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CELIA DYER '83

I have to confess that some of my experiences with organized sport have not always been positive. I have an early memory of wearing a pretty, frilly dress to school one day, only to realize, once I got there, that it was Track and Field day. My teacher, in one of her lapses in compassion, insisted that I participate in my entirely inappropriate outfit. My career in school sports was not off to a great start. Thankfully, I would have much more encouraging connections with more patient and tolerant mentors as I struggled through gym class year after year.

When I came to Trent, I was eager to embrace all aspects of life in university; however, I still had to summon courage to make my way to the Athletics Complex. This was "jock world," and I was certain I would not fit in. I could not have been more wrong. After a couple of visits, I was a regular swimmer, and soon I was playing squash with new friends. Somehow, the people in the Athletics Department managed to convey their fundamental principle, Sport for All, even to the most unlikely of candidates. Perhaps feeling a little overconfident, I even decided to try out for the rowing team. I was not successful, but I remember

## How Can I Make a *Difference*?

the coach being sensitive and encouraging. Rejection was not a tragedy.

I would have further encounters with the rowing community throughout my years at Trent. One year, one of my roommates was **Rob Marland '83**. He would later help bring home a gold medal in the Men's Heavy Eight at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. It was fascinating to watch him balance the expectations of university with the commitment his sport demanded. It was also fascinating to watch him eat. While the rest of us ate from one dinner plate, he had three, one for each part of the meal: meat, potatoes and veggies. I also seem to remember he was excluded from participating in our communal food budget.

Reflecting on those years, I am struck by how accommodating Trent was to the diverse athletic needs and talents of its students. An exceptional talent, like Rob, was nurtured and given the opportunities he needed to reach his highest potential. Trent also prepared him for life after sport. Rob earned a degree in economics and now is one of the most successful realtors in Canada. A lesser talent, like me, was made welcome and encouraged to pursue and enjoy a healthy lifestyle. As a teacher, I can now pass on those lessons of patience and acceptance to the less-than-stellar athletes who may come to school not quite suited up for Track and Field day. **T**

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MATT GRIEM '97

## Many Paths *to Learning*

Thinking back to my time at Trent, I realize that my learning took many different forms. Of course, there was the formal education that my tuition paid for — the lectures at Wenjack Theatre, the seminars, and the essay and exam writing — but there was also the informal learning that resulted from my extracurricular activities.

My extracurricular activities taught me the importance of teamwork, dedication, and leadership. They also forced me to better develop my time

management skills. In many respects, the lessons that I learned outside the classroom were as essential as the knowledge I gained from my academic endeavours.

Now that I am a teacher, I see the value of “outside of class” learning every day. In fact, at my school Upper Canada College, extracurricular activities were renamed “co-curricular” activities to reflect the importance of developing a well-rounded skill set and to emphasize the value of sports and other clubs.

I encourage you to think about your “informal” learning opportunities. What were those moments outside of the classroom where you learned a little more about yourself and perhaps the way that the world operates? Maybe your learning came from an involvement with an intramural team, or perhaps it was a club or a musical group. Are

you still involved in those activities? If not, why?

It's never too late to develop your passion, to join a team or to discover something new. As winter fades away (soon, let's hope!) and we move towards spring, be open to the “informal” learning opportunities that are all around you.

You could take advantage of one of the Alumni Association's chapter events, or attend a lecture at Alumni House. You could call up some of your old Trent friends and see if they're interested in getting together or forming an activity group.

Whatever you choose to do, I hope you'll remember your time at Trent fondly and reconnect with us every once in a while. 

*All the best,*  
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## Call for Submissions – Remembering Traill College



Do you have fond memories of Traill College? With the recent repurposing of Traill to its enhanced role as a graduate studies college, it seemed like a good time to capture the stories and memories of Traill as an undergraduate college.

The Following Our Traill Society is putting together a celebratory memoir cd/dvd, to be released in late 2009, of Traillites'

experiences over the years. Ideally we would prefer submissions that are within a page, however we realize that some memories cannot be confined. Submissions can include written memories and/or photo memories.

Since this is a memoir of Traill over the years, we would love to include a glossary of slang and common phrases that were used during your time. Help us preserve the rich and wonderful history of Catharine Parr Traill College, so that future generations of Trent students and community members, can discover the legacy of the “college on the hill.”

