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EDITORIAL



It's a small world

Last week, while on a travel writing tour in Europe, I was reminded of a very important, if somewhat trite, point: It's a small world. If a warm breeze feels good on your skin in the Mediterranean, it will feel good in Vancouver, or Houston, or Bombay, or Beijing or Caracas. If a good meal and some old friends are important in Peterborough, they're important in Afghanistan, in Peru, in Portugal and in Israel. If a funny face makes a child laugh in Paris, it will probably make a child laugh in Toronto too. And if a bomb is dropped in Iraq, the children killed there will be much the same as our children. The pain we feel will be identical to the pain they will feel. We all come equipped with the same

bodies, the same hearts, the same brains and the same tears.

As I said, it's a small world. And it's a world worth protecting.

Everywhere I looked in the ancient streets of Florence, in the sleepy ports of Sorrento, Livorno and Catania, and in the fashionable film town of Cannes, houses, apartment buildings and stores were draped with rainbow-coloured flags printed with just one word: PACE – peace. And while I, m certainly no political scientist, and have no political axes to grind, I found my heart identifying with that call for the sanctity of the world as we know it, that plea for our world leaders to consider all other, less destructive solutions to the threat posed by Iraq.

History, I know, teaches us that those who threaten freedom must be dealt with decisively and I'm in no position to offer effective alternative suggestions to the military action called for by the U.S. and Great Britain. All I know is that the only ethical and human course of action is to explore all other possible alternatives, to exhaust every other avenue before resorting to war. The value of human life and the future of the world must come before all else.

As I keep saying – ours is a very small world.

And a fragile one at that.
PACE.

Liz Fleming '77

Dear Alumni,

The twenty-first anniversary of the Trent International Program will be celebrated by an alumni reunion at Trent, 10-12 July 2004. We anticipate a weekend of social events, talks, campus tours, and trips to local sites such as the Petroglyphs, the Canadian Canoe Museum, and the Lift Lock Cruise.

Accommodation will be available at the new (air-conditioned) residential college currently under construction, or at local hotels. Families are welcome.

I am writing at this time to seek your input on the kinds of events you would be interested in attending at the reunion, and the names of any Trent faculty, staff, or alumni you would be particularly interested in meeting. We are still at the early stages of planning the reunion, and your advice is very important to us.

Everyone at TIP and in the Alumni Office is excited about the opportunity of welcoming back our alumni, and we hope that many of you will share in this excitement and be able to join us. Do let us have your thoughts! Please email us at: tip@trentu.ca

With warm regards,

Leonard Conolly
Interim Director
Trent International Program



Remembering Your Roots

Molson Canadian, Labatt Blue and Inniskillen Wine! You just never know what you take for granted until it's taken away from you!

That's what I thought when I attended a reception last November at the Canadian High Commission in Barbados after more than 12 months away from Canada ... and I finally had the opportunity to get a small, refreshing taste of home!

The best part of this particular event was not actually the taste of Canadian beer and wine, but fact that the gathering was the inaugural Canadian University Alumni Association event in Barbados, organised by a UVic alum and hosted by the Canadian High Commission.

About 150 alumni of Canadian universities attended the reception – both Canadians working in Barbados as well as Barbados nationals who attended Canadian schools. It was not only a great opportunity to get together with other Canadian alumni, but also to see what other Canadians were doing here in this Caribbean country (there are no shortage of Canadian bankers here!).

The alumni reception also coincided with the annual Barbados university recruitment fair that featured recruiters from about two-dozen Canadian universities (this year, Trent recruiters were on other Caribbean islands at this time, and not in Barbados) as well as other international schools.

Sadly, but not unexpectedly, I was the only Trent alumnus in attendance this year – and in fact I am one of only a few Trent alumni in the whole country – but given the efforts of Trent international recruiters and the TIP programme (more than 10 per cent of Trent population are international students!), hopefully it will not be long before more Trent alumni can be found in Barbados and throughout the Caribbean.

(And although I was the only Trent alumnus in attendance, at least I drank enough Canadian to make Trent proud!)

INTROWEEK 2002

As great as it is to get an international perspective and learn more about distant lands and cultures – it is also great to get home occasionally. After eight months away from Toronto I finally got back in September for a quick visit home—just in time to connect with my Trent roots at the beginning of Introweek 2002!

I am sure every alum can remember their first day at Trent: arriving in the back of mom and dad's car, packed high with clothes, small appliances, books and computer equipment (or typewriters depending on your era!). It's been 15 years since I had that terrifying experience and from what I could tell very little has changed (except the fact that 60 per cent of first year students in Introweek this year were under the drinking age!).

As co-presidents, Maureen and I toured the college hallways as an unofficial Alumni welcoming party, and took the opportunity to chat with new students and their parents and learn a little about our new "alumni-in-training".

They may look younger than ever (and I think they are) but the class of 2002 had all the energy, enthusiasm and pride of any previous first year class.

And if you have not been back on campus lately and you get the opportunity – I would highly recommend it! It looks great. The construction of the new facilities on the East Bank next to Otonabee is well underway, the library podium had just received a facelift, Otonabee's common areas have never looked better and you could actually see out of the windows on the Bata Library!

WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS!

In other news, a big welcome is extended to two new Alumni Councilors, Georgina Galloway & Dan Coholan. Prior to taking on an international recruiter position at York

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A milieu of excellence

The rhythm of the 2002/03 academic year is well established and, throughout the late fall and winter months, a steady stream of noteworthy events has been taking place, many of which speak to Trent's unique place among Canadian universities.

For instance, the Trent community was thrilled to learn that alumnus Yann Martel had been nominated for the prestigious Man Booker Prize early in the academic year, for his innovative novel *Life of Pi*. And the community was even more thrilled when, on October 22, it was announced in London that Mr. Martel had won the Booker Prize for 2002. This is an enormous achievement and, in numerous interviews, Mr. Martel has been quite frank about how his experiences at Trent have shaped his career as a writer. I know many of you, as alumni, will appreciate his vivid memories of Trent life during those important undergraduate years.

Dr. James Orbinski, another distinguished Trent alumnus, well-known for his medical aid work with the organization *Medecins sans Frontieres Canada*, was named a Health Hero by the Pan American Health Organization in October, 2002. This is yet another example of how Trent graduates go on to do incredible things, touching the lives of people around the world and carrying with them a sense of global responsibility and action.

As I walk around this campus, I sense this spirit of action at work in many ways. Students continue to work at bettering the world, from involvement in groups like Students Against Sweatshops to volunteering and working one-on-one with young children through Trent Students For Literacy. Each moment spent by a Trent student, engaged in these worthwhile activities, has life-changing potential and merit.

Our faculty researchers embody this sense of progress and movement

through their diverse and immensely important work. Professor Brad White is unlocking the mysteries of DNA; Professor Eric Helleiner is unraveling the story behind monetary systems and unions; Professor Janet Yee is moving towards an understanding of the *giardia lamblia* virus; Professor Michael Peterman has discovered a connection between 19th-century Canadian poet Isabella Valancy Crawford and writer James McCarroll; Professor Rory Coughlan is asking challenging questions about our health care system; Professor Leslie Kerr is digging into the intricate relationship between cancer and stress and Professor Anne Archer continues to explore the complexities of Down syndrome, as you will read in this edition. These are just a sampling of the rich variety of explorative thoughts being nurtured at Trent.

Extra-curricular events reveal even more of the analytical and engaged milieu on campus. Students have been organizing a number of thought-provoking and enriched events, such as a three-day workshop on Palestinian and Israeli issues, a forum about issues in Sudan, a concert celebrating medieval music and an evening of cooking and eating East Indian food.

Recent events have also brought students together with their professors, beyond the classroom. For instance, a group of 70 people from North and South America – students, researchers, professors and community members – gathered together in early November to explore the complicated issue of pesticide use. Students and faculty, within and beyond Trent, worked side-by-side throughout a highly successful four-day conference celebrating the life and work of Canadian poet P.K. Page. And both faculty and students are involved in an innovative partnership between the University and the newly formed Kawartha Youth Orchestra, a group that is calling Trent its home.



Through the medium of the illustrious Trent University Alumni Magazine I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks and appreciation to all those who, through any shape or form, contributed to my retirement celebrations. Those of you that attended the variety of events, made a financial investment through the PSBW Fund, sent me letters, faxes, emails, and other forms of communication, many, many thanks. It is simply not possible to have had a better send off.

A special thanks goes to the Team Wilson organizing committee for a job exceedingly well done. Karen Sisson, David Glassco, Bob Condon, Jeff Leal, Steve Everson, Marcia Steeves, Glen and Kathleen Easson, Carol Love, Amy Hollingsworth, Jeff Lanctot, Jordan Lyell and Honorary Chairs Sylvia Sutherland, Jennifer Sipos, Rob Marland, and Ross Smith.

