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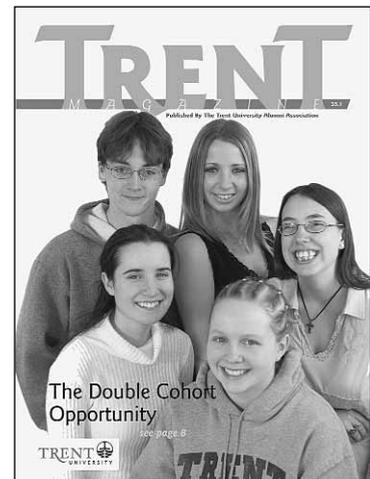
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Cover photo: First-year students.  
Back row: Pat O'Brien, Melissa Deacon, Erica White; front row: Danielle Leighton, Edna Carlross.



## EDITORIAL



## What I wish for you...

The other day, while listening to the radio, I heard a rather pompous radio announcer listing his ten wishes for the New Year. They included such things as a ban on all broadcasting of rap music and an end to fast food chains (my son in the passenger seat needed oxygen!) While few of the announcer's wishes appealed to me, I loved the idea of the list, so I've developed my own.

If I could bestow ten small good wishes on my friends, they would be:

- That the dog barking behind the door turn out to be a Pekinese, and never a Pit Bull.
- That your children play basketball and not hockey, so the practices are after school in a warm gym and not at 5am in a cold arena.
- That the five pounds you think you've gained really be the fault of a broken scale, just as you've been telling yourself.

- That you get a letter from Revenue Canada saying that a mistake has been found in your tax return ... and you've paid too much!
- That your in-laws live close enough that they can enjoy the grandkids, but far enough away that you still enjoy them!
- That someone in your aerobics class has more trouble following the routines than you do.
- That one day, your son says to you, "I think I need a haircut", all on his own.
- That the radio wakes you at 6am one cold winter morning to report that everything's closed and cancelled because of the snow. (It's good to be Canadian.)
- That your friends be too many to count and your enemies be too few to matter.
- That you believe with all your heart that family, and not money, is what really matters in life.

May 2004 bring you much joy!  
Liz Fleming '76

## Come Home to the Spirit of Trent!

### Trent Celebrates its fortieth teaching year.

Be sure to return for:

- ☞ The TIP 21st reunion
- ☞ Champlain early 80s reunion
- ☞ Trent Week Oct 11-17  
*featuring Black Tie and Birkenstocks on Friday the 15th and "The Big Party" on the 16th*
- ☞ Original Classes ('64-'66) reunion
- ☞ Aquatics Staff Reunion at Head of the Trent
- ☞ 40 Dinners for 40 Years – a global celebration of Trent's 40th on Saturday, October 16.  
To organize a dinner in your region, contact [alumni@trentu.ca](mailto:alumni@trentu.ca)
- ☞ Peter Gzowski College and First People's House of Learning Opening
- ☞ Head of the Trent Rowing Regatta

40<sup>th</sup>

**A year of Celebration: come join us!**

BY MAUREEN BRAND '89



## Association Co-president's Message

If you're a member of Trent's alumni e-mail list, you'll already know all about our fabulous showing this fall in some pretty important publications. (If you missed that e-mail, you should get hooked up on our Alumni E-Directory at [www.trentu.ca/alumni](http://www.trentu.ca/alumni) so it never happens again!)

From that happy e-mail, you would have been one of the first to find out that, in the annual *Maclean's* rankings, Trent:

- a) was ranked number one as Ontario's primarily undergraduate university;
- b) was ranked number one for student retention, medical/science research funding, AND scholarships and bursaries;
- c) had ten other top-ten rankings including placing ninth in Canada for alumni support!

Also contained in that e-mail was information that students themselves ranked Trent number one of 38 Canadian universities. Something we have known for a long time, current students who responded to a large *Globe and Mail* sponsored survey placed us ahead of the pack in terms of the "Quality of Education" they receive at Trent.

AND, as if all this wasn't enough, Trent AGAIN took top honours when the *National Post* declared that we were the number one primarily undergraduate university named as a Research University for the Year for 2003.

We knew all of this great stuff about Trent all along - what took the rest of Canada so long? Congratulations to everyone in the Trent community who has always worked so hard to keep Trent among the best in Canada and the world!

### **OUTREACH, BENCHMARKING, CONSULTATION, CITIZENSHIP, SUPPORT**

2002-03 was another important & impressive year for our alumni association.

A complete list of highlights is included in the Association's annual report, but we did wish to touch specifically on the five themes listed above.

### **OUTREACH**

This past year was special because a very special Trent person retired, and then promptly went to work for the Alumni Association. Paul Wilson's 36 year career as Athletics Director may have concluded, but his role as an alumni relations ambassador accelerated in 2002. On our behalf, Paul met with alumni in Vancouver, Victoria, Calgary, Edmonton, Peterborough, Toronto and Kitchener/Waterloo. And just how did our alumni respond, you might ask? Consider the following: over 300 alumni & friends made donations to the PSB Wilson Fund for Athletics and Recreation, a record 90 golfers attended a Port Hope tournament, the Association filled two tables at his induction into the Peterborough Sports Hall of Fame, 180 guests turned out for the Peterborough Community Dinner and another 125 alumni attended the regional receptions. The newly established Wilson Fund quickly became one of the university's most successful named endowment fund campaigns. Although we did allow Paul & Gillian a two-month break in England, Paul was back on the alumni circuit recently with a successful evening in Oakville.

### **BENCHMARKING**

Consistent with our Association planning priorities (2001-05), 2002 became the year of measurement. We tracked meetings, activities, events, programs, volunteerism, financial support, and e-mail, phone and mail traffic. Reports on all these areas are included in this annual report. We will continue to measure our vitality in 2003 and 2004, so that we can meet the Association's goals. Please take the time to review these reports. We believe they paint a picture of an engaged and dynamic association.

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PRESIDENT BONNIE M. PATTERSON

## A Year to Remember

**A**lumni are likely familiar with the term “double cohort” by now, the first-ever influx of two high school graduating classes to universities across the province of Ontario. You may be less familiar, however, with the double cohort’s extraordinary effect at Trent University. The anticipation and the preparation involved in the accommodation of these students, has enlivened our campus and enriched our community.

This fall, Trent successfully welcomed an unprecedented number of first-year students – slightly more than 1,700. This figure, though preliminary at the time of writing this column, constitutes a 52 per cent increase over 2002 / 2003. This year’s growth was on top of a 40 per cent growth in students the previous year. As this year’s class assumes its academic journey over the next four to five years, and additional classes embark on theirs, the peak of the “double cohort effect” will see the student population crest at close to 7,600 a year from now.

In keeping with its tradition of excellence, Trent has welcomed more than 78 new faculty (29 full-time tenure-track positions) and over 30 staff members, added state-of-the-art equipment, expanded and enhanced facilities and is putting \$1.2 million into IT infrastructure. The double cohort class is experiencing an evolving Trent, but in the most important sense, these students are experiencing the University the way thousands before them have. Countless faculty, staff and student groups have worked intensely to ensure these students experience the Trent that values them as individuals and encourages them to reach their own unique goals. The double cohort students are experiencing a Trent that is focused on current experience that will prepare them for the future.

Speaking of the future, Ontario universities have entered a decade of

the greatest growth in enrolments since the 1960’s. Over the next eight years, student populations in the province are expected to increase by an additional 90,000. As we grow, it is important to note that investment in universities is key to innovation and productivity, but a report by the Council of Ontario Universities tells us that Ontario lags behind most other provinces and the U.S. in government funding for post secondary education.

Regardless, Ontario universities have been responsive to the double cohort, having ensured that qualified students receive offers of admission. Eighty-five per cent of secondary school applicants in 2003 received offers of admission from an Ontario university – the same percentage as in 2002, regardless of the 45.7 per cent increase in applicants. Also a priority for Ontario universities, is the growth of needs-based financial support. At Trent this year, we will devote more than \$6 million to financial aid.

Looking ahead, the election of a new government in the province this past fall offers opportunities to work together for the future and as the double cohort class progresses in its university career. Among its support to post secondary education, the provincial government must contribute to the expansion of graduate education in preparation for the “second double cohort” in three years time.

By providing sufficient graduate education opportunities and graduate student financial assistance, Ontario will be able to meet the demands for highly skilled labour by the province’s knowledge-intensive industries and ensure a supply of high-quality faculty for our post-secondary system in the future. At Trent, where there are approximately 250 graduate students, a key focus for the future will be growth in graduate education. The corresponding growth in research opportunities will promote innovation, providing economic spin-offs for our region and enhance the social and cultural environment in which we live, learn and work.

The Peterborough DNA Cluster Project is an excellent example of such a scenario. Groundbreaking DNA forensic research at Trent and our evolving partnerships with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Sir Sandford Fleming College, has created a unique economic niche for the region. The project will ultimately encompass a wide range of partners in the public and private sector. Trent's expertise in DNA has also led to the creation of a new degree program that will further fuel the success of this initiative. The B.Sc.F.S., an undergraduate degree in Forensic Science, will be offered in September 2004, to train the skilled workers and graduate students who will make their careers in the evolving field both in the Peterborough community far beyond our local economy.

Clearly, Trent has defined itself, along with the other 17 universities in Ontario, as an essential contributor to the social, cultural and economic landscape locally, nationally and internationally.

And at a time when there is increasing competition for superior students, the calibre of our first-year class, in combination with our strong retention of returning students, should be noted. The number of new high school students with entering averages over 80 per cent has increased as a percentage of our entering high school class numbers, and those with entering averages under 70 per cent has decreased by 14 per cent. This is a good news story as we grow.

Meanwhile our reputation for excellence in research and teaching is increasingly demonstrated in a number of ways. The number of applications to Trent grew by 134 per cent and first choice applications grew by 58 per cent this year, and Trent's newer degree programs in Nursing and Consecutive Teacher Education more than surpassed their targets as highly qualified students chose Trent. Research funding secured by our own faculty through competitive processes, has increased year over year, and doubled over the last five years. The

number of faculty and student awards achieved by those at Trent also continues to grow.

Externally, the University was recognized this fall with top rankings in three surveys examining Canadian universities.

- Trent ranked number one nationwide for "quality of education" in *The Globe and Mail's* University Report Card – a survey based on student responses.
- Trent was named "Undergraduate Research University of the Year" for 2003 in a national survey ranking Canada's innovation leaders in the *National Post*.
- Trent ranked first in Ontario among primarily undergraduate universities in the *Maclean's* magazine 2003 annual ranking of Canadian universities.

These rankings have highlighted Trent's strengths, particularly in the two core areas that are fundamental to a university's mission: teaching and research. The information we have gleaned from these survey results also serves another purpose. As additional sources of data, they are also useful to us in identifying trends and in some cases, areas where we need to improve. External feedback has aligned very closely with what we know from internal reviews and surveys, and as such, we can take steps to improve in certain areas as resources allow.