In addition to asking for memories of Traill, we also hope to gather information on the evolution of Traill over the years as recorded history. If you have any suggestions, advice, or want to take on an active role, or even a passive role in this undergraduate student project. We welcome your help. 

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BONNIE M. PATTERSON  
PRESIDENT & VICE CHANCELLOR

# Time for Optimism

other important initiatives is so very necessary in these times.

As with other universities, Trent is facing a decline in its endowment earnings, which support student aid and bursaries. A central part of the University's strategic planning framework is identifying how we can plan to "help ourselves" and secure our preferred future by developing new revenue streams and rolling out a new philanthropic framework. The core of this new framework is the Centres of Knowledge model which will showcase the University's many areas of academic excellence. Being "virtual" in nature, the Centres of Knowledge recognize Trent's intellectual capital, our world-class faculty, as the engine that drives innovation and student success. Each Centre provides targeted opportunities for philanthropic investment tied directly to Trent's

him well here. I am looking forward to five months of transition time with him as he prepares to assume the role of President and Vice-Chancellor on July 1.

For those of you who recently graduated from Trent or who are considering your options during this turbulent time, there is another cause for optimism. Graduate study opportunities are growing at Trent and elsewhere as the Ontario government continues to support the expansion of new master's and doctoral programs. Advancing one's educational level can be one of the most effective career moves a student can make, and Trent offers a terrific range of interdisciplinary programs that will take graduates to the leading edge of knowledge in several exciting fields of study. In fact, more and more students are taking advantage of Trent's graduate study opportunities; our numbers

With so much emphasis on the economic challenges the world is facing, it is all the more important not to lose sight of the positive efforts still taking place, especially as we enter a new year. In this spirit I wish to congratulate members of the Trent community for donating \$64,879 this year, the highest amount ever, in support of the United Way campaign. This kind of benevolence is not only an encouraging sign for the days ahead, but shows how important the culture of philanthropy is to the achievement of excellence at Trent. More than ever during these sobering times, some members of the broader local community need our individual support, and I'm proud of colleagues and friends who stepped up to the call.

While Trent has not escaped the pressures of the economic downturn and must learn to live within a tightened financial environment, it's important to be reminded that we have done it before. The magnitude and scope of this challenge are greater than we've experienced in our history, but the situation also creates an opportunity to examine how we do the things most important to our students. The continual support of our generous alumni donors who contribute strongly to the annual campaign to provide student aid and bursaries, to the library, and to

“...the Centre of Knowledge model ... will showcase the University's many areas of academic excellence.”

— President, Bonnie Patterson

academic and research plans. The first one to be introduced this year will be the Centre of Knowledge in the Environment, which is particularly fitting for Trent's incoming president, Dr. Steven Franklin, whom you will meet in this issue. In addition to his proven academic and administrative leadership abilities, Dr. Franklin has extensive expertise in environmental science and is ideally suited to take Trent forward on this initiative as we approach our 50th anniversary. His keen interest in interdisciplinarity, his commitment to the value of the arts and sciences, and his knowledge of the importance of our professional programs situate

are rising every year, and we now have more than 380 students enjoying the newly renovated facilities devoted to graduate studies at Traill College and elsewhere on the Symons campus.

I know as Trent alumni you are keenly aware of the many issues facing our world and our communities, and it encourages me to see the meaningful contributions you are making through your lives as reflected in this edition of *Trent Magazine*. As Trent approaches its 50th anniversary in 2014, I'm inspired knowing our graduates are making a world of difference. [bmpatterson@trentu.ca](mailto:bmpatterson@trentu.ca)



BY: MARILYN BURNS '00

Dr. Steven Franklin

## Dr. Steven E. Franklin Appointed Trent's Next President and Vice-Chancellor

**O**n December 11, 2008, the Trent University Board of Governors appointed Dr. Steven E. Franklin as Trent's seventh president and vice-chancellor. Dr. Franklin will begin his duties on July 1, 2009.

The appointment was confirmed at a special meeting of the Board of Governors where Dr. Franklin's nomination was unanimously endorsed by the Board. An e-broadcast was sent to alumni the evening his appointment was confirmed.

"We are absolutely delighted with the appointment of Dr. Steven Franklin as Trent's seventh president and vice-chancellor," said Mr. David Morton, chair of the Board of Governors. "We believe Steven brings an outstanding set of skills and experiences to the University that can help lead Trent to its preferred future. He is an accomplished academic and administrator who is ideally suited for this leadership role at Trent University."