Letter to the Editor

It has been my privilege to have been associated with you during your Trent athletic careers. I do hope our paths will cross as I continue to attend as many Alumni events as possible. Somebody should drink beer or play golf with you so I am putting my experience and qualifications forward for the 'job.'

In the meantime I again wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation. Perhaps I might be able to thank you in person on some future occasion. With so many wonderful memories,

Yours ever
Paul Wilson

Director of Athletics 1966-2002
Alumni Relations Ambassador
2002-2003

4th year student Joe Teft '99 presents a Paul Wilson All-Star t-shirt, after the PSB Wilson Ultimate Frisbee Tournament.



Karen Sisson '78 presided over the presentation of an autographed England rugby jersey, the generous donation of rugby alumnus Peter Talibart '79.

MARILYN BURNS '00

Meet Reid Morden – Trent's New Board Chair

Intelligence, defense, security, nuclear energy, international affairs, anti-terrorism . . . An Internet search on the name Reid Morden reads like a very impressive resume – or a good spy novel. And what could be more appropriate?

Trent University's new Chair of the Board of Governors (BOG), Reid Morden is often identified in headlines as the "Former Head of CSIS," his by his erstwhile role as director of Canada's security intelligence agency. In fact, however, his time at CSIS make up just four years of a broad and varied career. From the Canadian Foreign Service to Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and President and CEO of Atomic Energy of Canada, Mr. Morden brings to Trent diverse administrative and governance experi-

ence and, as he says, "an understanding of how large and complex organizations work." He is Trent University's 11th Chair of the BOG.

Born in Hamilton, Ontario, Mr. Morden grew up in Montreal, a place he still loves to visit, and is a graduate of Dalhousie University. As he entered the Canadian Foreign Service in 1963, Trent University was just becoming a reality. Mr. Morden remembers hearing of Trent in the early days. "It was brand new," he recalled in a recent interview at Trent. "But it seemed to stand for all sorts of good things. At the

time, it was several thousand miles away, but I knew it as a new kind of university – in a safe community, concerned about the environment, and with a beautiful setting."

Over a period of close to 20 years, Mr. Morden served in places all around the world – including Japan, New York, Pakistan, and Geneva. One of the key treasures he took away from his years in international affairs was an appreciation for Canada. "You see a lot of variety and different societies," he remarked. "You bring that home with you and measure it against your own society – and what I've found is that ours is a pretty good country."

It seems the Canadianness of Trent was one of the key aspects that drew Mr. Morden to his current role at the University. "The kinds of things Trent espouses – concern for the environment, emphasis in Canadian Studies, an understanding of the country, and the part played by the aboriginal community – combine well with all sorts of innovation: the highly topical research into watershed quality, DNA and notable Canada Research Chairs," he said. Those qualities were key, but it was a pivotal meeting with president Bonnie Patterson, arranged by former BOG chair Jalynn Bennett, that made up his mind. Ms. Bennett was "predictably enthused about Bonnie," he commented. "We set up a meeting and Bonnie and I talked about the energy business, the little power plant here at Trent and whether it could be made more efficient . . ." The rest is history and Mr. Morden has found his time with Trent's BOG has been "very rewarding." And there's much more to come during his three-year appointment.

At present, Mr. Morden is happy to see current enrolment figures and the quality of students on the upswing and he identifies his current focus as "the biggest construction project this campus has seen in a long time." Seeing that the new Science Facility and the Integrated College/First People's House of Learning are "completed properly and professionally is a major short term requirement," he noted. He's already





Yann Martel's Fond Memories of Trent

It's a chilly December 6th in Toronto. 9:00 a.m., on the nose. Yann Martel '81 strides through the door of Random House – as if he didn't just fly in from Berlin a day earlier – and distractedly hangs his coat. "You've got a busy day ahead," comments the receptionist. As the winner of the 2002 Man Booker Prize nods politely and smiles, it's clear that this is a gross understatement.

On this day, the novel *Life of Pi*, which put Yann Martel at the forefront of the world's literary scene, will be discussed on TVO's *Studio 2* and City TV. There'll be book signings at the publisher's, an appearance at Indigo, an interview with CBC Radio ... but first on the agenda is Trent University.

How does a writer of such international acclaim even begin to contemplate his alma mater just months after winning one of the world's most coveted literary prizes, let alone on such a day? Well, quite easily, as it turns out.

We are whisked into a nearby office and are barely seated when Yann launches into fond memories of Trent. "I had a wonderful time at Trent," he says in an even, articulate voice with a not-quite-Canadian accent that might proclaim his itinerant upbringing to a careful listener. "It was a wonderful liberal arts university. You knew your professors by their first names. There was a great degree of freedom. It was the kind of place that, if you knew what you wanted, you could basically tailor your own BA."

The son of Canadian diplomats, Yann got his first introduction to Trent University while living in Spain – and through a rather unlikely source. "I must have been a teenager," he recalls, smiling at the thought of it. "I opened up this ad. It was in a newspaper and there was an ad for a cement company. It was vaunting the University as what you can do with concrete. Ron Thom's Campus is

amazing. And I thought, that looks like a great place to go."

What Yann describes as "a very elitist, constraining environment" at boarding school was another experience that led him to Trent when he came of university age. "It seemed friendly and unpretentious," he recalls. "I wanted to go to a place that was more free, less hierarchical. And that's definitely what Trent delivered. When I went there, I was convinced that this was one of the top universities in Canada ... I was on the swim team, on the cross-country team, the skiing team. I was in politics. I was on the University senate. It was a really great place to blossom, a very congenial place. And Peterborough's a beautiful little town."

A student of Peter Robinson College, Yann affectionately remembers the downtown lifestyle: the artist's collective, Artspace, which resided at the Market Hall in those days, dance, theatre, and "a great musical underground."

To anyone who's read the work of Yann Martel, the fact that Trent and the community of Peterborough left a lasting impression on him should come as no surprise. In his first novel, *Self*, the fictitious "Ellis University" is based on his experiences at Trent. "If you remember," he says. "Ellis Island is where the Statue of Liberty is. And the line with that is, 'I welcome the unwashed masses of the world.' It was a sign of how open Trent was."

His first book, a collection of short stories, called *The Facts Behind the Helsinki Roccomatios*, begins with this paragraph:

I hadn't known Paul for very long. We had met at Trent University in Peterborough in the fall of 1987. I had worked and travelled around and I was older than him, twenty-four and in fourth year. He had just turned nineteen and was entering first year. At the beginning of the year at Trent, some senior students introduce the first-years to the university. There are no pranks or anything like that; the

seniors are there to be helpful. They're called 'amigas' and the first-years 'amigees' which shows you how much Spanish they speak in Peterborough ... "

Life of Pi, the novel that catapulted Yann to international fame by taking the 2002 Man Booker Prize, doesn't draw on such direct references to Trent. The story follows the life of a young Indian boy who eventually finds himself stranded on a lifeboat with a Bengal tiger. Knowing that Yann's Trent degree was in Philosophy, one might expect to glimpse some cosmological arguments, especially in a book that early on claims to be "a story that will make you believe in god." But Yann sounds triumphant when he says, "I wrote a book that proves the existence of god, but there's hardly any talk about philosophy or religion."

"In fact, religion is more about storytelling than it is about philosophy," he continues. "These ideas of philosophically proving the existence of god (are) nonsense. That's strictly a cerebral argument. Proofs of god? They don't work. Religion addresses the whole person."

Yann's creed can be interpreted as the philosophy of storytelling.

"There's a certain theological dimension to storytelling," he continues.

"In telling stories we construct our reality. They're interpretations of reality. For example, simple stories like *Little Red Riding Hood* are a way of interpreting the world. Reflecting certain realities out there and how we understand them. So reality isn't just a solid thing out there like this table; reality is interpretation. And in interpreting something you have to use your imagination, right? If anything uses imagination, it's storytelling. I argue in the book, that an interpretation with a greater imaginative overlay is the better story."

And *story* is the operative word, particularly because the origin of *Life of Pi* became the topic of fierce debate almost immediately after it claimed the Man Booker Prize. Suddenly, the word plagiarism was bandied about as it became known that, years earlier, Yann had read in a magazine about a novel that told the story of a boy stranded at sea with a wild cat. In his author's note, Yann

openly credits Moacyr Scliar with providing "the spark of life" for *Life of Pi*.