Published in the November 10, 2003 issue of *Maclean's*, the Canadian university ranking saw Trent move from sixth to fifth place in the country in the overall ranking of primarily undergraduate universities. The results also ranked Trent first out of 21 primarily undergraduate universities nationwide in a number of key performance areas including student retention, medical/science research funding and scholarships and bursaries. Trent also excelled in a number of other important categories, including top ten performance in research awards per full time faculty, class sizes and faculty with Ph.D.s.

The addition of the student retention category in this year's ranking adds an important reflection of the Trent experience. More first year students continue on into second year at Trent than at any other primarily undergraduate university in the country and we believe it is because of our focus on the success of the individual student.

Published November 4, 2003, as an insert to the *National Post*, the Canada's University Innovation Leaders survey named Trent one of three "Research Universities of the Year" for 2003, ranking Trent number one in comparison with other primarily undergraduate universities nationwide. The results, by Research Infosource Inc., were based on a combination of factors. According to the scorecard, the top performing universities "demonstrated superior achievement both in earning research income and in publishing research in leading Canadian and international journals." Ranking 32nd overall in a field of over 90 universities in Canada is a testimony to the quality of our faculty.

This designation came fresh on the heels of Trent's number one ranking for quality of education in the University Report Card, released October 15, 2003 as a special report in *The Globe and Mail*. The report ranked 38 Canadian universities based on online student responses to a more than 100-question survey. Within the quality of education category, Trent ranked first in three of the seven sub-categories including quality of teaching, faculty subject knowledge and effectiveness of teaching methods. Trent is also a leader in several other areas, according to the students who responded. The University is ranked in the top half of the results in atmosphere on campus, off-campus environment, and financial assistance categories.

While these rankings do not represent all of the pieces of the academic puzzle, these are harbingers for continued achievement at Trent. The

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BY DONAL DOYLE '91



## A Life Less Ordinary



“Well ... If they catch you they will probably kill you.”

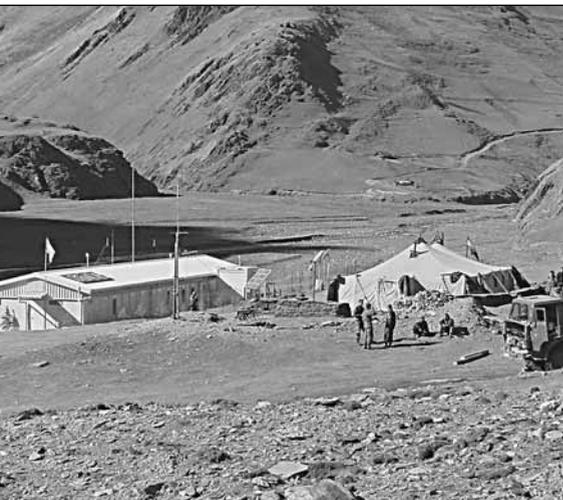
Not what I really wanted to hear at my induction training but this was the unfortunate answer I received when I asked what would happen if a band of terrorists spotted us, spotting them, at close range.

I still keep hearing this answer in repeated my head as I stand on a mountain ridge along the Republic of Georgia and Russian Federation (Chechen Republic) border with a \$70,000 piece of night infrared imaging binoculars in the pouring rain at 4 a.m. I think it has finally sunk in that there is an element of danger here, especially with an officer near me holding a Kalashnikov automatic rifle to secure my location. “But hey, its still cool and boy, wont it make for great stories down at the pub when I get back?” is my next thought. So what exactly am I doing? Technically, I am a border monitor for the OSCE (Organisation for the Security and Cooperation of Europe) Mission in Georgia for the next 12+ months. (See [www.osce.org](http://www.osce.org))

The OSCE Border Monitoring Operation in Georgia currently observes and patrols the Georgian side of the northern border along about 235 kilometres of the Caucasus mountain range focussing on the political and military security in agreement of both nations. Patrols are

carried out by foot, skis, and helicopter patrols – day and night. We are to report on any irregular movements by either country or by ‘others’ who may cross the delineated border area. ‘Others’ being the Russian Federation claim of Chechen rebels who may take refuge and hide in this region.

This is not your ordinary border with customs officers and a signpost. It is a rocky mountain range which we climb each day. No roads here and no crossing allowed. We have to take a helicopter from the capital city, Tbilisi, to our own base at 2000 meters elevation. For our patrols, we climb to 3000 meters along mountain-goat paths about 6 inches in width with average inclines of 70 degrees. On occasion, we get lucky and jump out of a hovering helicopter to our observation points. These observation points are 2 to 10 kilometres away. Often we take a tent, food, and supplies for up to 3 days at a time. Lugging the 20+ kilos on your back for 2-5 hours is not the best part of the job but when you reach a summit, the view is spectacular. I manage to get well paid for what naturalist tourists and alpinists pay thousands of dollars to do. However, the elements can also be cruel and you can be encased in a very cold and wet cloud at which point worldly cares seem to minimise as the anticipation and luxury of a hot shower take over many thoughts. (You take your good with your bad I suppose.)



Almost all border monitors are serving or once served as military, occasionally even from their respective special forces (I seem to be a bit of an exception). As monitors on patrol, we travel in groups of 2 or 3 from our main base that houses about a dozen of us in total. We are protected, since we do not carry weapons, by Georgian military guards and we always travel with a doctor and a 'self-trained' patrol dog. God help you if he doesn't like you. The dog that is ... I suppose that goes for the doctor as well.

It is all very surreal and new to me since I am not military myself, although I have been involved with military in the past. So how did I get here? Well, I transferred positions from the OSCE Bosnia-Herzegovina Mission where I was situated for almost 4 years assisting with political power sharing negotiations, good governance, and institution building.

So why am I doing this?? Why not? I suppose I am putting my Trent politics degree to good use and felt a need for a life less ordinary. After all, it's a nice change from the usual pace, I get to see the world, I get a nice tan, I am getting fit, and I am helping out a sensitive situation of 2 countries.

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BY JAN CARTER '87

# The Double Cohort: more an opportunity than a crisis

**D**espite dire predictions in the media of long line-ups, classes controlled by teaching assistants and crowded dorms, administrators at Trent suggest good strategies and planning prevented a crisis.

"This has been a positive event for us," says Susan Salusbury, University Registrar. "The awareness of the importance of a post-secondary education as a whole has never been higher. The public may have had an initial negative impression of the 'double cohort,' but it certainly raised the profile of a university education, and that's a good thing. It got the public's and the government's attention."

This year's first-year class at Trent was the largest ever at over 1,800 students, with a 52 percent increase in the number of students direct from high school. Trent's overall student population actually increased by only 16 percent, with the increase in first-year students partly offset by a decrease in out-of-province and transfer students.

This year, both colleges and universities found themselves in a guessing game as to which students would apply to which schools. The Ontario government encouraged universities to open their doors to as many students as possible who met university admissions stan-

dards. This could have resulted in a doubling of admissions, something most universities would not be able to handle structurally or academically.

It will continue to be a challenge for universities to assess their application numbers over the next few years.

"In the past, we weren't competing directly with the colleges," explains Salusbury. "Those in OAC applied to the universities, and those in Grade 12 went to the colleges. Now it will be difficult to second-

guess Grade 12 students. No one has any idea how the numbers will work out."

Trent received over 12,000 applications for 1,800 positions this year, up from 3,100 applications for about 1,000 positions in 1999.

Community colleges across Ontario applied for and received funding to add buildings in order to accommodate some of the fall-out from the "double cohort" – students who chose to attend college either because they weren't accepted by universities or because they opted for an alternative education. Pressured by the provincial government, universities made space for all applicants who "qualified", thereby eliminating a lot of that potential fall-out.

Trent University took over a vacant Bible college on a four-year lease in order to accommodate 'double cohort' students; they are affiliated with the new Peter Gzowski College, which is not yet built. It will sit between Otonabee College and the river on the East Bank of the campus; however, it won't be finished until Spring 2004.

The registration process changed this year, in part to accommodate the task of processing so many more students. For the better part of two decades, first-year Trent students woke up early on the Friday of Introductory Seminar Week (ISW) to stagger into line-ups to register for classes. Hardest of all was getting the right tutorial – and of course, if one



ABOVE: David French '80 (Senior Tutor, Champlain College), Wendy Kleinfeldt and Lara Harmon. RIGHT: Nathan Pritula. OPPOSITE: Trent Central Students Association at Clubs & Groups Day during Intro Week.



were in Arts, the goal was not to schedule anything on Fridays!

This year, over 1,500 new students and parents took part in registration and orientation programs held over the summer. As a result, more than 87 percent of first-year students knew their schedules and majors before they stepped onto the campus. The traditional information seminars still ran during ISW, though attendance was reportedly down.

One of the biggest questions so far of this 'double cohort' is whether they will make the grade. With half of the students coming from Grade 12, and the other from OAC, educators and parents had been concerned that the Grade 12 graduates may not be able to function at the academic level expected of first-year university students. Fortunately, these fears have not been realized. In fact, Salusbury suggests that the quality of the students has gone up, even with government pressure to accept hundreds more students than usual.

"Some faculty members have been quite delighted," Salusbury says. "I've heard them say that students have been coming to every class prepared and ready for it."

Salusbury thinks, as do many others in the academic community, that because of the media focus on the 'double cohort' and the increased awareness of the precariousness of university acceptance, that the newest group of students knows what's at stake. They are aware there are others waiting in line to take their place should they not be able to perform.

Martin Boyne, Trent Alumnus and Director of the Academic Skills Centre (ASC), says that he and ASC representatives spoke at every registration session; they talked to parents as well as students, and sold many essay-writing and study-skills publications.

"There's no reason to say that the Grade 12 students will be less prepared than their OAC counterparts," he says. "They're younger, and may be more vulnerable, so when the crunch hits, I think their parents will play a key role."



Boyne says the ASC has been busy since the third week in September – "slightly earlier than normal." He continues: "Many of our appointments have been process-oriented, i.e., looking at the big picture instead of asking us to proofread."

While some Ontario university administrators have suggested that the 'double cohort' concerns were more hype than reality, others say that preparation and planning made the potentially disastrous transition a smooth one.

The 'double cohort' didn't become a crisis at Trent, because administrators, staff, and faculty have been planning for it since the mid-90s. As Boyne says, "Now that we're in 'it,' I think it is business as usual."

#### MEET A FEW OF TRENT'S NEWEST STUDENTS

Lara Harman is 17 and graduated from Grade 12 at Muskoka Lakes Secondary School. She now lives in C-House at Otonabee College. She doesn't feel disadvantaged by either her age or her education.

"I was an honours student, and most of my upper year courses were with OAC students anyway," she says, "so I feel pretty confident in my abilities."

"I love it here," says first-year, Champlain student Danielle Leighton. "There's a lot of spirit. I love the campus: I especially love looking at

Champlain when I'm out on the bridge ... it's so cool!"

Leighton reports that she spends 23 hours a week in classes or labs – she's in the sciences – and feels quite comfortable with both the workload and the level of performance required despite the fact that she graduated Grade 12 from a small boarding school in Nova Scotia.