Dr. Franklin is currently the vice-president of research at the University of Saskatchewan.

He pursued his graduate work at the University of Waterloo, where he completed his M.A. in physical geography and a Ph.D. in remote sensing. His academic appointments have included the

University of Waterloo, Memorial University, the University of Calgary and the University of Saskatchewan. Throughout his academic career, he has assumed progressively responsible leadership roles including professor, department chair, associate dean of research, special assistant to the provost, and vice-president of research.

"This is an exceptional leadership opportunity and I am extremely grateful for the trust that is being placed in me by the Trent University community," said Dr. Franklin. "It will be an honour and a privilege to serve the outstanding students, faculty, staff, alumni and donors who have done so much to make Trent what it is today. I remain passionately committed to building on the strong interdisciplinary traditions that have long been the hallmark of Trent's academic programming, and look forward to doing everything in my power to further build on this reputation of excellence."

"I am extremely pleased that Dr. Franklin has accepted the Board's offer to be the next leader for Trent," said Professor Bonnie Patterson, Trent's current president. "He brings an intense commitment to interdisciplinary studies and an understanding of the needs of students today. His leadership experience at the University of Saskatchewan in

the research portfolio, together with his academic interest in interdisciplinary environmental studies, makes him an excellent fit for Trent."

**Tony Storey '71**, director of Alumni Affairs, noted that the Alumni Association was pleased with the outcome of the search committee that included several very skilful and loyal alumni. "We are confident and excited about the work of the selection committee and can't wait to welcome Steven Franklin to our University."

The Presidential Search Committee was chaired by Board of Governors member Patricia Southern and involved several alumni, including faculty members **Ray Dart '82**, **Peter Lafleur M.Sc. '84**, and board members **Larry Popofsky '71**, **Kate Ramsay '71**.

Dr. Franklin sees engaging with alumni as the best way to understand the significant impact Trent is having on the world. "Trent alumni have a great reputation for making a difference through their lives, and I look forward to connecting with them and learning more about their important work." 

More information on Trent's new president can be found at: [www.trentu.ca/presidentdesignate](http://www.trentu.ca/presidentdesignate)



# Like Father, Like Daughter

*along the Otanabee*



**G**race Cullen '07 is carrying on some family traditions. From her father, **Michael Cullen '82**, she has inherited a love of history, her academic minor, but more importantly to her, Grace is carrying on with his history of rowing.

"It means a lot to me to go to Trent. Rowing is the main connection that I have with my dad. I can come home after practice and tell him how it went and then he'll start telling me stories. My dad accomplished a lot in University, in school and in rowing, reaching the Worlds. I don't know if that's in the

cards for me but it helps me to set goals; it inspires me."

A visiting liaison officer told Michael, then a high-school student in Scarborough, about rowing at Trent University. "I wanted new experiences, I wanted to go somewhere different than my friends and I wanted to row," he recalls. Michael came to Trent on a scholarship and majored in history and economics. And he started to row.

While studying and rowing for Trent from 1982 to 1988, Michael also rowed for the national team in 1986. Canada's lightweight eight with Michael in stroke seat and **John Nowlan '83** in bow seat came fourth in the World Championships in Nottingham, England. That year there were four other rowers from Trent who made a national team: **Rob Marland '83**, **Steve Stamp**

**'84**, **David Wigg '82**, and **Duncan McGregor '83**. Rob Marland moved to Victoria the following year en route to his gold medal performance in the 1992 Olympic Games in the men's eight. Michael continued to row for Trent until 1988.

When asked if he rowed singles, Michael says, "In University, rowing is a crew sport, not an individual sport. It's teamwork, friendships and community."

In 1984, Michael met **Lisbeth Shaw '83** while creating the Trent Annual. In 1988 they married, and Grace Elizabeth Lee Cullen was born on Canada Day in 1989.

Grace took the Learn to Row program with Carol Love in Grade 8. Carol coached her in Grade 10 when Grace came first in Ontario and second in Canada in the Junior Women's Single, Canadian



*"I grew up going to the Head of the Trent, watching my dad row." – Grace Cullen '07*

High School Championships for Peterborough Collegiate Vocational School (PCVS). Carol coached again when Grace stroked the Senior Lightweight Eights to second at the Canadians in Grade 12 for PCVS. "Carol can say one word and the whole boat changes immediately and starts working," says Grace.