Yann admits that "the scandal wasn't fun," but found the discussion "intellectually stimulating." He refers to the great authors who told and retold the Greek classics. "Romeo and Juliette is straight out of Bocaccio," he says, sharing that he has had discussions with Scliar and they plan to write articles for *La Presse* about their experience, and comparing the two works. "Moacyr Scliar is a very nice man. He read my book and loved it ... The point of art is to build bridges."

Meanwhile, the world awaits Yann Martel's next novel. He shares that he has some ideas about an allegorical tale involving animals. Currently, he is finishing teaching a course on animals in literature in Berlin. Then he'll spend next year as the writer in residence at the Saskatoon Public Library. Somewhere in amongst the demands of life in the literary fast lane, Yann expresses a desire to visit Trent again, but adds, "I'm so busy and deluged that the best bet for organizing something next fall is that you periodically pester me in the spring."

Will do, Yann. ☺



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LEEANNE LAVENDER '93

Campus Alumni Profile: Anne Archer '82



Top: Anne and husband, Rob Archer '92, at the Great Wall, just outside of Beijing, with daughter Grace about 1 week after they adopted her. She is from Hunan Province in China.

Below: at home, New Year's Eve 1999/2000. Grace is 9 months old in this photo.

Professor Anne Archer '82 connects with her students in a real and tangible way. Students love to take her psychology courses, ranging in scope from introductory psychology to child development, abnormal psychology, the psychology of language, individual differences and abilities, and the psychology of education.

Perhaps part of what makes her approach so popular with Trent students is her real-life experience and the way she weaves that into her lectures and labs.

"In class – particularly in the psychology of education course – I like to use real case studies, based on children I have worked with over the years. This really makes students think," says Professor Archer.

Prof. Archer has worked on many real-life case studies involving children with Down syndrome, an issue she came to study intensively during her Ph.D. research.

"I got my B.A. from Trent in English, and then went to Nipissing to obtain my B.Ed.," explains Prof. Archer. "I did my M.Ed. at Western in educational psychology, with an emphasis in special education, and went on to do my Ph.D. at OISE (UofT). I focussed on applied human development. As a result of my research I developed a private practice when I finished, and worked with children with Down syndrome. I was often a mediator between schools and parents throughout Canada and the northern United States, and led many workshops with teachers on professional development days."

Prof. Archer worked individually with children with Down syndrome to help adapt their skills to a classroom setting.

Born and raised in Peterborough, Prof. Archer was keen to move back to her hometown. She applied to Trent and began to teach on a part-time basis in 1998. By the spring of 2000 she was working full-time.

"I teach in the developmental stream of psychology," says Prof. Archer, who is very happy to be back at Trent. "I am very family-oriented, and my husband, my mom, my sister and brother-in-law are all Trent alumni."

Prof. Archer feels Trent is as strong today as it was when she completed her undergraduate degree, and works hard to maintain a sense of community in her classes. She knows all of her students by name and has an open door policy for students who want to meet with her, both in Peterborough and at Trent's Durham campus in Oshawa, where she teaches part-time.

"I think personal contact is so important," she says with a smile. "And the department here has been very welcoming. There is a recognition that I am eclectic and can offer different things to students."

Prof. Archer identifies the growth of students as her personal highlight, as a teacher. "There are so many students I teach in Psychology 101, and they are so nervous. But they have this goal in mind, of completing their degree. I really enjoy seeing them grow and helping them. It's great to see them figure out how to get their degree and achieve their goal," she says. ☺

KATE RAMSAY '71

Janet Yee and 'Beaver Fever'

When three of Professor Janet Yee's summer students agreed to tour their biochemistry lab with this aging alum, little did they know they were dealing with an English major who knows more about Geography than *Giardia*. Why would I take on a subject so far from my background? Well, like so much of the research generated at Trent, through the Water Quality Centre and elsewhere, their work impacts us all in many ways.

I spent years quenching my summer thirst with a scoopful of lake, or teaching my hapless little campers how to let the water trickle down a paddle blade, along the shaft and into a parched throat without breaking the rhythm of the strokes. Now,



left to right: Ankelly Armstrong, Maggie Fondong, Jen Rossmann



Giardia lamblia

as a cottager and parent, I'm advised that our "blue lake and rocky shore" yields water which if untreated, poses a serious health hazard. So when editor Liz asked for someone to follow up on student Cara Kromptich's article in the *Trent Report*, I took the bait.

Giardia lamblia is the single-cell organism associated with the gastrointestinal symptoms that became known commonly as "Beaver Fever", after a well-publicized outbreak was linked to water contaminated by the feces of our industrious national symbol. *Giardia* is in fact a very widely spread organism which is found in most parts of the world. It is transmitted through water and food contaminated by feces from infected humans and other mammals, including domestic animals and pets.

Contamination can occur when raw sewage comes in contact with an unprotected water source through surface run-off, or when fruits and vegetables are washed with untreated water. *Giardia* is a common cause of "travellers' diarrhea," and symptoms can range from a mild case of "the runs" through prolonged infections with severe cramping, diarrhea, dehydration, and damage to the intestinal wall causing malabsorption of nutrients and significant weight loss.

Giardia is largely resistant to chemical treatment, and medical remedies for those afflicted come with a variety of restrictions and unpleasant side effects. Boiling water thoroughly (five to ten minutes full rolling boil), is one method of protection, and certain types of filters successfully strain out *giardia*, but needless to say, research which will help to control the spread of this nasty little protozoan parasite is welcome indeed!

Maggie Fondong and Dewald Delpont have just completed their honours degrees in Biochemistry at Trent. Jen Rossman is working on her honours thesis in Biology, and Ankelly Armstrong is completing her honours in Biochemistry. Maggie, Jennifer and Ankelly are all recipients of Undergraduate Student Research Awards funded by the National Science and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), and are working on the *Giardia* project under the direction of Dr. Janet Yee. Dewald was away from the *Giardia* lab the day I came to visit, but the three young women patiently led me through the complexities of their research.

Step one involved explaining the two stages of the *Giardia* life cycle. In feces, and later in the water, *Giardia* exists in the form of a microscopic cyst. In this egg-like form, the organism can survive significant environmental variation such as changes in water temperature, and so can survive for long periods of time before it

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PROFILE OF A VOLUNTEER



**Karen
Sisson '78**

YEARS AT TRENT: 1978-1983

MAJOR: French/History

COLLEGE: Lady Eaton College

FAVORITE COURSES &

PROFESSORS: Vietnam War course taught by John Syrett; Year Abroad in Nantes 1980-81; World War I taught by Stuart Robson.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

WHILE AT TRENT: Varsity volleyball, intramural sports, worked at Athletics Complex as central stores receptionist (the joy of washing PSB Wilson's athletic clothing!)

HOMETOWN: Peterborough – remember surviving on \$5 during Intro Week. As an off campus student living in her hometown, Karen found a “home away from home” at Athletics.

CAREER PATH: Queen's law school, articling, bar admission course, downtown Toronto law firm. In 1991, family and personal wishes brought Karen back to Peterborough.

FAMILY: married to Bruce Fitzpatrick (they met during the first hour of law school) – Bruce is a partner in Lockington Lawless Fitzpatrick. Their sons are Liam (11), Daire (7) and Eamon (5).

MOTIVATION AND ROLES AS A TRENT ALUMNI VOLUNTEER:

Alumni representative on the Athletics Advisory committee; Captain for Team Wilson fundraising committee; member of the Director of Athletics search committee; alumni representative to Senate; organizer Justice Sam Murphy Memorial Fund; established the Ken and Lois Sisson Award (presented annually to student employee of the year at the Athletic Complex.) “To whom much is given, much is expected.” Karen felt very fortunate for the team opportunities and involvements at Trent. Her volunteer work is a way of giving back to

an athletics department that has been very generous to her.

“My sons think I live at the Athletic Building!”

Being involved with Trent Athletics as a student and alumna has taught Karen the importance of dealing with the public with humour and patience as well as being part of a team. Courtesy and respect are also values instilled through Trent's athletics program.

OTHER VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:

currently serving on the Peterborough Regional Health Centre gift planning committee; St Catherines School Council; Ontario Parents Council; all the hockey arenas, swimming pools, soccer fields and field trips of family life!

MESSAGE TO ALUMNI AT LARGE:

Involvement does not end with graduation.

POINT OF PRIDE AS A VOLUNTEER:

Being able to talk to people I haven't spoken with in 20 years in the course of my Trent volunteer work and “picking right up” with them. ☺

JAN CARTER '87

Celebrating Alumni Fellowship

From pubs to picnics, and hockey games to impromptu drinks in Germany, Trent alumni demonstrate a real affinity for the place they once called home. For many years, alumni have been gathering to celebrate their "Trent" years. Rather than wait for 20-year reunions though, Trent alumni get together annually, and sometimes even quarterly, to recognize and recall their ties to the Trent community.