Despite being warned by school officials not to be optimistic for an Ontario-university acceptance because of the 'double cohort,' she and friend Edna Carloss made Trent their first choice.

"I knew someone who went here," explains Leighton. "He didn't really have to say anything – the change in him was incredible. He blossomed here."

Both Leighton and Carloss enjoy Trent so far, and their opinions mirror those of other Trent students according to *The Globe and Mail's* University Report Card of October 2003.

Through an on-line study orchestrated by *The Globe* in April and May of last year, over 276 Trent students reported on everything from quality of education to student services and financial aid. Experts ranked student answers to more than 100 questions, divided into ten main and 58 sub-categories.

Students voted Trent first in the main category of "Quality of Educa-

tion;" however, the campus didn't do so well when it came to technology. Leighton and Carloss agree.

"It's terrible," confesses Leighton. "Everyone had the Internet already when we moved into the dorms at high school. We've waited all week for it here."

"We waited in line for two hours," adds Carloss, "and the Internet and phone still don't work." It took until the end of the first week at school for them to be "connected". For their generation, this is just "too long" to wait. Instant access is a reality elsewhere, and they expected it at Trent. This class of students is probably in closer contact with family members – daily rather than weekly, through instant messaging software – than any previous generation.

They do agree on the high quality of the faculty. As to workload, she says, "my workload hasn't been bad so far, keeping in mind that the professors are trying to ease us into university life."

The bartenders and owners of downtown pubs and bars are also well aware that more than half of the first-year class is underage.

Carloss says, "The Rooster has wet/dry night on Wednesdays and the Vibe has wet/dry night on Fridays. I'm 17, so it limits me partially, because those are the only two nights that I can go to the clubs."

"It's surprisingly hard to find good wet/dry nights at places," says Leighton, "especially when you go to classes, but it's not that bad."

Erica White, a 19-year-old Peter Gzowski College student, says that while her age is an asset, she doesn't usually go out at night because of the



LEFT: Rolando Plaza. OPPOSITE: Erica White, Teresa Cheng, Nadia Jaffer and Fatima Kamalia.

workload. "I have about three or four hours of homework every night," she explains. "Most of my friends are underage ... they seem to be managing well [but we] spend most of [our] social time here at Gzowski."

"I talk to my family every night online and make occasional phone calls on Sundays when my sister is home," White adds.

These students' experiences don't mean that underage drinking doesn't happen in the new millennium, though. For those who are underage, many engage in the age-old tradition of drinking at house parties.

"There are parties happening every weekend," says Nathan Pritula, 18. "Where the Toga parties go on, drinking is a must ... or so I hear from my friends at Trent. I'm just happy that I don't have to feel nervous about sitting with the older students at lunch. Everyone here just wants to be a friend and help each other; this school is definitely awesome." He and friends think the new drinking age should be 18 to keep in tune with the changing ages of first year college and university students.

"As for being prepared for university," Pritula says, "so far so good. However, that is only because I am working 'my ass off here' (pardon the language). I was prepared for university only because I wanted scholarships." The Grade 12 graduate is confident in the skills he learned at Niagara Falls' Westlane Secondary School, and knows that his hard work will pay off.

As for residence life, Nadia Jaffer says that she "was expecting prison ... oatmeal and green sprouts" and that she's been pleasantly surprised. "The people here are amazing, and I absolutely love my Dons...and the food." The 19-year-old OAC graduate is just hoping to "balance out between homework and hanging out with friends." She too admits to walking slowly across the bridge because she loves the views of the river and the campus.

"It's beautiful," she smiles. "For me, if I find the atmosphere to be great, my attitude is much happier. I feel that I'd actually want to go to school, if not for the work, then at least to see the beautiful scenery."

Jaffer is one of the few students who admitted to not knowing what subjects she wanted to study. "I came to Trent with no idea of what I was going to study. I'm still unsure of what I want to do," she says. "I must have changed my schedule at least 20 times."

"I'm so glad I chose Trent, and I'm sure this will be a great year," she says. "I'd have to say I LOVE this place, and I honestly could not have wished for anything better."

#### CHANGES AT TRENT

The heightened public and government awareness of the needs of this double-cohort class resulted in capital funds becoming available for new buildings and upgrades to existing infrastructure.

"Universities haven't seen capital spending like this on campuses since the 1970s," Susan Salusbury, University Registrar explains. "The 'double cohort' will be a group of students who arrive and leave, but the new and improved buildings will stay."

This has resulted in many changes to the face of Trent. New chemistry facilities and a new college – Peter Gzowski College – are midway through construction on the East



Bank of the Otonabee River. Students living in the former Peter Robinson College townhouses now call Catherine Parr Traill College home, and the university leased a former Bible college on Argyle Street for four years to cover the 'double cohort'. According to a *Toronto Star* report, over 50 percent of Toronto-based high school students went back for Grade 12.5 this year, and university officials expect the 'double cohort' to affect admissions numbers at least until 2007-2008.

Change has always been a part of Trent University's landscape. The campus has been evolving ever since the first group of students stepped onto the scene in September 1964.

Back then, students wore their robes daily, and took classes and ate at a Rubidge Street location. Male students were housed at Peter Robinson, while female students resided at Catherine Parr Traill. In time, the main campus was built, and co-ed dorms became the norm. The Rubidge Street building was sold, and departments and facilities moved up to what became Champlain, Lady Eaton, and Otonabee.

How many alumni remember "The Crypt" in the Bio/Geo building? In the 1980s, this building became the temporary "Staging Building" and housed administrative offices; it has since become a permanent fixture on campus and been named Blackburn Hall. The Environmental Sciences Building – until now the most recent major addition to the campus – was built in the early 90s.

New buildings, though, have appeared on the Trent skyline thanks to the influx of new students and the first injection of capital funding in a decade.

Slated to open in May 2004 on the East Bank, Peter Gzowski College's rust-red steel beams and 5-storey grey walls provide the view from Bata Library now, instead of Otonabee College. It will become home to the new Consecutive Teacher Education and Nursing programs, as well as Business Administration, Economics and Mathematics, the Office of Research and Graduate Studies and The First People's House of Learning. Like the other colleges, lecture halls will share space with performance spaces, classrooms and residence rooms.



The new Chemical Sciences Building will be attached to the Science Complex on the East Bank, near Wenjack Theatre. New labs for research and teaching were targeted for completion this winter, while renovations to the Science Complex have also been finished. Physics, Biology and Environmental Sciences students now have access to new lecture rooms and classrooms.

The student pub The Trend at Traill College has opened a new café and the former squash court at Champlain College is now a computer lab. Former TSU offices have been turned into Sculler's: Deli and a Tim Horton's outlet.

*The Arthur*, the Trent Women's Centre, the Trent Queer Collective (TQC) and the Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG) now occupy Stratton House, at former Peter Robinson College.

Academically, the university has hired 28 new tenure-track faculty, and there are more than 40 contract faculty filling in for the next few years of temporary influx of students. Trent @ Durham has extended their course offerings, and seven of the new faculty members will teach at Trent @ Durham.

New programs such as the Trent Consecutive Teacher Education program and the Trent University-Sir Sandford Fleming College Nursing program have met and exceeded their target enrollments and promise to be a big lure to incoming students in the future.

"I actually think it is the changes at Trent that are more profound, and having more of an impact than the fact that some of the students are younger," says David French, Don, Senior Tutor, Fencing Coach, and Alumnus. "I lament a lot of the losses ... but [these students] know it as it is

now, and they love it. So who am I to say they are missing something?"

For many alumni, the physical changes at the campus may come as a great surprise. For others, perhaps those who attend the annual Head-of-the-Trent reunion faithfully, the new buildings have slowly become part of a now-familiar landscape.

Nothing truly ever stays the same: the students of the 60s missed out on much of the main campus; those of the 70s and 80s were too early for the ERS building and upgraded facilities; and the students of the 90s were unable to experience either the funkiness of the "Crypt" or the heyday of "The Hangman." New students think the concept of having one college Don is "cool," while many alumni cannot imagine a college with only one Don. There are those who will be aghast at the idea of a Tim Horton's

or Pizza Pizza franchise on campus, while others may lament never having had quick and easy access to the perennial student favourites of pizza and coffee.

Ultimately, the newest first-year students are attending Trent for the same reason as generations of other students: to learn.

"I'm really enjoying the challenge," says Peter Gzowski student Teresa

Cheng, 18, who graduated from Grade 12 at an American school in Taiwan. "I find myself surrounded by intelligent people, and it's absolutely wonderful!" 🍕

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## Champlain College Reunion 🍷 Classes of 1983, 1984 and 1985

Has it been almost 20 years since you slept in a "staircase" and ate "Beaver Foods" in the Great Hall? Do you remember when the most pressing issue on your mind was how to get that essay written while not missing a pub night at the Ceilie or the Commoner?

Return to a time when 80s music was not "retro", when you could buy a draft beer for \$1.00, and when an afternoon could easily be spent discussing life with your floormates.

We hope that you will join us for a nostalgic afternoon with your fellow Champlain alumni. Get reacquainted with old friends, and catch up on the years that have passed since you first arrived at your new home on the shores of the Otonabee River.

Plan to attend the 2004 Head of the Trent, during which this reunion will take place. Further details will be provided to you by mail in early 2004.

BY BRUCE EMMERTON '97

# Trent Summer Sports Camp: Connecting with the Trent Community

**Y**ou may have visited Symons campus during the summer expecting to find a quiet community of staff and faculty preparing for the September rush of students, only to see an abundance of little bodies, dressed in white t-shirts and bucket hats porting water bottles around campus. Each summer, more than 600 children from five to 15 years of age descend upon Trent for eight weeks of fun and friendship. The Trent Summer Sports Camp (TSSC) was introduced in 1993, and has quickly become a significant connection between the Trent and Peterborough communities. The camp was introduced by then Intramural Coordinator Chris Kitchen (or 'Kit Kat' as he is still known at camp) as an ideal way to maximize the use of the athletic facilities during the spring and summer, and as another important source of revenue for the department of Athletics. Eleven years later, it has become the camp of choice for many young people, drawing campers from the local region, other provinces, the United States, and overseas. In our eleven short years of operation, we have developed a strong reputation among students, staff, alumni, and the Peterborough community.

This positive reputation is the result of many factors. Unique among day camps, all of our camp sessions are two-weeks long, which give us the time to develop a special bond with our campers. We have a wonderful com-

bination of indoor and outdoor facilities. The camp virtually takes over the PSB Wilson Athletic Complex during the summer, but also benefits from the many fields, forests, and numerous trails within the Trent environment. What sets us apart from other camps is the camp staff, the majority of whom are upper-year university students or graduates. We enjoy mature, experienced and dedicated staff who make every moment special for our campers. Our camp families recognize this quality and uniqueness. Over the last three years, we have filled most camp spaces by March break.