"My Grade 12 crew finished second in the Canadian High School Nationals. I had a stress-fracture in my ankle from a previous injury and could barely walk. My dad met me on the dock, lifted me out of the boat and helped me to the podium. After the presentation, I limped over to my dad and gave him a big hug. He picked me up and put me back into the boat. My dad had 'helped' me to the podium for the first time," says Grace.

In 2007, Grace came to Trent on a Canada Millennium Scholarship and started in history and concurrent education — and rowing. Grace stroked the varsity women's eight under the guidance of Carol Love. She met her boyfriend, **Alex Bourassa-Young '04**, at the rowing club at Trent, and he happens also to be the editor of the *Trent Annual*.

Trent and rowing hold a very special meaning for Grace. "I grew up going to the Head of the Trent, watching my dad row, meeting him on the dock after the race. I like to think about the history of this stretch of the Otonabee River, the continuity of my father rowing on it and now me." Grace says she has learned a lot about life and herself on the river.

"To me, it's not really a feel-good sport as you're doing it. It's the people. It takes a special kind of person to get up at 5:00 a.m., sit freezing in a boat with you, ice forming on the water and icicles hanging from your face. You're having fun because of the people in the boat with you," says Grace. "You form a lot of strong friendships here. Between the Peterborough Rowing Club and Trent crew, there is a real sense of community and for me, a sense of family and generations of families."

Connections and community are what it's all about for Michael as well. No longer rowing, Michael continues to be involved with the Rowing Club and Head of the Trent.

Michael has a 35-foot Erickson that he races on Lake Ontario. On a given day, crew members can include **Louis Taylor '69**, **Don Eastop '82**, Trent's athletics director Bill Byrick, and Michael's sons, Sean and Milo.

And what other traditions are carrying on? On her mother's side, Grace is continuing a tradition of becoming a teacher with a major in English at Trent. Grace wants to travel and teach abroad after graduating but definitely sees herself returning to live and teach in Peterborough, and row in the Master's category. "And," she insists, "my kids are going to go to Trent." **T**



# Trent Summer Sports Camp

## Creates Summer Magic for More Than 8,500 Youth

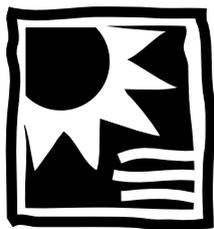
More than 8,500 campers have enjoyed one of the best summer camp experiences in Ontario since the Trent Summer Sports Camp (TSSC) opened its doors at Trent University in 1993.

"We are very proud of our track record, but the real success comes from seeing how much the kids grow and learn during camp," said alumnus **Bruce Emmerton '97**, former director of the TSSC, who currently works for Trent's Office of the Registrar. "Much of the credit for this goes to our amazing team of counsellors who truly care about our campers and know how to create a meaningful and safe programming environment." Bruce noted that with 94 per cent of campers coming from the Peterborough area, the cumulative positive impact on families through the community has been significant.

In early 2008, Bruce received the Dorothy Walter Award of Excellence, the most prestigious recognition offered by the Ontario Camping Association (OCA), for his outstanding service over a period of time that has significantly enhanced the work of the association. A long-time volunteer with the OCA, Bruce chairs the OCA standards committee, is a past chair and volunteer of the annual conference, speaks regularly at the annual Directors and Counsellors conferences, and has served on the Board of Directors.

Since 1997, TSSC has been an accredited member of the OCA,

the only summer day camp in Peterborough to earn this status. Being an OCA member takes two years to achieve and reflects the TSSC's ability to meet or exceed the highest standards of the camping movement in almost every aspect of its operation.



With more than 400 items on its standards to uphold, OCA membership entails that camps provide rigorous training for their staff, follow strong leadership practices, diligently maintain facilities and equipment, and a host of other requirements covering health care, food services, transportation, and administration.

TSSC offers a rich variety of sports-related, creative, and outdoor activities for campers aged five to sixteen years. Each session runs for two weeks and is designed to build athletic, social, and leadership skills through program staff who specialize in teaching particular activities.

Campers enjoy everything from soccer, mountain biking, and golf, to canoeing, drama, and body surfing. Each day is designed to offer campers something different, with theme-days, small- and large-group activities, field trips, overnight programs, and multi-day excursions. TSSC makes summer memories last by holding a slide show at the end of every session featuring the kids having fun, and sending out photo scrapbooks over the winter to stay in touch with their campers.