Trent Alumni stay in touch for many reasons. Sometimes they stay in touch to give back to the university, and sometimes they attend events as an extension of their particular Trent community, but most definitely Trent Alumni stay in touch because it's fun to get together and reminisce.

"I stay involved with Trent to help repay all that the University gave me as a student," says John Butcher '67, "and what it continues to give me as an alumnus." He has organized a popular Dinner Speaker Series for the National Capital Chapter in Ottawa, which is now in its 10th year. "As an alumnus, I enjoy a network of friends who have shared experiences and have a tremendous diversity of outlook," he explains. "It is important that I do what I can to enable others to have access to the same benefits as I have received."

"My wife and I have met a number of people through the alumni chapter, and have established friendships with them," says Troy Hammond, former president of the Vancouver Chapter. Now back in Ontario, he says that "... as Ontarians living in Vancouver, it was nice to have friends that reminded us of 'home'."

"I enjoy sitting down with fellow alumni," explains Rev. Neil Thomsen, President of the South Western Ontario Chapter. "Even if we never attended class together, or were at Trent in completely different decades...we still share the bond of Trent."

"Staying connected is really important to me," agrees Andrew Homer, president of the Tokyo Chapter, "especially since I live a long way away."

Calgary Chapter president Kerry Tomlin also agrees. "I enjoy coordinating alumni events because I get to know people a lot better than if I was simple a participant. I get to know about their families, what they do for a living, and what they are interested in," she says.

Pubs are always a popular Trent alumni event, but many chapters organize a variety of events in an effort to reach out to an ever-increasingly diverse group of alumni.

The Peterborough Chapter has held theatre nights at the Peterborough Theatre Guild, as well as movie nights with additional background information provided by Trent professors. Fond memories for former chapter president, Julia Ledgard, include Maple Syrup Day at the Lightbody farm, skating parties, and various alumni recognition dinners.

Last year's "Head of the Trent West" event in Edmonton drew a crowd, including one person who drove from Lethbridge, and another from Calgary. "A member of Trent's original class of '64 made the two hour journey to attend," says Jim Doran, president of the Edmonton Chapter. "We use the Sherlock Holmes Pub for most events," he says, "because it's easy to find and it has that 'tradition' associated with it.

We've also met here on campus (University of Alberta) a few times, because there have been several alumni on campus over the years."

The Toronto Chapter hosts a well-attended Madison Pub every March, and often organizes a summer pub at a central location. Other notable Toronto events have included a Gay+ Pub, a Bay Street Event, a tour of Epitome Pictures Studios courtesy of alumnus Stephen Stohn, and a rain-soaked picnic attended by only one stalwart family. Toronto alumni also participate in the Information Session for New Students every August; one year, in fact, saw the event overflow into three adjoining rooms because of outstanding participating by both alumni and the new students and their families!

Pubs seem to be a mainstay for some of the newer or smaller chapters, but chapter presidents and organizers agree that they would be open to any new ideas alumni in their area put forward. "It is my hope to get some more people here interested," says Richard Gardiner, president of the London/Middlesex Chapter, "so that we can have some events like other chapters do."

"Success can mean anything for an alumni event," adds Thomsen. "new friends made, old friends found, a new alumnus with a great idea." The South Western Ontario Chapter has hosted quite a few successful events, though Thomsen does remember one lonely evening of only himself, Tony Storey, Bonnie Patterson and a pitcher of beer. Successful events include a tour of the Sleeman's Brewery, an event at the Fiddler's Green Irish Pub in Cambridge, and a recent evening at the Eden Mills Writers' Festival which was met with great enthusiasm.

When asked about successful, unsuccessful or weird events in Vancouver, Troy Hammond replies, "I am not sure if weird describes it or not, but the first event that I hosted in my home – which we had lived in for five days at that point – was attended by a small group of alum. It was a wine and cheese, and everything was going quite smoothly.

Everyone seemed to gel and get along, and a number of laughs were shared. That is, until one unnamed alum decided we needed another bottle of wine – red wine – opened. Of course...he pulled the cork and tipped over the bottle ... all over our white carpet! Did I mention we had lived in this place for 5 DAYS? Needless to say, six experts appeared who knew exactly how to treat red wine stains. A mixture of soda water, salt, crackers, and tea towels were sprayed across the floor. You know where this is going ... we were stuck with a blood red caked-on mess! I couldn't help but just sit back and laugh as the action unfolded. What else was I to do with a group of strangers, albeit Trent alum, scurrying about in my living room trying to clean up spilled wine? Even funnier was once things settled down, we engaged in the drinking of more wine until it was all gone! A weird night? A successful night? No, more like the good old days of getting ready for the Commoner!"

The Dinner Speaker Series has been extremely popular over the past 10 years in Ottawa. This year Reid Morden, Chair of the Board of Governors, spoke on "Individual Rights and State Security" on the first evening in October. Pippa Lawson, alumna and Counsel with the Public Interest Advocacy Centre, and Michael Jenkin, alumnus and Director General, Office of Consumer Affairs, Industry Canada spoke about "Public Accountability & Derugulation" on the second evening on February 18, 2003. Finally, Robert Campbell, alumnus, former Trent professor, and currently Dean of Arts and Science at Wilfrid Laurier University, will speak on the topic of "Citizens or Consumers in the Post-Neoconservative Age" on May 22, 2002. Anyone still interested in tickets may call John Butcher at (613) 725-2280 for more information.

Not all events succeed, and there have been a few notable failures. A Head of the Trent evening event at the Gordon Best Theatre in Peterborough two years ago found no one –

apart from the alumni organizers – in attendance. The rained out picnic on Centre Island was attended by only one family. A national blood drive challenge organized out of Ottawa and advertised in the magazine failed to inspire alumni (Ottawa won!). At a New Graduates Pub in June in Toronto, only one graduate showed up. A ski night out of Calgary was initially met with enthusiasm, but by the time the date arrived, only the organizer and the "ski host" alum were available. And, an Oktoberfest Night in Kitchener was attended solely by the organizer.

Often, an event fails simply because there is either no response to a mailing, or the responders cite "other commitments". With alumni involved in such diverse jobs and lifestyles, it is understandable that not all events will have a great turnout. The perseverance of our alumni presidents and event organizers is to be commended, because their very next event may well indeed attract over 100 people!

Fond memories for Alumni Affairs director Tony Storey include riding on a float in the Santa Claus parade on a very cold day in Peterborough; an evening at the Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake with Professor Finn Gallagher, which was also attended by the festival's Artistic Director, Christopher Newton; an event at the McCord Museum of Canadian Heritage in Montreal with Professor John Wadland; and a South Western Ontario Chapter tour of the Seagram Museum with then university president, John Stubbs.

Not to be outdone, the overseas chapters have been busy organizing events as well. Andrew Homer's first event as president of the Tokyo Chapter, was (you guessed it) to organize a pub at an izakaya (a Japanese pub) when David Morrison, then Director of the Trent International Program, was recruiting there in 2001. Events for 2003 are being planned as this article is written, and



PSB in Calgary.

(Top to bottom) PSB with Kerry Tomlin '95; second with Brent Norrey '87; third Frances Alger McDonald '72, Kerry Tomlin, Jim Redditt '67, Ginny Redditt '68, Peter Premachuk '75, Sally Goddard '71, Brent Norrey; fourth PSB with Sally West Goddard's husband Tim; fifth with Bob Page, Jocelyne Daw '73.

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PSB in Edmonton.

On November 26, 2002, Edmonton was fortunate to be visited by Paul Wilson. It was the third stop on his "Western Canada Farewell Tour" as he headed into retirement after 36 years of service to Trent. Of course, no visit by PSB would be complete without convening a gathering of old friends at a favourite watering hole, so this was duly done. We gathered at the Sherlock Holmes Pub on Whyte (motto: "The Birthplace of the Edmonton Chapter of the Trent University Alumni Association, Established 1995") in the late afternoon. The group included the following: **Chris Bates '89, Tom Davidson '69, Margie Davidson '74, Frank**



Durante '69, Neville Ferguson '72, Wendy Topic '97, Pam Willoughby '70, and your scribe. Although the group was relatively small, the conversation was lively, and the stories from the past entertaining and many. Paul was thrilled to see Tom and Margie after too many years. (Tom had worked with Paul back in the '70s.) However, he was verging on apoplectic when Frank Durante arrived. I believe I heard that it had been about 30 years since they had seen each other, and yet it seemed like it had been only 30 days, the way they greeted each other. A rough quote from PSB would be "Frank Durante!! Well, I'll be ... I don't believe it!" as Frank came in the door. And he arrived bearing a gift. He'd dug up an old black and white photo showing the men's rowing team that he was on in '70 or '71, along with Paul. He had it enlarged and gave it to Paul, who was thrilled to have it. Later in the evening, after most had left, Paul, Wendy, and I were heading off to our respective homes and hotel – but in the same direction, as it turned out – when we came upon O'Byrne's Irish Pub. Well, needless to say ... so I won't. Anyway, we all had a fine time wishing Paul all the best in his retirement. Thanks for all your years of great service to Trent, Paul, and thanks for coming to Edmonton to let us celebrate the beginning of your retirement! We hope you enjoy it at least as much as you obviously enjoyed working at Trent.