The camp has always been fortunate to have a great number of qualified and talented applicants from the Trent student body. We do not suffer from a lack of physical education or kinesiology programs to attract our ideal staff members. Among some of our Trent-student staff are many Education students, varsity athletes, intramural captains, outdoor enthusiasts, ERS and geography majors (our nature and outdoor programs are



always the first to fill), and, like the Trent student population, the majority of the staff brings a broad base of experiences and interests to camp. Competition is stiff – there are always over 100 applicants for approximately

15 new positions each year (over half of the 30 staff return each year), which confirms one of the camp's fundamental beliefs: the camp environment is as beneficial to the staff as it is to the campers. **Mike Halloran '96** (or Tank, as he is known at camp) who now teaches high school and returns to camp each summer, describes his seven years on staff as "the greatest learning opportunity for personal and professional development I have experienced." Students who work at camp still endure the regular scorn of their peers who ask questions like "when they're going to grow up and get a real job", and the tough decision to accept a job that most often only amounts to nine weeks of work. They know a very important fact, however, something the camping community has been trying to tell people for years. Camp helps everyone to develop interpersonal and problem solving skills which are important in both our professional and personal lives. The environment we enjoy every summer is full of many opportunities, like learning how to lead, to teach, to communicate effectively to people of all ages, and ultimately, to be a supportive and active member of a community.

Our staff alumni are full of praise for the skills and attitudes they developed while at camp, whether involved in teaching or other careers. **Gerald McKinley '94** credits his time at camp, and the opportunity to develop effective leadership abilities as a major factor in his decision to return next year to pursue a Bachelor of Education degree at Trent. **Sandy Earl '92** who spent two seasons at camp (and became known as 'Yuri') remembers that "planning activities and learning skill development was a great lead-up to my teaching career. I still use many of the activities and games in my classes today." **Susan Munderich (Vatter) '92** is also one of the many camp staff who have pursued a career in teaching, and remembers how camp life taught her the importance of "breaking down activities into teachable chunks, and how to help

children build self esteem through developing their physical and social skills." And it's not just sport skills that are applicable to everyday life, remarks **Barry van Dompsele '96**. "I have spent considerable time in my classroom using techniques I learned at camp to build our class community, to teach respect for ideas, and to recognize the importance of the individual," says Barry, who just finished a third season at camp. **For Justin Kerr '96**, who spent one of his seasons at camp as the Program Director, remembers that camp "required flexibility and the need to extend oneself. No matter what career you choose, camp shows us that work and excitement can really connect, and ultimately teaches you to be a passionate contributor to society."

Staff and faculty of the University find the camp not only a convenient summer experience for their children, but also a unique opportunity for their children to connect to the Trent environment. Director of Communications **Marilyn Burns '00** has sent her son and daughter for the past three years, and sees the camp as an ideal place for her children to try new things and learn from well-rounded role models. "My two children eagerly look forward to the opportunity to be a part of the Trent community through the camp each year. As a parent, I find it's enormously beneficial for them to be on this beautiful campus with all it has to offer. Already, they have a comfort level with being in a university setting that other people don't get until much later in life. What a great privilege!" says Marilyn. A substantial number of our campers started their Trent connection at the Trent Day Care Centre, and have since continued their 'studies' at the TSSC, including the son and daughter of Special Needs Accommodations Coordinator, **Grace Mahoney '86**. (see "Trent's Other Alumni", summer 2003). "Sending my children to TSSC is not just about convenient summer care – the magic that this camp creates is so powerful because the camp is a strong vibrant community. My kids

have explored the entire beautiful campus, it's a place they feel at home in and are recognized as members" says Grace.

Alumni form a large part of our camp-parents and supporters. **Karen Sisson '78** and her husband Bruce have been sending their three boys to camp since 1998. "We've tried other camps," says Karen, "but this is their favourite. It's all they talk about all year!" Karen wants her boys to be involved in programs at Trent, saying "it exposes them to what was a big part of my life, particularly to the activities in Athletics." In addition to being camp parents, **Michael Cullen '82** and **Lisbeth Shaw-Cullen '83** have been sponsors of the camp through their business, Trent Photographics, since 1995. Their involvement, and that of their three children (who have been coming to camp since 1996) is a solid example of the connection between the camp and alumni. Lisbeth jokes that sending her kids to her alma mater makes her feel old, but also says that they are "proud to be involved as sponsors and as parents. It's a highlight of the summer for the kids, and we enjoy sharing stories of our time at Trent with them." The connection goes even further. Lisbeth has recently returned to teaching, and has adopted some of her kids' favourite camp games in her classes!

As we prepare for our 12th season of camp, we continue to celebrate the success of the camp and its activities. In 2000, the Share Camp Fund was established to help bring kids to camp who for financial or family reasons, might not normally have the chance. In partnership with the Development office, this charitable fund has raised over \$8000, which includes over \$2500 raised by the camp staff who donated their wages for a day (a staff project co-initiated by **Nora Scott '98**). We have welcomed campers from all over Ontario, Quebec, Nunavut, British Columbia, the United States, Germany, France, and Switzerland, and our own alumni

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BY JOE TEFT '99

# Three Generations at Trent University

**T**his past September the third generation of Carter women started her undergraduate degree at Trent University. **Jenny Carter**, married to the late mathematics professor Cyril Carter, started her Trent career in 1969. Previously she had studied at the University College of London and obtained a degree in French. With the academic freedom that she found at Trent, she continued to study language. She enrolled in a variety of classes including German, Spanish and even took a class on nuclear war. Trent University gave Jenny the opportunity to study what interested her most without imposing a strict schedule for her to follow. After completing her degree in the 80s she decided to pursue a master's degree in Canadian Studies. Jenny had always admired the founders of Trent University, and since it was their desire that Trent focus on Canadian Studies, she took up the challenge. With great professors like John Wadland and Bruce Hodgins, her memories are nothing but pleasant.

Jenny sees Trent University as an interactive environment. While studying at a university in London, she found there was no informal interaction with the professors. All the

teaching was done in a lecture style. When she came to Trent, she realized that the faculty and staff were both approachable and insightful. "The faculty members are very enlightened. To see that kind of knowledge and attitude passed on is incredible" With an emphasis on informal interaction, Jenny felt truly educated.

Both Jenny and Cyril's daughters (**Margot Bassman '77** and **Janine Carter '74**) attended Trent University as well. Her eldest daughter, Janine, studied mathematics like her father. After completing an Honours Bachelor of Arts in math, she continued her studies eventually earning a Ph.D. Her youngest daughter, Margot, completed a general degree in English and economics.

Math seems to be an important focus for the family, as Margot's daughter Amy, is attending Trent. She is studying Concurrent Education as well as math. As Trent nears its fortieth anniversary, this family has three generations who have been part of Trent University.

Trent's emphasis on informal teaching and community is what impressed Jenny the most. With the third generation of her family attending the school, she has faith that as Trent grows these qualities will remain. ☺

*Marion Wylie (left) 2003 recipient of the Cyril and Jenny Carter Scholarship in Environmental Studies, with Jenny Carter '69.*



BY M. DALE RODGER '77



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## Forecasting Fate and Effects: The Big Picture

Chris Warren, a PhD. candidate with the Watershed Ecosystems Graduate Program (WEGP) was one of 143 recipients to receive the prestigious Canada Graduate Scholarship (CGS) from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) of Canada. Netting \$70,000 over two years will assist Mr. Warren in realizing two of his long held goals – researching the fate and effects of chemicals in the environment using a mass balance model approach and the opportunity to teach science at the undergrad and graduate level.

The mass balance model is a powerful analytical tool that helps scientists understand and predict the fate and effects of chemicals in the environment – the “big picture” approach. Once the appropriate data is collected and analyzed, quantitative links are established between sources, exposure and risk of effects. Furnished with this information, scientists, policy makers and practitioners can then make informed decisions to aid in the control of excessive sources of contamination on one hand and avoid uneconomic, unnecessary regulations on the other.

Chris is currently involved in a collaborative research project with Unilever examining the fate and effects of “down the drain” chemicals such as laundry detergent, dish soap, and shampoo. Using a model he developed, the collaborators will be able to determine both the movement and concentration of these chemicals in lakes and river basins. In addition to his research in freshwater, Chris is also interested in the marine environment, particularly off the coast of Newfoundland. According to Chris, there has been little work in the field of modelling that examines both the chronic and acute, fate and effects of oil in the marine environment. The model under development will be used to look at marine oil spills, as well as process water released from an oil-drilling platform. Once completed, the model can be used to pre-

dict potential environmental damage, in addition to outlining steps necessary to minimize environmental degradation.

Chris completed his undergrad degree in environmental science at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College at Memorial University located on the west coast of Newfoundland. It was on this small campus that Chris acquired a desire to continue his studies at the Masters level in environmental modelling and particularly in a small school setting. According to Chris, he “chose Trent because they have the graduate Program in Applications of Modelling of the Natural and Social Sciences and the Canadian Environmental Modelling Centre (CEMC). The CEMC mission statement is exactly what I wanted to do – it really fit with my interests, so that, along with the small university, it proved to be an exact fit for me.” While completing his M.Sc. in Applications of Modelling under the supervision of Professor Don Mackay, Chris realized he wanted to continue to have the opportunity to work with Dr. Mackay. Now in his second year of doctoral work, the fit has proven to be right for Chris – working with Professor Mackay, a pioneer in environmental modelling, liking Trent, teaching and the opportunity to attend conferences and lectures is moving Chris closer to his desire for preserving the environment.

Chris's early interest in science can be credited to the Canadian science journalist, Bob McDonald, host of the CBC children's science television program, *Wonderstruck*. “I used to love that show, a science show that was based on everyday science for kids. What he found really wonderful was having the opportunity to meet Bob two years ago when he was invited to speak at Trent University.” Chris also credits two professors from Memorial University for developing his interest in environmental studies and his passion for teaching. Chris's undergrad thesis supervisor, Dr. Julian Dust, an

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BY ALICIA DORIS



## Teaching and Learning in Cyberspace

**L**ike the World Wide Web, education that is accessible to all crosses borders and boundaries – primarily those of place and time. So, what better complement to teaching and learning in the classroom than cyberspace? On-line learning has distinct advantages, though teaching techniques and the way we conceptualize on computer continues to be explored.

Trent University's Special Needs Services and Interactive Learning Centre are contributing to this exploration through national post-secondary school initiatives such as La Trousse, e-Kit and *facultydevelopment.ca*. While the objective of e-Kit is to develop an electronic toolkit for students learning on-line, *facultydevelopment.ca* will be an Internet resource for faculty members instructing on-line. One of 14 institutions invited to participate, Trent – known for its past performance in adaptability – will contribute and benefit from this bilingual resource collection.

"On-line learning is the way of the future. It will be a way of coping with the growth factor and the changing demands of the students," says Eunice Lund-Lucas, of Trent's Special Needs Services. "Trent's work in innovative teaching by professors like Jim Parker, John Earnshaw, and Jonathon Swallow gave us the recognition that allowed us to be a partner in this exciting project."

CANARIE Inc. announced the funding of the University Collaborative Communities for E-learning Adoption (UCCELA) project, which includes the e-Kit and *facultydevelopment.ca*. Meanwhile, the 14 institutions are partnering with the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (STLHE), its 3M Teaching Fellow program and the publisher McGraw Hill Ryerson Publishing.