Local families vie each year when TSSC registration packages are sent out in late January to ensure their children get a spot in this very popular camp. "A high percentage of our campers are repeats from the year before," said Bruce. In 2008, 198 campers returned for their fifth season, 35 campers came back for their eighth year, and three campers celebrated ten consecutive years attending TSSC. The record for most camp seasons in a row is 11, achieved by a camper in 2005 and by another in 2008. **T**



Bruce Emmerton '97 and longtime campers the Fitzpatrick boys



## Now I Know in Part

BY WILL PEARSON '07

In my mind, a university is, first and foremost, a place where academically minded people can gather to socialize, share ideas, and work through problems together. All those who have tried to do such things in spaces that aren't quite suiting, spaces that don't have the appropriate resources, whose decoration is lacking a human touch, or that don't encourage community, know that your surroundings greatly affect your mood and willingness to participate in such activities.

Unfortunately, sometimes spaces aren't designed with these facts in mind. Sometimes practical considerations like cost, functionality, ease of maintenance and the like trump more aesthetic considerations. Thankfully, students have made sure there are a number of spaces at Trent where this is not the case. These spaces are warm and inviting, and always full of friends. I quickly ran past my word count while writing about these spaces – how they came to be, how they're used and by whom – so both this and my next column will describe some of my favourite such spots on campus.

First of all, my favourite place to grab lunch while at school, The Seasoned Spoon. "The Spoon," as it is affectionately known by its many loyal customers, is a cooperatively run café that sells vegetarian, organic, and locally sourced (sometimes even grown on campus) food. As the only alternative on campus to a cafeteria, the Spoon is the best

choice for anyone who values healthy and fairly produced food.

But to me the value of the Spoon isn't its great fare, but its atmosphere. The café is almost completely student-run – by a dedicated batch of both paid and volunteer workers – and this fosters a great sense of community; not only are friends eating with you, some of them are cooking for you as well. Sometimes there is limited seating during the lunch rush, and you find yourself at a table with people you'd never consider sitting with – again, a community-builder. This is also a place that professors and staff frequent as well as students, and so the space encourages the social integration of these three sometimes segregated populations.

Located above the Champlain Great Hall, in a space that my mom tells me was a dining room even in her time, the Spoon is one of the nicest spots on campus to get away from academic pursuits and spend some time with friends. It attests to the fact that if you provide a group of people with something they commonly value, in this case delicious, healthy and fairly-produced food, a pocket of community and kinship will develop around your service.

Spaces like the Spoon are essential to the life of a university. It's in them that I feel Trent's original spirit of camaraderie and learning remains unchanged. **T**

## Trent Alumnus Appointed High Commissioner of Barbados



The Trent community was delighted to learn that alumnus **Hugh Anthony (Tony) Arthur '66** was recently appointed the High Commissioner of Barbados. On November 6, 2008, His Excellency was received in audience by Queen Elizabeth upon his appointment in London. Tony received an Honours B.A. in sociology



from Trent in May 1969, and an M.Sc. in tourism from the University of Surrey. He spent more than 20 years in tourism management with the Barbados Tourism Authority (BTA), serving as travel development officer in Canada, as director of marketing for North America in the USA, and as the BTA's chief executive officer. He taught tourism at the Barbados Hotel School and was a lecturer in tourism at the Centre for Hotel and Tourism Management of the University of the West Indies at Nassau, Bahamas. **T**

# ALUMNI ANTIQUI

As I have had the opportunity over the last few months to encounter in various circumstances more than a dozen of our former students in the Department of Ancient History and Classics (or Classical Studies as it was previously), I thought that I would collect all their news under one heading.

**Kevin Whetter '88** continues to teach in the English Department at Acadia University, where he has finished a two-year stint as co-ordinator of the English M.A. program. He is taking a year's sabbatical, during which time he hopes to write a book emphasizing that Sir Thomas Malory's *Morte D' Arthur* is a much more secular work than many critics allow. This will, hopefully, be Kevin's second book; his first monograph, entitled *Understanding Genre and Medieval Romance*, was published by Ashgate in the summer of 2008. His wife Ann already insists that their two daughters – respectively only four years and 11 months old – will be attending university somewhere one day; so if she doesn't send them to her native UK, perhaps they'll arrive at Trent. They are, after all, already acquainted with one member of the Ancient History and Classics Department.