Jim Doran '73
Edmonton Chapter President

Top picture (at left): Paul Wilson and Chris Bates '89; middle (L to R) Paul Wilson, Wendy Topic '97, Frank Durante '69, Pam Willoughby '70, and Neville Ferguson '72; bottom (L to R) Tom Davidson '69, Paul Wilson, and Frank Durante '69.



PSB in B.C.

(top) Jim Ganley '83, Jill Napier, and Liz Rodford '87; (middle) PSB with Roger and Linda Young '69; (bottom) Robyn Wilson.

any alumni in Japan (or who will be travelling on their own or through JET to Japan this year) are welcome to contact Andrew Homer at andy@tokyo.email.ne.jp.

Mas Dati Samani is president of the Malaysia Chapter, and organizes annual dinners for alumni. The first event occurred when David Morrison was recruiting there in 1999, and events still tend to take place in conjunction with visits from Trent representatives travelling to Malaysia for the yearly education fairs. "It was an Eid celebration dinner held at an alumni's home, instead of the usual restaurant," Samani remembers of one event. "Everyone brought pot luck. Jessica Tudos, International Recruiter/Admissions Officer for Trent University was our guest of honour. We ate and chatted until the wee hours, and poor Jessica, suffering from jet lag, had to endure the long dinner, but she enjoyed it nevertheless." Any alumni in Malaysia are welcome to contact Mas Dati Samani at masdati@pc.jaring.my.

"I look back on all of the events as tremendously pleasant experiences," says David Morrison of his time spent as Director of the Trent International Program. "Here I was, travelling among different cultures. I felt very much at home because we had this shared experience of living in a small town in Ontario."

Patrick Lam is the president of the Hong Kong Chapter, and can be reached at khl@hk.super.net. Aznan Abu Bakar is the president of the Singapore Chapter, and can be reached at aznan@singnet.com.sg.

Alma Barranco Mendoza has, for many years, been the unofficial voice of Trent International Program alumni. She maintains a website at: <http://fas.sfu.ca/~abm/personal/TIPalumni.html> (old messages are accessible by clicking through Special Groups, then TIP, then "older messages here" on the alumni letter page) "It's more a web

site and distribution list, of which I'm the moderator," she says, but based on the enthusiastic kudos from fellow alumni, TIP alumni sure appreciate her efforts to keep them in touch with each other. In fact, it seems that TIP alumni are on the move and constantly visiting each other, and Barranco Mendoza's website is responsible for alumni's abilities to keep in touch!

Her experiences, in fact, may mirror many a TIP alumna/us when she tells the following story. "About three years ago, I went to a conference in Gothenberg, Sweden for a week. While I was there, I got an e-mail from Junas Adhikary, who lives in Vancouver, telling me that Eddy Henry, who lives in Indonesia, had written him to tell him that he was in Gothenberg for a business trip. I e-mailed Eddy and we met the next day for lunch, after five years of not having seen each other. During lunch, he told me that the next day he would be going to London, UK, where he would be spending the weekend. I also had plans to spend the weekend in London, and there I had planned to meet with Andy Quan, who was working there, whom I also hadn't seen in about five years. So, we agreed to meet in London with Andy that weekend. On Saturday, we met Andy in a pub in London, and he told us that Kai Alderson and his wife Tobi Davidge, whom I hadn't seen in about four years, were also living in London. So, we phoned them and they told us to drop by their apartment. We ended up having an impromptu TIP reunion with one Mexican, one Indonesian, and three Canadians in London, after none of us had seen each other in over four years. What a great time!"

Anyone with ties to the Trent International Program is urged to click through TIP's home page of www.trentu.ca/tip and click on Trent Alumni in the menu to update their e-mail address, read and post messages, and keep up to date on events

CHAPTERS

In the spirit of fostering fellowship among alumni, chapters were developed in order to help Trent graduates continue to feel a part of the "Trent family" even after they graduated. The first chapter was founded in Ottawa in 1986 by alumna Lucile McGregor, and many more soon followed. As of January 2003, the Alumni Association has 22 official chapters ranging from Vancouver to Halifax, and Singapore to Tokyo, with emerging chapters in Yellowknife and Thailand.

According to Tony Storey, Director of the Alumni Affairs Office, chapters are "an important bridge to the alumni membership." The presence of a chapter helps alumni to keep in touch with university news as well as with friends and former classmates. Beyond the social aspects of pubs, picnics, and other events, chapter events also serve as venues for alumni to voice their concerns, questions, and perspectives on Trent.

Chapters in Canada can be found in Vancouver Island, Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, London/Middlesex, South Western Ontario, Niagara, Golden Horseshoe, Georgian Triangle, York Region, Toronto, Oshawa/Durham, Peterborough, Belleville/Quite, Kingston, National Capital, Montreal, and Halifax and Dartmouth. Overseas chapters can be found in Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, and Tokyo. There is also interest in starting up chapters in Thailand and Yellowknife.

If anyone is interested in starting up a new chapter, please call the Trent University Alumni Association at 1-800-267-5774.

To find information about chapter events near you, go to the alumni website at www.trentu.ca/alumni and click on Chapters on the menu.

ROGER JONES,
EMERITUS PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY

A Stewardship Plan for the Nature Areas on the Symons Campus, Trent University

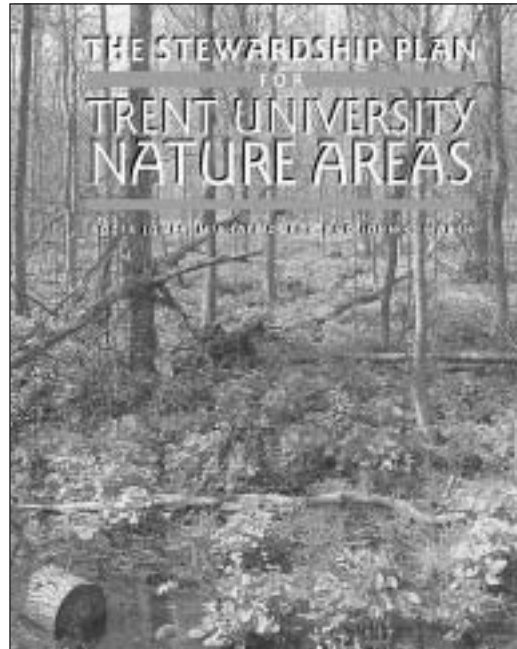
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A draft of "The Stewardship Plan for Trent University Nature Areas" has been prepared by Professors Roger Jones, Michael Fox and John Marsh and presented to the University Administration and Board of Governors for discussion and approval by relevant bodies and committees. University and local community opinions and suggestions will be sought at an open house meeting and by written or e-mailed submissions.

The stewardship plan was requested by President Conolly in 1996 so that the 16 nature areas protected from development for their natural heritage values and functions by the University Senate and Board of Governors in 1989 could be administered and managed for the benefit of the University and the community. These areas were protected also for their importance for long-term educational, research and recreational purposes. Trent's nature areas make up approximately 40% of the green space within the City of Peterborough and comprise some 315 hectares of the 580 hectare Symons Campus. President Conolly also arranged funds for partial relief from teaching duties for the Plan's authors and for other assistance. The draft Plan details sensitive areas, recreational areas and outlines the kinds of research and educational activities appropriate for the nature areas. It also addresses the near and long term ecological stewardship needed to maintain biodiver-

sity and habitat diversity in Trent's nature areas for teaching, research and recreational purposes. Pro-active management would occur in some areas, such as removing and controlling invasive alien and over abundant native species, while in other areas passive management is proposed.