One of the tools Trent has prepared for posting on e-Kit is a questionnaire that will allow students to assess their readiness for on-line

learning. The questionnaire will measure compatibility of the student's learning style as well as their hardware. Once they've completed the questionnaire, students can get a printout that will show them why they are or why they're not ready for Internet learning. Ms. Lund-Lucas notes the tool will also assist faculty members by facilitating the transition in teaching, from the classroom to cyberspace.

"This tool may help teachers tailor their teaching methods to utilize technology," says Ms. Lund-Lucas, adding Trent is working on a number of submissions for the site. Slated to launch later this fall, the student toolkit will be on-line at [www.e-kit.info/](http://www.e-kit.info/) while the faculty resources will be posted at [www.facultyware.ca](http://www.facultyware.ca). Former Trent professor Aline Germaine-Rutherford is one of the team members spearheading the faculty resource portion of the initiative.

The combined force of the two initiatives will be a unique experience bringing together, under the leadership of the University of Ottawa, McGraw-Hill Ryerson Publishing Co., Carleton University (Centre for Initiative in Education), Queen's University, Trent University, Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (STLHE), its 3M Teaching Fellows, University of Guelph, Laurentian University, Concordia University, University of Western Ontario, University of Toronto, Collège Saint-Boniface (Manitoba), University of Moncton, Université Ste-Anne, la Faculté Saint-Jean (University of Alberta), University of Prince-Edward Island, Consortium National de Formation en Santé. ☺

BY LIZ FLEMING '77

# Sierra Leone Adventures

**R**od Matheson '76 has been in Sierra Leone for the past six months, as a part of the Canadian Armed Forces support initiative. Below is the first instalment of his fascinating chronicles.

## OPERATION SCULPTURE

Operation SCULPTURE is the Canadian Forces commitment to the International Mission Advisory and Training Team in Sierra Leone. Canada sends over a team of seven persons to support a British lead contingent of about 130 professional officers and senior non-commissioned officers who are trying to rebuild the SL forces so that they can, eventually, autonomously secure the peace of their nation and allow SL to move ahead in its economic development.

### PART ONE: THE TRIP

#### *Gathering In Ottawa*

We assembled in Ottawa, 8-10 June



Rod Matheson '76 (above centre), shown here with Dan Coholan '77 and Jamie Fleming '76.

2003, to go through the final briefings (intelligence, operations and policies) for Op SCULPTURE. We were hoping that by meeting, the entire team would be able to get to know one another because the key in such an operation is to get along well with the people in your small team.

Particularly when and if one were to be called upon to support someone in a crisis situation!

#### *God Bless the Air Force*

A long-standing critique of the Airforce is that they are unreliable (don't fly in poor weather) and often unable to meet planned schedules. In addition, the Airforce is well known for its ability to demand and find the finest stopovers and living accommodations in their flight-planned stopovers. Well they lived up to their billing. We bussed all night to meet a very early departure flight (early departure in order to make it to the Canary Islands) only to have the flight be delayed seven hours – due to not having completed the mandatory pre-flight checks (too early for some of the crew). We (the Army and Navy passengers) waited out the delay by sleeping on the very uncomfortable terminal benches, regularly wakened to be told of another delay. The repeated messages of delay were delivered by a well practiced series of smiling and apologetic terminal staff who after pausing to console the exhausted and frustrated (stranded) passengers offered another home brewed coffee whilst ensuring they ordered their own Tim Horton's, nearly out of earshot of the growingly desperate cargo (read passenger). God bless the casual and nonchalant Airforce!

#### *The Hercules*

Picture the Hollywood film where one sees a pirate or two who operate a dilapidated aircraft (with a questionable service record) that transports anything and everything (make a buck!) to anywhere = Air America (a Mel Gibson movie). The 'Hercs' are aging/old military cargo aircraft widely used by western airforces. They are constantly criss-crossing the globe supporting the military and humanitarian activities of the world.

The aircraft was fitted with an aircraft galley and 15 old, thin 707 seats. It was so full that one had to squeeze between the wall of the fuselage when walking around the plane.

Hercs are very loud. They moan, groan and seem as though they are about to fall apart; nevertheless, they are reliable – hence the nickname, ‘trashhaulers’.

#### *The Final Leg*

It was as if the aircraft was a time machine! Transporting us from the opulence of our travel mecca to the depths of raw despair of one of the world’s most poverty stricken countries. We left the European flair of Tenerife at 0800 hrs and flew five hours to Lungi Airport near Freetown, Sierra Leone only to be startled, despite all of our previous intelligence training, into sensing the ‘shock’ of the third world.

As we approached the Dark Continent, we could not help but think what the next six months would bring.

#### *Meeting Sierra Leone*

As we taxied to a halt on the Lungi airstrip and the fuselage door was opened we immediately felt the extreme humidity and fragrance of equatorial West Africa. Ten minutes after our landing I was whisked away by LtCol Ian Hunt, the man I was to replace, to a Liberian Army internment camp. We raced through the shantytown surrounding the airport. Over the next 20 kilometres my senses took in the novel experience of the third world in all its desperate glory. The images were extreme and everlasting. Meeting Salone was both a shock and a pleasure, one that we hoped would continue over the next six months of duty.

#### **PART TWO:**

##### **‘QUARTERED SAFE OUT HERE’**

#### *Shanty Town and Refugees*

Immediately out of the front gates of the Freetown/Lungi Airport the shock of the Third World comes to life! I have been in the poverty stricken boroughs of Juarez, Mexico and have tried to avoid smelling the pungent odour of open gutters of human waste in Europe but this was a new and more dramatic experience.

Picture parts of plastic bags, corrugated steel sheets, rusted from age and twisted from gunshot strapped and bent over thin frames that were once trees. The buildings are barely high enough to accommodate a human and they look as though a Lake Ontario wind would blow them away in minutes. Now picture a family of five to eight people living in the 200 hundred square foot structure. The kitchen is just outside the front entrance and is made of a circle of large rocks under which they burn wet wood (the kind that produces heavy, choking smoke). Their caldron (perhaps the most important and only kitchen tool) is used twice a day to make the food – usually rice and bits and pieces of meat, chicken or fish. Not too many overweight people here!

Ramshackle huts line the roads. The lucky landowners are the people who have a house beneath a large tree and use the tree’s wide canopy as a tent tarp. There are 60 year old European-built structures that people have moved into. There are often three or four families in such dwellings. The only problem is that the buildings have not been maintained for the last 50 years – imagine the condition of plaster walls and ceilings in a county that suffers through 85–100 percent humidity for 6–8 months of the year.

Ten minutes from the Airport is a recently erected refugee camp. The refugees were two days ahead of the Liberian Army soldiers who had fled the conflict in Liberia some 150 miles from Lungi/Freetown. In fact, the refugees were better looked after by the UN and Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) than were the Sierra Leone soldiers outside the refugee compound – supposedly guarding the refugees. What irony. Sierra Leone soldier guards trying to survive in complete squalor while the Liberian former-soldier-now-declared-refugee only meters away is well fed and cared for with UN money. Days before these same Liberian troops had threatened the very existence of Sierra Leone.

#### *The Lungi Ferry*

Freetown, the capital of Sierra Leone, is across a wide river mouth from the Lungi Airport. The only connection between the airport, other than a five-hour drive around the broad river estuary, and the capital is a bent and banged up ex-eastern European ferry that is always over-crowded and putrid smelling. The trip on that ferry was unique – there we were the wealthy ‘white men’ amongst utter poverty. We were the minority but all would bow to our eye contact. We were the elite of society – being white and in military uniform equalled regal status. People were pushed out of the way by their own kind in order not to even appear to be in our way. Being only one of about 12 whites on board, and western soldiers at that, we were the main attraction of curiosity. In fact, I found out later that the Sierra Leonean is both terrified and awed by the British or western soldier. I guess that’s the way you become when you suffer through 12 years of a civil war caused when your army revolts against its own people.

#### *Kissy*

As much as we had seen already, the most dramatic sight was yet to come. Kissy, the wharf-side borough, was shocking in its rawness – the full spectrum of the third world was here in all its varieties. There were people everywhere. There are no sidewalks and no rules of the road – just a constant, serious traffic jam, mingling people and tired old cars (most of which are either discarded or stolen European diesel stink pots). People were right up beside your vehicle as you ‘ploughed’ your way through the sea of humanity. The pedestrians seemed to think nothing of cars pushing them into the gutter or nearly driving over their toes. Despite the clammy weather, the putrid smell of human waste, burning wet wood and choking diesel exhaust, the people seemed to go about their business

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BY DAVID FLEMING



# **CSI Trent! DNA Forensic Summer Camp**

**T**his past summer I had the great opportunity to attend the very first DNA Forensic Summer Camp at Trent University. Although I had not planned on attending, my mother signed me up without telling me, I had a really great time and learned lots of really interesting things.

During the time I spent at the DNA Forensic Summer Camp I learned many new things such as how to do a DNA profile, what DNA profiling really was and the proper way to conduct a crime scene investigation. I learned that forensic investigation is not just for people but that forensic profiling could be done on animals. I also learned about forensic anthropology which is the study of human remains. Forensic anthropologists are often called upon to help determine what happened to a person by examining the remains of a body. I found it interesting that the age, gender, stature and population affiliation of remains could be determined by looking at the formation of bones, skulls and dentures. For instance, males tend to have a square-shaped chins while females chins are more rounded.

I attended the session that was offered at the beginning of the summer, from July 14th to July 18th. We spent the first couple of days learning exactly what DNA was and even got samples of our own DNA! That was really cool! Then the fun started. We got to investigate a "real" crime scene! It was a murder crime scene and it was very realistic. We were split up into teams to investigate the crime scene and gather evidence. We had to make sure that we didn't disturb the crime scene while we collected our DNA evidence. We also had to be very careful not to contaminate the evidence. We wore gloves and put all the evidence in plastic bags and labeled it. Once all the evidence was gathered we went back to the lab and got the DNA profiles for the evidence that we gathered. The DNA evidence would point us to the suspect.

We learned that there are other forensic methods used for crime scene investigation. These methods aid the investigators in determining the time of death and body identification.

I think that one of the most important things I learned about crime scene investigation was that you cannot assume anything. That is why DNA profiling is so valuable. It helps investigators find the right answers without assuming anything. I spent the fourth day of the camp working with my team to develop a case using DNA profiling and the evidence that we found at the crime scene. We were having a mock trial on the last day of our camp. During the trial we would talk about the evidence we gathered. Based on the evidence, we would try to convince the jury that a crime was committed by a particular individual.

I really enjoyed the DNA Forensic Summer Camp at Trent. The week really flew by quickly. I had a great time, made some friends and learned a lot that I would not normally have the chance to learn. I would recommend the DNA Forensic Summer Camp at Trent to anyone who has an interest in science, especially if you think that you want to have a career in the Forensics field.

By the way, the DNA that was found at the crime scene did convict someone. Me!! You can imagine my surprise when I found out that my own DNA, that I had collected on the first day of the camp, incriminated me!

