely to involve procedures for managing information systems, particularly GIS.

Professor Brunger thanked the panel for voluntarily agreeing to participate in the 2001 event. He felt sure that their comments had been invaluable for those present in terms of immediate and future careers. ☺



In Memoriam



Bruce MacLeod
(Board of Governors, 1987-1991)

Bruce MacLeod, 49, died in April. He is survived by his wife Willmont (Woods) and children, Christopher, Blakeney, Matthew and Peter as well as his parents Mary and Murray and sister Elizabeth Davidson.

"A man whose morals dictated his actions, who guided his family by the beat of his heart and who instilled in his sons the most important values from the way he lived his life."

Helen Whiteside

A tribute to Trent's former Board member appears on page 4 of the *Annual Donor Report* insert in this issue.

management will complement Trent University's new and existing science programs. As a Tier II Canada Research Chair, Dr. Murray brings added resources that are certain to enhance our research directions."

The primary objective of the Canada Research Chairs program is to enable Canadian universities,

together with their affiliated research institutes and hospitals, to achieve the highest levels of research excellence and to become world-class research centres in the global, knowledge-based economy. ☺

TO THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY:

The search for Trent's next Vice-President (Academic) & Provost is now under way and in early fall the position will be advertised.

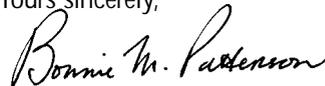
I am writing on behalf of the Search Committee to invite your input to the process. Specifically, the Committee encourages individuals and groups to share their views on the mandate for the Vice-President (Academic) in the period 2003-08 (i.e. what needs to be accomplished) and the attributes (background, qualifications, personal and professional skills) needed to accomplish the mandate.

The Committee encourages that you forward any input in writing. However, time has also been set aside on the afternoon of September 18, the evening of September 19 and the morning of September 20 for those who would like to provide input in person. The Search Committee will also consult with Faculty Board and Senate.

Written input may be addressed to the VP Academic Search Committee c/o University Secretariat, Bata Library. Emails can be sent to nsmith@trentu.ca. To arrange a time to meet with the Committee, please call Nancy Smith at extension 1223.

I encourage you to take this opportunity to give the Committee input about this important leadership position in the University.

Yours sincerely,



Bonnie M. Patterson
President & Vice-Chancellor