The major recommendation in the



draft Plan is that a professionally trained conservation manager, the University Naturalist/Nature Areas Manager, be hired to implement the Plan and oversee the ecological stewardship of the nature areas. Among several additional tasks that the

nature areas manager would be expected to perform would be to use more effectively the educational and recreational potential of some nature areas for the greater benefit of the University, schools and the public. One of the ways proposed is for the nature areas manager to teach a nature/environmental interpretation course for students in the Education Program and for those intending to pursue a career in conservation. The course would be "hands-on", using the nature areas as an outdoor laboratory, and would require that participating students organize and lead interpretive walks for schools and the public.

It is also proposed in the Plan that there be a Nature/Environmental Interpretation Centre to support implementation of the stewardship plan. The Centre would be home for the Nature Areas manager, would have a library/reading room and display interpreting and promoting natural history and the environment.

There would also be a storage space for equipment donated and purchased for creating and maintaining nature trails. Space would also be available for use by a proposed "Friends of Trent University Nature Areas" organization to raise funds by selling Nature Areas clothing and nature books and guides. An ideal location for an interpretation centre is a disused house on a lot situated in the north-west corner of the Wildlife Sanctuary Nature Area and which is close to the campus core.

The nature areas manager would also be responsible for seeking and training volunteers wishing to assist with maintenance and operation of the nature areas. That there is substantial conservation volunteer interest in the University and local community is evidenced by local volunteer participation in annual international "Working for Nature" projects organized by the Federation of Ontario Naturalists to upgrade and create nature trails at Trent. These week-long "Working for Nature" projects have, since 1998, attracted 23 conservation volunteers from the UK who each spent at least \$1,250 to come to Trent for the opportunity to work alongside Ontario and local volunteers in the nature areas on the Symons Campus. It is not all work for the British volunteers as an active social and sight-seeing program, including a day visit to Algonquin Park, is organized for them. Other conservation volunteers have included Canada World Youth participants accompanied by young adults from India; however, ongoing successful volunteer programs require the commitment of an individual to organize them, train the volunteers and to be in charge. This would be a responsibility of the nature areas manager.

While it is recognized that the University must devote funds for the stewardship of its nature areas there are, nevertheless, many realistic proposals and suggestions in the Plan for raising additional funds for the nature areas. The Plan authors detailed the

success of several limited fundraising efforts during the past few years to garner funds for the nature areas. For example, as part of the recent "Beyond our Walls" campaign, \$50,000 were donated by Canadian Pacific Foundation and \$25,000 by Home Depot Canada for the nature areas for upgrading neglected nature trails and creating new ones. In particular, rotted boardwalks across wetlands had to be replaced and new ones constructed. Friends and relatives of John de Pencier, a former Chair of the Board of Governors have created an endowment fund of \$100,000 for the stewardship of the Nature Areas. Furthermore, the major source of funding from within the University for the nature areas has come from the generosity of the undergraduate student body in the form of an annual levy which, since initiation in 1998 following a referendum in 1997, has raised \$35,000 for use by the Nature Areas Committee (NAC), an advisory committee with no University funding. These levy funds have been used for maintenance and management activities in the nature areas, to employ students, to subsidize student research in Trent's nature, and to provide office assistance for the NAC and to assist with preparation of the draft Plan. Members of the NAC have also raised funds and solicited in-kind donations totaling some \$15,000, much from local businesses, for use in the nature areas and for Plan preparation. The authors state in the Plan that "this extensive interest and goodwill needs to be effectively tapped on an ongoing basis to assist with the stewardship of the TNAs". They further believe that an organized fund raising campaign organized by the Development Office for implementing the proposals in the Stewardship Plan would be eminently successful.

Implementation of the Stewardship Plan will be an exciting and rewarding challenge for the University and will have the result of raising further the image and profile of an University that espouses a deep con-

- The draft of "The Stewardship Plan for Trent University Nature Areas" can be seen at www.trentu.ca/biology/tna or accessed via the quick reference menu on the home page of Trent's web site.
- A hard copy of the draft stewardship plan can be purchased from R. Jones, Department of Biology, for \$25.00 plus \$5.00 for shipping and handling, please make your cheques payable to Trent University.
- Comments and suggestions by alumni on any aspect of the draft Plan or recommendations made in it will be gratefully received for consideration during the approval process for the final document. Please mail your response to R. Jones or use the comment form on the web site.
- Directed donations by alumni wishing to assist with funding of the Stewardship Plan and its implementation would be gratefully received.
- Trent's nature areas can also be supported by purchasing Nature Areas hats and shirts from the University bookstore (bookstore@trentu.ca).

cern for nature, the environment and all aspects of environmental education and research. ☺

Sunshine Sketches



1966-67

Photo of proud alumni moms **Lindy Powell '66** and **Cathy Michell '67** with brothers **Jesse Powell Bowman '99** and **Geordie Michell-Bowman '02**. photo #1

1971

Clark Beamish '71, a career Army Intelligence Officer, recently obtained an MA in War Studies from the Royal Military College of Canada. His thesis was an investigation of US foreign policy and European security policy in the Balkans, 1991-2001. He is presently employed in one of NATO's new high readiness headquarters and resides with his wife Karen in Istanbul. He offers best wishes to all his old compatriots in Champlain College.

1976

During the early summer of 2002, **Gordon H. Copp '76** and family returned from France to England, where Gordon accepted a permanent research position with a British government agency (www.cefas.co.uk), where he will examine the risks and impacts of non-native freshwater fishes to British freshwater ecosystems, in particular endangered indigenous fish species. Part of Gordon's research includes a continuation of his collaboration with Trent's Prof. Michael Fox on life history adaptations in English population of pumpkinseed sunfish, which were introduced into Britain in the late 19th century. Gordon and family (Elizabeth, Michaela) are living in Norwich, Norfolk, and will be glad to hear from friends from Trent. Send messages to: gordon.copp@virgin.net

1979

Well, I'm (**Nicky Patel '79**) back in Canada! After working in the Land of the Rising Sun for three years. It's good to be back home. I am the Director of languages at LaSalle College in Toronto. If any Trent Alumni are out there I'd love to hear from you. My e-mail address is patel-nicky@hotmail.com

1984

Jonathan William Alexei Nayler was born on April 11th, 2002 to **Kelly and Peter Nayler '84**. A future Trent student for sure. photo #2

1985

Jacque McCarnan '85 and her husband Peter O'Donnell are delighted to introduce their new addition, Shaye D'Arcy O'Donnell, born December 5, 2001. Shaye joins her big sister Layne and her mom and dad in their new Vancouver home. In her short life Shaye has already made the plane trip to Ontario twice. While there we visited Trent friends **KC Pongracz (Haynes) '85** with her triplets!!! **Yas Khan '85** and her new baby, Sarah and **Jennifer Dougal (Kitchen) '85** and her expanding family. After nine years in Whistler BC (which should have it's own alumni chapter!) the O'Donnell's are now city folk. Jacquie is cultivating a new portrait photography business dedicated to black and white photos of kids. www.jacflash.com. (a 20% discount on the sitting fee is available to all Trent alumni) I love to hear from my Trent friends and encourage anyone out there to contact me via my website. photo #3

1987

Stephanie (Tracy) Jones '91 and Brian Jones are pleased to announce the birth of Matthew Owen on November 4, 2002 in Peterborough. Stephanie is on maternity leave from ESRI Canada and Brian teaches grade one in Pickering. photo #4

Sally (March) '87 and Lauren Ginter are pleased to announce the birth of their first child. Madeline Martha Evans was born on October 20th in Kelowna, BC. Proud grandparents include Professor Raymond March and his wife Kathleen.

1989

Sharon Doherty '89 and Rick Kuzyk were married on October 5, 2002 at Nobleton Lakes Golf Club, Nobleton, Ontario. Of course, what would a wedding be without Trent Alumni? **Dave Hinchcliffe '88** was best man and **Jennifer Lewis '89** was a Bridesmaid. Sharon and Rick were introduced by Trent friends. Pictured are **Kristi Wickson (Downs) '89**, **Sherri Wood '89**, **Michelle Davies (Bittermann) '89**, **Gail Pratt (Deslaurier) '90**, Rick Kuzyk, **Sharon Doherty '89**, **Greg Richardson '88**, **Wendy O'Neill '89**, **Dave Hinchcliffe '88**, **Jennifer Lewis '89** and baby **Abery Hinchcliffe** (future Trent Alumni). photo #5



1990

Jennifer Lorenz and Rob Walisser (Admin. Studies) were married on July 6, 2002 in Toronto, Ontario. Trent alumni in attendance included **Tara (Bateson) Bowling '90**, **Laurie (Coombe) Laurendeau '90**, **Cheryl (Ashby) Mijares '90**, **Noel Cordahi '90** and **Jay Wheadon '90** (Best Man). Rob is currently Managing Director for Renaissance Learning of Canada, an educational software company. Jen and Rob reside in Aurora, Ontario, and can be reached at rob@walisser.com photo #6

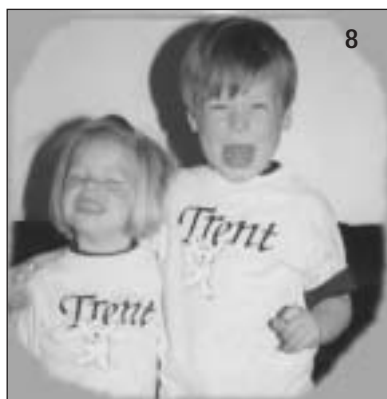


1991

Laura (Boyd) and Andrew Campbell are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their daughter, **Julia Elizabeth Marie Campbell** on January 17, 2002 in Markham, Ontario weighing 6lbs 10oz.