♥ *David Fleming is a grade 10 student at Crestwood High School in Peterborough.*

BY TONY STOREY '71



## Storeyline: Alumni in the News

**Yann Martel '81** and **Shelagh Grant '76** accompanied Governor General Adrienne Clarkson and John Ralston Saul on State Visits to Russia, Finland and Iceland to discuss topics surrounding "The Modern North".

After writing several articles and short stories, **Phillip Quinn '73** has published his first novel, *The Double*, a psychological thriller that takes place in the Danforth region of Toronto.

Fox 2000 bought the film rights to **Yann Martel '81's** Booker winning novel, *The Life of Pi*.

*Frozen Dreams*, a play involving Trent Alumnus **Jack Roe '73**, and friend of the Alumni Association Gillian Wilson won the Cultural Achievement Civic Award by the city of Peterborough.

After a bad relationship, a boy heads down to New Orleans where he meets up with a woman who offers more than he wants. *Rapid Descent* by **Steve Nicholls '76** won the Short Fiction Category of the Writers Federation of New Brunswick award in 2003.

**George Meanwell '70** released *Another Street*. Meanwell, formerly from Short Turn and Quartetto Gelato is pleased with his new solo-project.

Author and peace activist **Timothy Watson '83** is returning from Korea after teaching at several universities.

Trent Professor **Joan Sangster '70** has been elected to the Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences of the Royal Society of Canada. She has been recognized due to her exceptional scholarship contributions.

**Darren Murphy '96** is the *Peterborough Examiner's* new advertising director.

**Brooke Davies '91** had an astonishing summer. Her family won five million dollars on Lotto 6/49.

Work Creatively, a business that coaches individuals for Career Equity was founded by President **Mary-Frances Fox '73**

**Phillip Panter '76** dedicated his life to science. This teacher and radiation safety officer has been making a difference in the Kawarthas for 47 years.



above: Friends of the late **Mark MacLeod '77** gathered at Otonabee College quad during Head of the Trent 2003 to dedicate a memorial plaque (left) and tree. Many thanks are expressed to organizer **Wanda Markham '77** and **Jeff Holba '77** for his Remembering Mark ode. Mark's friends salute the Trent University grounds crew for their detailed and thoughtful attention to the memorial tree, bench and rock.

By using seed oils, such as canola or flax oil, rather than petroleum-based products, **Dr. Sursesh Narine '91** is creating biodegradable industrial products from renewable resources.

After a decade of helping students create personal professional teaching portfolios **Deborah Berrill '69** has created an evaluation technique. She is also heading Trent University's

School of Education and Professional Learning.

**Susan Yager '93** dedicates herself to life long learning, as she turns fifty this year she also receives her third university degree.

Bermuda Member of Parliament **John Barritt '68** has called on Bermudan police forces to protect informers who

take a stand against crime in their neighbourhood.

**Peter Elliot '73**, Dean of the diocese of New Westminster and rector of Christ Church Cathedral in Vancouver was elected Deputy Prolocutor of General Synod.

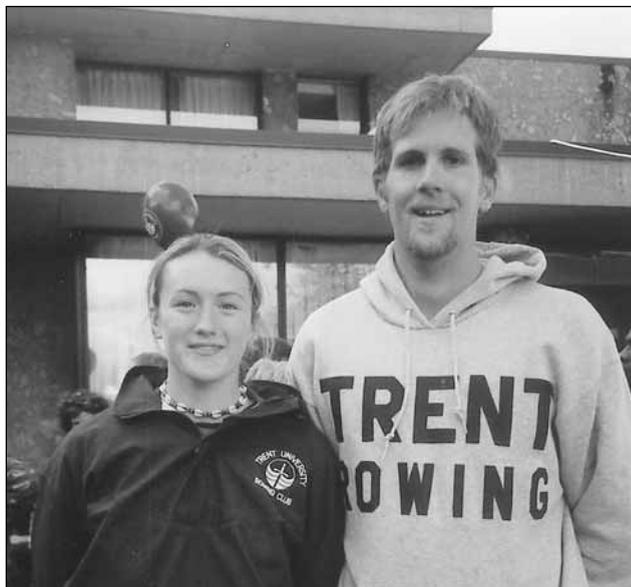
The Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment Remembrance Day Dinner involved **Ray McGill '82** and **Padre Paul Gemmiti '83**.

*Edwin Alonzo Boyd: The Life and Crimes of Canada's Master Bank Robber* is **Nate Hendley '85's** first book.

**Nancy Laton '86** was called to the bar on July 17, 2003.

The University of Nebraska Press published *Ruth Landes: A Life in Anthropology* by **Sally Cole '69**. 🐶

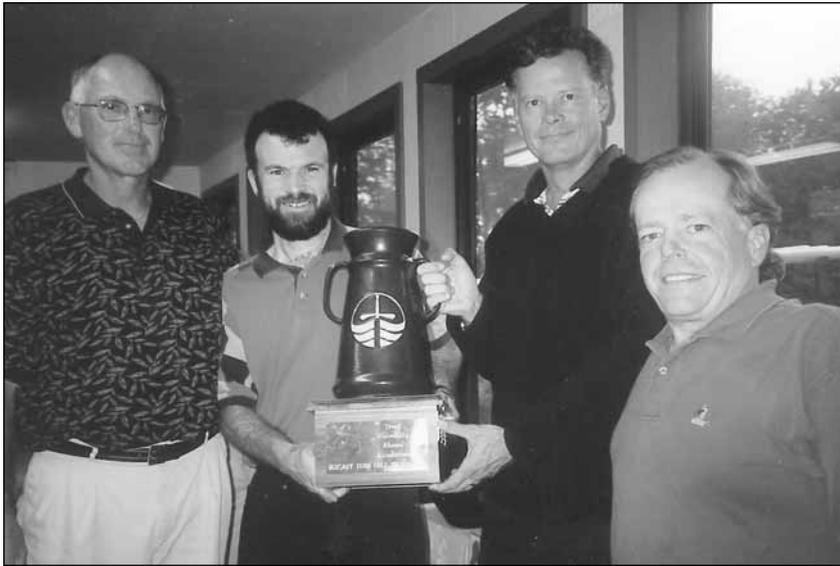
RIGHT: 2003 recipients of the **Dan Coholan '77** Rowing Bursary are **Lauren Chewter '02** and **Peter Van Rooijen '01**.



### May Day! May Day!

Come celebrate May Day and Spring with fellow Trent alums! Join us for the second annual **TrentAlumni@gc.ca** event. Here is your chance to meet other Trent alumni working in the federal public service. Drop in and see old friends and meet new contacts. This will be a great chance to share stories and make connections. Everyone is welcome! Cash bar, munchies provided, courtesy of the Trent University Alumni Association. For more information please contact Holly Stardom '95 at (819) 997-8373 or [StardomH@inac.gc.ca](mailto:StardomH@inac.gc.ca)  
 WHEN: Thursday, April 29, 2004 5:30–7:30 pm  
 WHERE: D'Arcy Mcgee's Irish Pub, 44 Sparks St.  
 WHO: Trent alumni in the National Capital region

**Holly Stardom '95** (above, right) invites National Capital region alumni to join her and others at the 2nd annual [alumni@gc.ca](mailto:alumni@gc.ca) networking reception, Thursday April 29, 2004.



The 2003 winners of the annual Alumni Golf Tournament were **Brian McGregor '66**, George MacDougall, **John Casserly '72** and **Tom Phillips '74**. The 2004 tournament is scheduled for Saturday, September 11 at Port Hope Golf & Country Club.

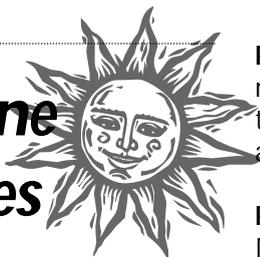


ABOVE: Champlain alumni **Tony Storey '71** and **Ted Code '75**.



**Shelagh Grant '76**, **Yvette Scrivener '88**, **Mindy Willett '88** and **Stewart Wheeler '88** at the Nunavut Youth Abroad Program reception, June 30, 2003, attended by Trent alumni involved in the program. The reception was hosted by Her Excellency Adrienne Clarkson, Governor General of Canada at Rideau Hall.

## Sunshine Sketches



hearing from any of their former classmates. PHOTO #1

### 1964

Tim MacLeod, youngest son of **Dr. Alan MacLeod**, keeps the tradition alive by entering Trent in September 2003 as a first year student, 39 years after his father entered as a member of Trent's first class!

### 1966

A Gordon Research Conference on Atmospheric Chemistry was held in Big Sky Montana in early September, 2003. Trent was well represented by Conference Chair, **Barbara J. Finlayson-Pitts '66** from University of California-Irvine and two other Trent chemistry graduates **William J. Mills '79** from University of Illinois at Chicago and **Peter J. Popp '88** from the NOAA Aeronomy Lab in Boulder, CO. All three Trent graduates were one time students of Prof. Ray March and sent a post card to him thanking him for his part in getting them to the workshop. As a special bonus, it was announced during the conference that Dr. Finalyson-Pitts will be receiving the American Chemical Society's Award for Creative Advances in Environmental Technology at the ACS National Meeting in Anaheim, CA in March, 2004. Drs. Finlayson-Pitts ([bjfinaly@uci.edu](mailto:bjfinaly@uci.edu)), Mills ([wmills1@uic.edu](mailto:wmills1@uic.edu)) and Popp ([ppopp@al.noaa.gov](mailto:ppopp@al.noaa.gov)) would enjoy

### 1973

**Philip Quinn** has published his first novel! *Double* is a psychological mystery and uses Toronto's Danforth area as setting for story.

**Peter Elliott**, Dean of the diocese of New Westminster and rector of Christ Church Cathedral in Vancouver since 1994 has been elected Deputy Prolocutor of General Synod. He is a director of the Vancouver International Film Festival and has reviewed movies for the *Anglican Journal*.

### 1979

**Anna (Bunting) Simmonds** has moved with her husband Martin to Fenelon Falls, Ontario and has begun her degree in Theology through Distance Education at Laurentian University.

### 1984

**Jacqueline Buchanan '91** and **Andrew McDonald** welcomed their first child, daughter Emma Skye, on 26 September 2003. Jackie and Andrew were married in 1998 and currently reside in Vineland, Ontario.

**Sandy Wallace** and his wife Sharon welcomed their first child, Meaghan Leslie Wallace, on June 28, 2003. Sandy owns a design firm, Image in Design, in Waterloo, ON and Sharon is on maternity leave from Manulife.