*Kevin Whetter '88 with daughter Hadley and Ian Storey, during the latter's visit to Acadia in March 2008.*

**Marguerite (Nightingale) Masterson '89** completed her bachelor's degree in education at Oxford Brookes University in Oxford in 1993, and is currently vice-principal at Dr. Ross Tilley Public School in Bowmanville. She lives in Peterborough with her husband, Montie, and their two children, Jake and Bridget.

**Fanny Dolansky '93** completed her doctorate in classics at the University of Chicago in 2006 and now holds a tenure-track position in the Classics Department at Brock University. She returned to Trent as a guest alumni lecturer in the winter term of 2006/07 and is currently working on a study of Roman domestic religion.

**Jason Clark '93**, after completing three degrees at Trent, moved on to the University of Toronto programme in Library and Information Studies, completing the degree in 2007. He has recently taken up a position at the Canadian Therapeutic College, in Burlington, Ontario, as their Librarian/Library Technician.

**George Kovacs '95** is completing his doctoral work in the Classics Department of the University of Toronto, writing a thesis on Euripides' last play *Iphigeneia at Aulis*. He taught our myth course (AHCL 250) in 2007/8, and has returned this year as a sessional instructor. An alumnus of the Classics Drama Group, he will be directing the Group's 2009 production of *Euripides' Andromache*. This runs from February 3-6 in Peterborough and then in Toronto at the Ignatieff Theatre (Trinity College) on February 7.

**Colleen (Quesnel) Groth '97** taught English for 3½ years in Okayama, Japan, where she met and subsequently married another instructor, Tim Groth from New York City. Colleen continues to teach ESL in Toronto, where she and Tim now live, along with their very recent addition to the family, son William James, who was born on April 2, 2008. (Photo on opposite page.)

BY PROFESSOR IAN C. STOREY

**Christopher Wallace '98** is currently in his fourth year in the doctoral program in classics at the University of Toronto. His special field of interest lies in Hellenistic Greek History (300-30 BC). He presented a very intriguing and provocative paper on the speeches in Thucydides at the Classical Association of Canada's meetings in Montreal in May 2008.

**Derek Newman-Stille (Arscott) '98** completed his M.A. in Anthropology (actually in Classical Archaeology) at Trent in 2006, completing a thesis on sealings in Bronze Age art. In 2007/08 he served as senior tutor of Otonabee and Traill Colleges; for 2008/09 he has the same role at Otonabee and Champlain. He has developed an academic interest in monsters of classical antiquity and the medieval period, and has delivered papers

to the Canadian Archaeological Association, the International Small Islands Conference, and the International Mediaeval Congress at Leeds. He and **Dwayne Collins '01** were married in October 2005, at a ceremony in Sadleir House.

**J. Adam Brittain '99** has finally left Trent. He graduated in June 2008 with a Bachelor of Education degree and served as the head of the student union in the School of Education. He married Tammy McIntosh in July 2007 in St Mary's, Ontario, and both are teaching in the Courtice-Bowmanville area this year.

**Karen Acton '00** has now completed her fourth year in the doctoral program in Greek and Roman history at the University of Michigan. She has been teaching a course this year in Roman history, and now has her thesis topic: a study of the precedents set in the transition of power in the Year of the Four Emperors (AD 68-69). She recently presented a very well received paper on the Bona Dea cult in ancient Rome at the annual meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South at Tucson, Arizona, and spent much of July and August researching coins in the Sackler Library at Oxford.

**Ria (Maria) Huber '01** finished her M.Phil. in classics at Cambridge (St John's College) in 2006. She now works in Cambridge for PriceWaterhouseCoopers, and sees retired classics professor David Page on a weekly basis as they explore the restaurants and pubs of the city centre of Cambridge

**Melody E. McIntyre '01** is now in the second year of her M.A. in classics at Brock University. She took part in the excavation by the Brock Archaeological Practicum at Nemea in Greece in the summer of 2008.

**Tim Holt '01** had a busy summer in 2008. He completed his M.A. in classics at Queen's University (his thesis was on landscape and character in Homer's *Odyssey*), got married to Sarah Ryan, and entered a D.Phil. program at Oxford University (Lincoln College) in the field of early Greek poetry.