Robert Wilson '91 and Danna McPhee '92 would like to announce their marriage on August 17th, 2002 at the Kortright Conservative Centre. Alumni in the picture from left to right **Jillian Alexander '97, Paul De La Franier '92, Howard Fienberg '92, Stephanie Hillson '92, Tanya Marwitz '92, Ingrid Parn-Musgrave '92, (Bride) Danna McPhee, (Groom) Robert Wilson, Jennifer Alexander '91, Peter St. Onge '90, Pauline Henderson '88 and Ken Ferguson '91.** photo #7



Meghan Thomas '92 was called to the Bar of Ontario on October 3, 2002. After her graduation from Trent (LEC) with a B.A. in Spanish Language and Literature, she attended the University of Ottawa's School of Translation for studies in Spanish-English Translation B coincidentally, with two other Trent alumni:



Michael Bongard '85 and Melissa McCormack '87. She then moved to Toronto and after two years in the working world, began legal studies at Osgoode Hall Law School. After graduating in the top 4% of her law school class, Meghan articulated with the law firm Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP, where she now practices in the Research group. Meghan lives in Toronto with her spouse, Gary Morrison (formerly of Lakefield, Ontario) and their cats, Osgoode and Gato. She would love to hear from fellow alumni and can be contacted at meghan.thomas@fmc-law.com



Christopher Whale's '92 children Jess and Denholm Whale. photo #8

Yes on July 5, 2002 we (**Steve & Margaret Millar '92**) tied the knot. Margaret and I then ran off to a resort in northern Ontario for a much-needed rest for our honeymoon. Since graduating from Trent I have held a variety of

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jobs in retail and even a job in television as an audience coordinator (basically get people to come out and see the worst show on television – in other words the job was no prize but the pay was great!). At some point in 1997 I came to the realization that I have always enjoyed working with kids so why not look into teaching? To gain experience I worked in a variety of positions, including: the Assistant Training Officer for an Air Cadet Squadron; instructor for the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, and an Out-tripping Specialist and Environmental Education Coordinator for the Lakewood Easter Seals Society Camp (where I met Margaret; she was the baker for the camp).

Since 1998 I have worked with ABC Emergency Management Seminars as a First Aid and CPR instructor and St. Andrews College as a Cadet instructor with the 142 Highland cadet corps (where I am soon to become an officer through the Canadian Armed Forces). I am also a

full time teacher with Thornhill Public School where I teach geography and science to the intermediate division (grades 7 and 8). I am also setting up a program to teach my students about native Ontario species of fish in my classroom, thus I have a dozen huge fish tanks filling my classroom, so if you know anyone in the aquarium business, get them to give me a call. photo #9

1993

Mark Duffy '93 and Sharon McMehen were married on June 29, 2002 at Black Creek Pioneer Village in Toronto. They are currently living in La Ronge Saskatchewan where Mark is a Fisheries Biologist for the provincial government and Sharon is a science teacher at the local high school. photo #10

1996

Alec Forbes and **Samantha Lewis (Sturges) '96** welcomed Owen Rhys Forbes into the world on August 12, 2002. photo #11

1997

Adam Coovadia '97 would like to announce the birth of his daughter: Darwin Linnea Aviva Coovadia, Born June 25th, 2002 in St. Petersburg, Florida. photo #12

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University a couple of years ago, Georgina was a recruiter in Trent Registrar's Office. And Dan has joined the Alumni Executive as our representative on the Board of Governors, and has also agreed to chair Trent's Fundraising Council. Welcome, and thanks to both of you for your involvement!

And finally, I would be absolutely remiss if I did not take this opportunity to congratulate my co-president, Maureen, on a few recent significant "life events". Not only is Maureen boasting a "brand" new husband (Martienus Brand) but also welcomed a "brand" new baby! Congratulations to the Brands – Maureen and Martienus and Eamon Michael! ☺

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It is rewarding to see Trent recognized for its strengths and I am thrilled to tell you that Trent has been chosen, as one of only four universities in Canada, to participate in the CBC Radio Peter Gzowski Internships. This is a new internship program launched by the CBC to honour Peter, and will allow a Trent fourth-year student to be introduced to the world of radio programming. When Peter's partner, Gillian Howard, learned of Trent's participation in the program, she had this to say: "Our family is very pleased that the CBC has chosen to recognize Peter in this way. The internship program creates special links between CBC Radio and Canadian universities, and in particular to Trent University, that held such a special place in Peter's heart. We are very pleased to see Peter's name associated with a program that will provide students with unique learning and career opportunities."

The stories in this issue of *TrenT* will open windows onto some of what is happening at this special place, keeping you connected to this vibrant university community in a meaningful way. Take the article about Registrar Susan Salusbury as an example – by day she is a committed member of the Trent team and has served as registrar for over two years. Away from her desk, she has a passion for riding her Harley and a feature in this issue's article explores her hobby, and her life in its broader context. Another story will connect you to the volunteer work of alumna Karen Sisson and you will also be introduced to the new Board of Governors Chair, Reid Morden.

It is rewarding to be in contact with this much energy on a daily basis, and to see true education in action. I hope you enjoy this issue of *TrenT*. ☺

In Memoriam



Amy Marie Johnston-Cobbett '87, age 34, died suddenly at home on September 14th, 2002. Loving wife and best friend of **Ron Cobbett '87**. She will be sadly missed by her parents, sister, brother, grandparents, in-laws, nephews and nieces. Amy was working on an Autism Pilot Project at Algonquin Ridge E.S. with the Simcoe County District School Board.

Judy Davidson (McConnell) '69, a French/History major and Trent enthusiast, died on August 14, 2002 after a four-year struggle with cancer. She will be missed by her husband Mike, daughter, **Jennifer '96**, son, Cory, as well as Trent friends, **Linda Buchner (Sibley) '67**, **Helen Davis (Rosevear) '69**, **Rhonda (Read) '69** and **Robin Mackay '68** as well as **Ruth (Rosevear) '68** and **Bob Kerr '69**.

Judy embraced Trent wholeheartedly, meeting the challenge of heavy reading courses in spite of very limited vision. At that time resources were scarce for students who were visually impaired, but Trent's personalized support and easy access to professors, even for first year students, helped to ensure her success. Her courage and perseverance belied how enormous a task it was. University life also offered her the opportunity to explore her faith through Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship and her love of singing through Gilbert & Sullivan productions. It's a tribute to Trent that Judy encouraged her daughter, who is visually impaired, to make Trent her first choice.

One of Judy's later contributions was her work with young students who needed texts transcribed into Braille and books recorded on tape. In the last couple of years she was determined to complete her contract with their school, even though it meant months of working while ill. In this spirit we would like to continue supplying resources to any Trent student facing similar challenges. The Special Needs Office in Bata Library provides a vital service to any student in need of support.

To make a contribution, please send your gift to the Development Office, Trent University, 1600 West Bank Drive, Peterborough, ON, K9J 7B8. Note on your cheque that it is in memory of Judy. To give on-line through the Trent website (www.trentu.ca) select the charity.ca button on the main page and look for the Judy McConnell Davidson Memoriam. You may also donate with a credit card by calling (705)748-1011 x 1601. If you have any questions about donations, please call Susan Mackle, Vice-President of Advancement at extension 1207.

The University community was saddened to hear of the death of their friend, colleague and alumna **Joanne Heath-Menger '70** following a lengthy illness. Joanne was a 35 year employee of Trent, an active member of OPSEU, well-known local artist and community volunteer. She is sadly missed by her husband Wally, parents, brothers and sisters and their families, her step-children and her colleagues at Trent.



saddened to hear of the death of its former Chancellor Dr. Frederick Kenneth Hare who passed away September 3 in Oakville.



Professor Hare served as Trent University's sixth Chancellor for two and a half terms, from 1988 to 1995 and was University Professor Emeritus in Geography at the University of Toronto.