### 1986

**Samantha Connor Smith** and Don Smith are proud to announce the birth of their Daughter Jennifer Grace on July 8th 2003. PHOTO #2

### 1990

**Stephanie Brymer** and Michael Warner are very pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Sara Isabel Warner born July 25, 2003. Stephanie and Michael have been married for 4.5 years and are living in Toronto. PHOTO #3

First friends and roommates. Then sisters-in-law. Now new mothers. **Karen (Dielman) Moore '91** and **Jamie Moore** were married July 6, 1996. **Jen Rantz '91** and Bob Moore (Jamie's older brother) met at Karen & Jamie's wedding and they were married on June 26, 1999. Now, Jen and Bob, and Karen and Jamie are very pleased to announce the arrival of their little ones: Erin Grace was born to Karen & Jamie on June 30, 2003. Karen is on maternity leave from her teaching position in Kitchener, while Jamie is an I.T. Professional with Stantec Consulting Ltd. in Kitchener. Dylan Jeffrey was born to Jen and Bob on August 8, 2003. Jen is on maternity leave from her position as Human Resources manager with Bridgewater Systems in Kanata. PHOTO #4

### 1991

**Anna Kemble** received a Masters degree in Somatic Psychology from Naropa University in Boulder, CO, in 2001. She has since been working as a Dance/Movement Therapist. There are only about 1000 Dance/Movement Therapists worldwide, and very few in Canada. Anna works in providing a combination of psychotherapy, physical/developmental therapy, and creative arts experiences and states "This work really began for me while working with an Ecuadorean women's organization in Quito through the CDS year in Ecuador program. So, I really have that experience and those women with whom I worked to thank for sending down this completely fas-

cinating career path! Someday soon, I will get back to Vancouver (my hometown) and hope to start a Canadian Institute of some sort for movement or body-centered therapies. I look back on my years at Trent with much admiration!"

## 1992

**Hayley Millington** was awarded the Golden Jubilee Medal recognizing excellence in customer service and interaction with the clients and colleagues. The award, commemorating the Queen's Golden Jubilee, was to given to nine individuals throughout Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC).



## 1994

Conner David James was born on July 3, 2003 to first time parents, **Jessica (Brown) Ainsworth** and her husband Bryan. PHOTO #5

**Sarita (Gautam)** and **Jeremy Elliott** are thrilled with the safe arrival of Maya Lakshmi Elliott on August 25, 2003, a little sister for Jacob. To check out the family website, please visit [members.rogers.com/saritaelliott](http://members.rogers.com/saritaelliott) or e-mail [ritaelliott@rogers.com](mailto:ritaelliott@rogers.com). PHOTO #6



**Julia McKenzie** married **Derek Legault** on August 30, 2003 in Muskoka. **John Smith '91**, **Frances Wilbur '91**, **Laurie Boal '95**, **Tasha McKenzie '95**, **Matt Desjardine '94**, **Jim McKenzie '68**, **Cheryl and John Clarke '69**, and **Dayna Atkinson '88** were among the alumni in attendance. In the photo are **Sarah (Hughes) Desjardine** and **Tonya Morgan**. PHOTO #7

announce the arrival of their first child, Catherine Fiona Rose Wilson. Katie was born on Aug. 3, 2003 at Winchester District Memorial Hospital. Kristina and Wade met in Wolfville, Nova Scotia, in 2001, where she had begun work on her Masters degree in English. Kristina is currently on maternity leave from her job as a reporter/photographer for her hometown newspaper, The Glengarry News, in Alexandria, Ontario. She hopes to complete her Masters thesis on re-examining the writings of Catherine Parr Traill while Katie naps. Wade is a graduate of Acadia University's biology program and



works as a lab technician for Prince Foods in Cornwall, Ontario. The Wilsons can be reached by email at [wkcwilson@hotmail.com](mailto:wkcwilson@hotmail.com).

## 1995

**Kristina (Michaud) Wilson** and her husband Wade are thrilled to

## In Memoriam



It is with great sadness that we learned recently of the death of **Yonas Bisrat '90** (BSc, Honours Physics and Mathematics, 1994) in July, from an asthma attack. At the time, he was living in Seattle WA, working at AT&T, and playing Eritrean music in a band. Yonas walked out of Eritrea at the age of nine to escape the conflict there, and finished his schooling in Sudan, Egypt, and then on scholarship at the United World College of the Adriatic before coming to Trent on a CIDA scholarship. At Trent, Yonas was on the Dean's Honours list every year, and won a number of awards including the Physics Lodge Scholarship for 1990-91. Those who knew Yonas will never forget his brilliant mind and quick smile.

I announce, with a heavy heart, the recent and sudden passing of **Thomas Michael (Mike) Devitt '69** B.A. CMA on August 30, 2003 at his home in Orillia, Ontario.

Mike was a great husband, father, son, brother and friend who leaves behind his wife Susan, daughters Kim, Wendy and Katy, Mother Velma Devitt, sister **Kathy Collins '70** and brother-in-law **Bob Collins '70**.

Mike had developed a successful accounting business in Orillia and was just about to see his youngest daughter Katy finish university this year. Mike was also passionately involved with several community organizations, giving freely of his time and expertise for the benefit of others.

Friend and fellow alumnus, **Scott**

**Goodison '70**, delivered a beautiful and touching eulogy at a Mass for the Living and Memorial in the Guardian Angel Church, Orillia on September 4, 2003. Scott's recollections took us back to grade four, when he first met Mike, through the Halls of Champlain College and beyond.

All who knew him will truly miss Mike and we thank him for the friendship, humor and memories he gave us over the years. His life will continue to touch others through his three beautiful daughters who will carry-on their father's traditions, spirit and memory.

**Aaron D.C. Smith '95** passed



away suddenly in Kingston, Ont on November 2, 2003.

Aaron married **Kari Fraser '94** on June 8, 2002 in Port Carling, Ont. After

graduating with an Administrative Studies degree from Trent, Aaron graduated from Queen's University with a Master of Industrial Relations degree in November 2002. The couple resided in Kingston with their dog, a Fox Terrier named Reily. Aaron enjoyed working with computers, biking, camping, spending time at the cottage and taking long walks with Kari and Reily. Aaron, along with Kari, was a volunteer with the St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog Program. He was an energetic young man with a passion for life. Family and friends will cherish memories of many joyful times with Aaron.

Aaron is remembered by the many friends he met as student don of F-house at Otonabee College, a mem-

ber of the Otonabee College Council and as a student in the administrative Studies programme.

Aaron Smith touched many people's lives in the Peterborough community, most of whom may not even realize that they have benefited from his vision and work. While employed with the Community Opportunities and Innovation Network (COIN) he planned the launch of reBoot North, which is now providing affordable access to computers for charities and low income individuals across central and northern Ontario. He helped organize COIN's Youth Team Entrepreneurship program, which will support 60 young entrepreneurs over the next 3 years – making it possible for so many young people to build livelihoods for themselves in their own community. As well Aaron helped organize the Peterborough CAP Network which is ensuring that everyone in the Peterborough area has access to the internet. Aaron Smith was committed to his family, his community and to the building of a better world, we are all the poorer in his passing.

**Hugh McEachern '72** passed away suddenly on June 5, 2003 as a result of heart failure. He received his B.A. in Canadian Studies in 1975 and was associated with Champlain College. Hugh was an employee of Parks Canada, Trent-Severn Waterway for 25 years and UCTE Local #00056 Union President for the past five years. He was the husband of Beth McLachlan (Trent University 1978-1980) and adoring father to Alec and Anna.

## TRENT UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION A Bridge to the Future



### Building Endowment It's Natural

It is quite natural to want our lives to continue to count for good after we are gone. We don't want our values and influence to evaporate into thin air.

One of the reasons parents and grandparents seek to instill their values into the younger generation is so their influence will stretch into the future through these family members to help shape the world of tomorrow.

Trent University is preparing for the future because we will be here,

committed to providing a high quality liberal education in the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences for generations to come. We plan to be here a hundred years and more, perpetuating the same values you now appreciate and support.

Some of our alumni and friends have established endowment funds at Trent. They want their name and some of their resources attached to an organization that will communicate their values to future generations. Generations of students who will help to make the world a better place.

Your own endowment fund will be here long after you are gone ... and will ensure that you will not be forgotten.

Endowment funds may be established to support financial assistance to students, to create a scholarship to recognize and encourage excellence, to help fund a specific program, to advance research. There are many possibilities we can explore to help you invest in your area of interest. You can create one now and add to it with an estate gift, or make arrangements to establish one through a bequest in your will. You can name a fund after yourself, your family or in honour of a loved one. You can add to an existing fund in your area of interest or create multiple funds. We want to hear what you want to do.

To learn more about Trent's endowment program, please contact:

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## Looking for new career opportunities?

The Trent University Career Centre uses [workopoliscampus.com](http://workopoliscampus.com), Canada's biggest job site for students, to advertise job postings. This is where we direct all Trent students to search for online jobs. The Trent Career Centre occasionally receives calls from employers seeking alumni to fill available positions and we advise them to post on [workopoliscampus.com](http://workopoliscampus.com). Did you know, that as Trent Alumni – you can use this job search site too? All you need to do is register by simply logging on to [www.workopoliscampus.com](http://www.workopoliscampus.com), click New Job Seekers Click Here and fill in the appropriate information. You'll be asked for an Access Code and, for Trent, it's [trentworks.com](http://trentworks.com). Once registered, you can search jobs by keyword, location, or type of job. Keep in mind that many of these jobs might be directed only to students, but once in a while you might find a gem! Happy searching!!

## CHAPTER NEWS

# Greetings from Dawson City, Yellowknife, Victoria and Montreal

Trent University is well represented in this small Yukon community of Dawson City.

- **Peggy (Peebles) Amendola '74** a Lady Eaton graduate, is now Dawson's friendliest ambassador as supervisor at the Dawson City Visitors Reception Centre for Tourism Yukon.
- **Paula Hassard '78** Traill, is curator and acting superintendent for Parks Canada, National Historic Sites in Klondike.
- **Justine MacKellar '96** Traill, is spreading the word on Dawson as Marketing Assistant for the Klondike Visitors Association.
- **Lynda Hutcheson '95** Champlain, has just completed the summer season as Parks Canada Heritage Interpreter.

- **Carly Sims '00** Traill, joins Lynda as Parks Canada Heritage Interpreter.

Over the years we have migrated to the North and to this special community of about 2000 people. You realize what a small world this is when so many Trent Graduates fall in love with such a far away place. But, its got to be more than coincidence that "fate" finds us all here. After spending some of the more influential years of our lives at Trent, we have all found a place in the North that fills us with a similar sense of inspiration. So come visit us, and see why we love it so much. We promise that you will have a Trent Welcome !!!

Carly Sims, Justine MacKellar [conventions-kva@dawson.net](mailto:conventions-kva@dawson.net)

OPPOSITE: *The Vancouver Island Chapter hosted Trent's Varsity Rowers at a November reception in Victoria.*

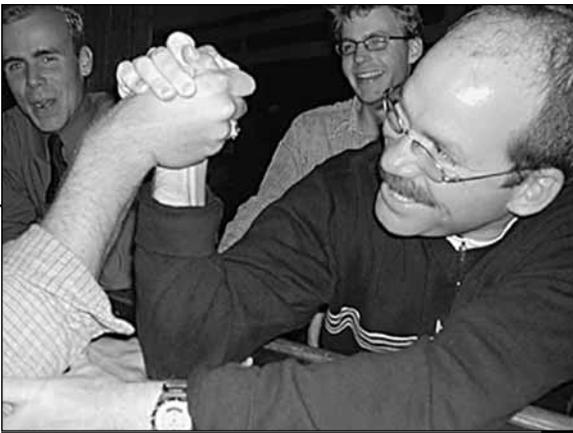
## MONTREAL CHAPTER INVITES ALL TO MONTHLY APERITIFS

As you will note elsewhere in this magazine, and be reminded of on numerous occasions throughout the coming months, Trent is approaching the venerable age of 40. The Trent community and its alumni chapters throughout the world will be holding activities throughout the year to celebrate this momentous anniversary, culminating in 2004 Head of the Trent.