Peter Adams, Member of Parliament and Professor Emeritus at Trent University, was a student of Professor Hare's at McGill. Commenting on Professor Hare's passing, Adams said, "Ken Hare was in his own right a very distinguished scholar. At Trent he was a Chancellor that we were proud to have and a Chancellor who took a genuine year-round interest in the University, particularly in the Geography Department where he continued to provide annual lectures to students even after he had stepped down as Chancellor."

Dr. Hare was a distinguished environmental science and geography professor who was noted for his research in climatology and biogeography. He was commissioner of the Ontario Nuclear Safety Review and headed major inquiries into environmental issues such as lead contamination, nuclear winter, air pollution and the disposal of nuclear waste.

In addition to his scientific accomplishments, Professor Hare had a long and distinguished career as a university administrator at McGill University, where he was Dean of Arts and Science; at the University of London where he was Master of Birkbeck College; at the University of British Columbia where he was President, and at the University of Toronto, where he was Provost of Trinity College and Director of the Institute for Environmental Studies. He was

The Trent University community was

educated at the University of London, the London School of Economics and the University of Montreal.

Dr. Hare was Chairman of the Climate Program Planning Board of Canada, the Royal Society of Canada Study of Nuclear Winter, the Canadian panel on documents related to a proposed Canada- U.S. treaty on transboundary air pollution, and the Federal Study Group on Nuclear Waste Management.

He was a Companion of the Order of Canada and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and was awarded honorary degrees by 11 universities including a Trent University Honorary Degree in 1979. In 1989 he received the Order of Ontario and the International Meteorological Organization Prize from the World Meteorological Organization. Professor Hare was presented with Trent University's Eminent Service Award in 1995 upon his retirement as Chancellor.

David Beaudoin '83 passed away peacefully at 11:20 am on the morning of October 31st, 2002. David was a long time employee at Canada Life Assurance in Toronto, Ontario. Our thoughts and prayers are with his friends and family. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that people donate to the Heroes of Hope Campaign for the Oshawa Hospital.

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and dinner parties planned (or unplanned) around the world.

Special Groups also have quite strong ties with the alumni community. Among those groups with strong ties to their alumni community are Business Administration, Rugby Football Club, Biology, and Friends of Trent Athletics. To find out more information, go to the alumni website at www.trentu.ca/alumni and click on Special Groups.

In it's 27th year, the Team Trend Alumni weekend hosts one of the most enduring annual turnouts for any kind of alumni fellowship at Trent. "The weekend starts off on the Friday night with a hockey game against the existing Team Trend team, then it is back to the Trend for a night to reminisce with team-mates and friends, and try to teach the students there about the history of Trill College and The Trend," says Brian Purcell, an avid member of the team. "Some listen, and some others just pass us off as a bunch of long-winded old farts," he adds. "The family skate always draws a number of young potential Team Trenders, and is also popular with the Peterborough Chapter of the Alumni Association. Saturday evening is a banquet night at Scott House, with cocktails, dinner, and sometimes a dance." Two years ago at the 25th Reunion Team Trend Weekend, over 90 people attended, some from as far away as British Columbia and the Northwest Territories. This year's Team Trend Alumni Weekend was held on March 21-22. For more information, contact the Alumni Office at 705-748-1573.

A note from the author: Thank you very much to everyone who participated in providing information for this article. I apologize if I've inadvertently missed your chapter or group's information. It was hard to whittle down so much exciting and interesting information to fit into one article.

SPECIAL GROUPS

Chapters may be the official avenue of Trent alumni fellowship, but affinity groups tap into the alumni enthusiasm – perhaps to an even greater extent than chapters – of their particular Trent communities. Team Trend alumni are celebrating their 27th annual weekend this March, while the Trent International Program (TIP), Business Administration, Rugby Football Club, Friends of Trent Athletics, Biology, and Geography alumni all have strong ties and host annual or semi-annual events.

If anyone is interested in starting up a new special group, or adding information about their current group on the alumni website, please call the Trent University Alumni Association at 1-800-267-5774.

To find information about special group events near you, go to the alumni website at www.trentu.ca/alumni and click on Special Groups on the menu.

Should you have a Chapter Event you would like to advertise, or if you would like to write about an event you have participated in, (whether an official chapter event or an impromptu dinner), please write to: alumni@trentu.ca or phone the Alumni Office at 705-748-1573. We would LOVE to hear from you! ☺

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turned his attention to the long term goals of financial stability, as well. "The second thing is to be more aggressive and more creative in reinforcing Trent's revenues in order to keep up with all the other universities in the province." Mr. Morden pointed to the success of the recent capital campaign as an example of that, but cautioned: "The days of defined fundraising campaigns are over. Now we're in a constant fundraising mode," which is why he lauds the initiative of board member and Trent alum Dan Coholan ('77), chair of the new Fundraising Council at Trent.

He recognizes the role alumni play in that vision. Mr. Morden enjoyed a recent trip to Ottawa, where he met with a group of about 40 alumni and gave a talk on the subject of security,

post 9/11. He referred to the federal government's anti-terrorism act, Bill C-36, and expressed his concerns about its potential to infringe on the civil rights of Canadians. Mr. Morden knew that his position on the legislation might come as a surprise to some and he cautions people about ascribing right wing stereotypes to security and intelligence professionals. At the gathering, he shared his opinion that the legislation didn't need to go as far as it did. "The government simply needed to provide CSIS and the RCMP with enough resources to carry out the mandate they already had," he said. "It would have been every bit as effective, or more, without the dangers of transgressing into people's individual rights."

Mr. Morden added that Trent alum were "very well versed in what they thought society should be and look like. They think fairness and transparency are important."

As this interview wrapped up at 3:30 p.m., Mr. Morden was nowhere near the end of his day at Trent. First, he headed for Lady Eaton College to congratulate some of Trent's brightest students at a reception for distinguished scholars and those who support them through donations for scholarships. Later that evening, he met with supporters and friends of Trent from the Peterborough community ... Threats of terrorism and national security seemed to be the farthest thing from his mind – and he looked as if he couldn't be happier. ☺

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is transmitted to a new host. This cyst form is the infectious stage. The cysts are ingested via contaminated water or food, and once swallowed, the organism "hatches" – divests itself of its protective sheath – and takes on its swimming form as a trophozoite.

Under the microscope a *Giardia* trophozoite looks like a benign little "E.T" with a tear drop shape and two eye-like nuclei. In fact, it is cheerfully and rapidly reproducing by binary fission, feeding away by attaching itself so powerfully to the lining of the small intestine with its tiny suction cup, that the depressions left by each little vacating trophozoite can easily be seen under sufficient magnification. The trophozoite in turn differentiates back into the oval-shaped cyst form as it passes from the upper intestine to the colon and so the cycle repeats itself.

What triggers the change from one form to the other? Professor Yee hopes that by better understanding the genetics of *Giardia*, both detection of the parasite in water and treatment of Giardiasis can be improved,

and that ultimately the spread of infection can be reduced.

Her students are examining how genes are turned on and off by this parasite. One technique used in this study involves the 'transformation of *Giardia*' – that is to introduce foreign genes into this organism and see whether the gene will be 'expressed' or turned on in the treated trophozoites. The foreign gene used in these studies encode an enzyme, called luciferase, which is normally found in fireflies. Since luciferase is responsible for the "glow" of the firefly, *Giardia* that can turn on the firefly gene it has taken up will also glow. However, the luciferase gene will only be expressed in *Giardia* if the gene is associated with specific DNA sequences that is recognized by the parasite as a genetic 'on' switch.

The identity of a gene control switch in *Giardia* can be identified by studying which piece of DNA associated with the firefly luciferase gene is needed for the transformed trophozoites to glow.

Quite apart from the medical significance of Yee's research, the results

will lead to a better understanding of an organism which has evolutionary significance. *Giardia* is sometimes referred to as a "living fossil" because it has retained characteristics of the first eukaryotic cell that arose during evolution. Eukaryotes are cells that contain their genetic material or DNA inside a separate compartment in the cell called the nucleus.

In contrast, prokaryotes, such as bacteria, are organisms lacking nuclei, and are in a lineage that separated from that of the eukaryotes very early in evolution. By exploring the genetic structure of *Giardia*, we may uncover clues about the identity of the ancestral cell that gave rise to both the eukaryotic and prokaryotic lineages.

Sound complicated? Undoubtedly! While some of us are growing and cutting perennials, these folk are cutting and growing DNA with a view to making our essential resource of fresh water safer to drink. Thanks to Janet Yee, and all her student assistants, for their patient tutoring of me, and their fascinating work on behalf of all of us. ☺