The Quebec chapter, not wanting to be left out of a good celebration, has organized a series of informal get-togethers over the first months of 2004. Thus, on the first Tuesday of March, April, May and June 2004 (March 2, April 6, May 4 and June 1 to be exact), we will be assembling for "apéritifs" at Brutopia Pub at 1219 Crescent Street (south of Ste-Catherine) street from 5:30pm to 7:30pmish. These little events to allow us to interact with fellow alumni, make and renew friendships and plot other celebratory events. Of particular interest is the planning of a world wide Trent dinner.

Trenties everywhere will gather together on the same night in various locales around the world to toast the university and our own good fortune.

We hope to see you at one or all of these events



*Alumni in Yellowknife celebrated Head of the Trent North on Saturday October 4, 2003.*

**CONSULTATION**

Throughout 2002-03 the University took repeated steps to inform and consult your alumni leaders. The Alumni Council accepted the Presidential Review committee's invitation to comment on an existing and new mandate for that position. President Bonnie Patterson was a frequent guest at Alumni Council meetings. We learned in detail why first year course pre-registration would be introduced. Our Board and Senate representatives kept us informed and allowed us to express our perspectives to those bodies. And even closer to home, we were asked to comment on potential names for Trent's newest college, now officially confirmed as Peter Gzowski College. The Association's hope that the name Peter Robinson College might be brought forward was partially fulfilled as we approved the naming of the new college's dining room - Robinson Hall. This provides the Association with the opportunity to stage a commemorative and permanent exhibit outlining the Peter Robinson College heritage. We have many ideas about how to do this, but welcome sugges-

environmental scientist introduced him to different techniques of research and what it is to be a researcher. He also gave Chris Trent, "I knew I wanted to look at chemicals and their fate in the environment, however at that time I didn't know it was environmental modelling. Dr. Dust pointed me to Trent and the work of Professor Don Mackay at the Canadian Environmental Modelling Centre." Another professor, Dr. Geoffrey Rayner-Canham was an exemplary teaching role model. "Professor Rayner-Canham put a lot of work into teaching, that was one of his goals: he encouraged my love of learning and ignited my interest – this is one of the things I want to do,

tions from alumni. It will be a very important undertaking, one that we must do well.

**CITIZENSHIP**

We have always worked to be full-fledged citizens in the Trent community. At our most recent Convocation, both Chancellor Roberta Bondar and President Patterson touched on the accomplishments of Trent alumni. At university open houses, the alumni booth demonstrates our pride and loyalty. And once again, our University president is the first speaker to tell high school students and their parents to watch for the people with the little white lapel stickers that proclaim "Trent Alumni."

**SUPPORT**

And now, may we have the envelope, please! In 2002-03 Trent alumni and their spouses gave \$523, 946 to our beloved alma mater. This is the second consecutive year we have topped the half million mark. Can the million-dollar year be far off, now? Let's do everything we can to get there as soon as possible. It will benefit Trent University immeasurably. 🍷

I want to be a teacher – I want to continue to do research and combine that with teaching. This is why I want to stay in the university setting and the scholarship is going to help me accomplish this goal."

Chris's wife Joann, also from Newfoundland is very involved in the Trent community. Joann is the College Don for Otonabee College and has just begun her Masters degree in Applications of Modelling of the Natural and Social Sciences. Joann is working with Dr. Jim Parker examining aspects of emotional intelligence. When not studying, Chris and Joann enjoy cycling, skiing, camping, nature photography and sea kayaking in Newfoundland. 🍷

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opening of the University's new chemical sciences building and integrated college will complete an evolving picture of Trent in 2004. The new Peter Gzowski College now encompasses leased premises on Argyle Street as well as the new college on the east bank of the Symons Campus. This brand new college is abuzz with activity and, if the intensity of cheering and fierceness of competition during introductory seminar week was any indication, a healthy sense of community has already sprung up there. An impressive array of visitors and guests to the college, is already adding value to the student experience at Gzowski College and indeed at every College at Trent.

As new elements of our institutional history are created, this year will be remembered not just for the double cohort, but for all of the exciting initiatives that are putting Trent and its surrounding community on the map – provincially, nationally and internationally. It is wonderful to be a part of its success.

As Trent University's ninth Chancellor, Dr. Roberta Bondar, stated during her first convocation last May, "There is a tremendous movement here at Trent to be recognized as the world leaders they already are," she said. "Through Trent, Peterborough has an opening to the world, to these young minds and the future of our country." 🍷

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list now contains over 5000 names. Some of our first campers are now coming back to camp as staff, like **Brayden Hamilton-Smith '02** who was a camper during our inaugural year, has just finished his third summer on staff, and who is in his second year of a science degree at Trent. Being at the helm of a relatively young camp, and working with people like Brayden has given me a clear perspective on the positive connections we have made inside and outside the Trent environment, and the potential to showcase the University to many more young people. 🍌

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with a sense of poise and pride. What were shantytowns in the suburbs were, in Kissy, far worse. It was here, more than ever, that I reflected on the cultural differences between the wealthy west and the third world.

#### *Mud Huts and Mangoes*

Early on we managed to get out into the country, up country as they call it. This was another new and most interesting experience. People live with much less stress and a more organized, clean environment. One does not see nearly as many rundown buildings because most of the buildings are made from natural materials and therefore must be re-built regularly because of the impact of the climate. Up Country, there was nowhere near the pollution or the complications of the poverty stricken borough of the old European structures of Freetown.

One of the most amazing things was to see a military compound and HQ building, complete with offices and furniture made out mud hut and bamboo furniture. Apparently the structure was not complete and only a few days old since the last one was completely washed out by the incred-

ibly intense African rains, just days before. The mud structures were clean and cool and were completely liveable. It was as though I was looking at something one would see in the museum of civilization. The detailed work was equivalent to that of a master of masonry, work one sees in the great European edifices.

All alone the roadside you would pass what looked like a neighbourhood 'kool aid' stands. Under the thatched canopy of palm tree leaves these stands offer coconuts, pineapples, mangoes and other exotic fruits that were harvested only hours before and metres away. Normally, the stands are manned by mothers who are supervising the very young, some bare breasted, some nursing while farther down the road there is a parade of older children moving toward the stand with freshly picked replacements balanced on a wide plate on their head.

#### *Driving in Sierra Leone*

If you are faint of heart, driving in Sierra Leone is not for you! No rules, no markings, except the odd 40-year-old sign, and certainly no safety checks. The roads are red clay dust in the heat and glassy slippery in the wet season. The rain and natural erosion washes roads out in about half a day. You require a kidney belt to hold your guts together when travelling across heavily potholed roads.

Being in a white Land Rover (the UN and IMATT vehicles) and being a 'white man' gains you immediate and total right of way except in the opinion of the Lebanese community who use and abuse these people and their resources.

Often slower vehicles are passed at anytime at anyplace regardless of the danger the action imposes on everyone else. Many of our British IMATT counterparts seem to believe it is their right to be very aggressive and to drive dangerously too fast. Although we have been frustrated with some traffic jams we have, so far, not adopted the obnoxious driving habits of the majority of British IMATT members.

#### *Hill Cot Flats*

Most of the IMATT members live in a recently built compound perched on one of the peaks that is the topography of Freetown. Not surprisingly, the Brits call their 'patch' Leicester Square. Previous Canadians, however, opted to live with the 'add-ons' (almost as a colonial wish) in a place about four kilometres down from Leicester Square – an apartment building called the Hill Cot Flats.

The Hill Cot Flats are the 1940s style European designed apartment building that does not hold up well to the very humid climate (peeling walls and plenty of mildew). We Canadians take up two of the eight flats where we live amongst some Brits and a Ghanaian officer.

For all the warts of Hill Cot Flats, rest assured compared to what it could be and is only meters from our building; we are all 'Quartered Safe Out Here' in Freetown. 🍌

#### **Rental, Seaspruce Seaside, June & September 2004**

Handsome cottage, pine interior, 2 bedrooms, study, large living-dining room & Kitchen, 2/3 acre lot, Stanhope, PEI, inside National Park. Weekly cleaning. Sleeping, 1 Queen-size, 2 singles, 2 bunk beds. Fully equipped kitchen and bathroom, washer & dryer, colour cable, electric heat plus Vermont Intrepid airtight stove, gas barbecue, wild roses, 500 meters to excellent seashore beach, walking distance to forgiving Stanhope Golf Course; deep-sea fishing & fresh seafood @ nearby harbour; 35 minutes to Charlottetown and 45 minutes to Crowbush Golf Club. June and September only. Preference to longer rental. \$1000 Weekly – contact Professor (rtd.) Jim MacAdam in excile – 705-742-5222 or [jmacadam@trentu.ca](mailto:jmacadam@trentu.ca).

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Now's your chance to make your donation go even further! For a limited time, the Ontario Government will be matching all donations to student financial aid endowments, thanks to the second phase of the Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund (OSOTF). Trent has been awarded \$4.2 Million in available matching funds. As a result of the matching nature of the program, Trent's Endowment could grow by an additional \$8.4 Million which would generate close to \$400,000 in student aid per year.

With the unprecedented increase in students attending colleges and universities, due to the elimination of grade 13 in Ontario and the demographic increase in the number of students, financial need has never been higher. Through OSOTF, pledges are being accepted until December 31, 2005 and payments on these pledges can be made until March 31, 2011.

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Donors now have the option to set up their own Named Awards or Bursaries for students in their own area of interest. For example a \$25,000 Award or \$12,500 Bursary could provide \$1000 or \$500 respectively in aid to a worthy student.

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For more information about making a donation or naming an endowed fund, please contact Sherry A. Booth, Coordinator of Annual Giving at (705) 748-1011 ext. 1593 or by email at [sbooth@trentu.ca](mailto:sbooth@trentu.ca).

## TEAM TREND ALUMNI 28TH ANNUAL WEEKEND RE-UNION

The 28th annual **Team Trend Alumni Weekend** is scheduled for March 19-20, 2004. The weekend will follow the now-traditional format with a mixed hockey game on Friday night at 8:30, before adjourning to The Trend for the evening. Saturday will see a return "gentlemen" challenge match against long-time rival Peter Robinson alumni from 4:00-5:30.

Dinner will follow at Scott House and Ted Packer is to be this year's centrepiece for "Honouring Our Own".

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If you have any questions or want to help with the logistics.

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We are currently preparing a business case for the Ontario Ministry of Transportation to establish a Trent University License plate. We require a minimum of 100 people in Year 1, each paying \$52.

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