**Constance Sleeth '02** completed her M.A. in classics at Royal Holloway College, University of London, and has now entered a doctoral program at Otago University in Dunedin, New Zealand, where she will study with Trent alumna **Dr. Arlene Allan '92**. Her field of interest is Roman religion, and she has begun to work on her thesis on epithets of Zeus/Jupiter in Greek and Roman epic and drama. 📖



Colleen '97 and William Groth (Trent class of 2025?)

# Motuihe Island's "Pae Wehi"

BY NICK FAUSET '04

The sound of a wristwatch alarm brings resistant motion to four bodies, surprisingly still sound asleep and tucked within the accommodation's bunk beds, which predate those sleeping upon them and do not hesitate to complain with every movement. We are still feeling the subtle consequences of shifting 19 hours into the future, but our third day of residence in New Zealand—or "Aotearoa," as it is referred to by the indigenous Maori people, meaning "the land of the long white cloud" – represents the first morning of having reestablished normal sleep patterns. Feeling as rigid as an ironing board, I clumsily stumble toward the general vicinity of the kitchen, eyes not fully open, following the scent of freshly brewed organic coffee. The first glimpse of daylight gleams as taste buds are livened by the first drops of caffeine. Gazing outside, I see Fred and Ethel, the neighbourhood paradise ducks, who are waiting to be greeted before I continue on toward the breakfast that awaits me.

In a similar state to me are Cameron Necko, Justin Scott, and Seth Starr, the other three gentlemen with whom I bunk, along with female students Anne Friant, Anne Kosowan, Crystal Armstrong, Genna Fasullo, and Shannon Coccozoli. Together the ten of us comprise a small portion of Canadian and American

students involved in an ongoing International Student Volunteering (ISV) effort to restore the natural environment of flora and fauna existing long ago within the 179 hectares known as Motuihe Island. Prior to the presence of Europeans on Motuihe Island, an extensive history of indigenous Maori settlements existed. After the arrival



of Europeans, the Ngati-Paoa people that had held the island previously continued to be recognized by the Crown as the rightful owners of Motuihe Island, despite much warfare. In 1839, Europeans purchased Motuihe Island from the Maori people and began to use it for farming. Motuihe Island was

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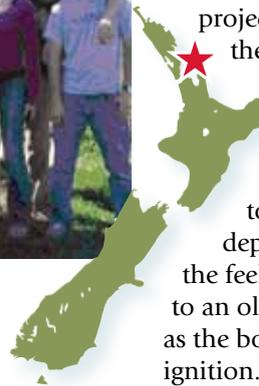
used as a quarantine station for smallpox and scarlet fever in 1873, another for influenza in 1918, a prisoner-of-war camp during the First World War, a children's health camp in 1929, and a naval training base that operated from 1941 to 1963.

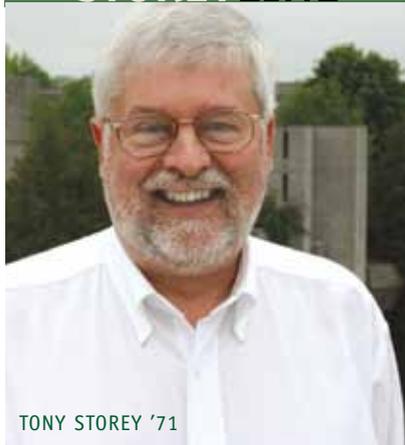
The ecological restoration initiative is fronted by John Laurence (chairman of the Motuihe Trust) and Lawrence Thoms, and is supported by the New Zealand Department of Conservation. Current aims include removing non-native and environmentally damaging plants, establishing bio-security, replanting 80 per cent of the island's native trees, and reintroducing rare fauna and flora. On the front lines, under the direction of Tracey Dearlove, a project leader and resident Kiwi, the ISV group contributed extensively to this end.

Fourteen days after the arrival of my group, it was already time to board the water taxi for departure. Longing stares and the feeling of saying goodbye to an old friend overwhelmed us as the boat's engines roared with ignition. Apart from the trees we planted, the only indication of our presence on Motuihe Island that remains is a sign that reads "Pae Wehi," meaning a "ridge to be honoured" in the Maori tongue. As Motuihe Island began to fade into the distance, I realized that it is this sort of experience that makes

life worth living; sharing experiences like this with other people who are passionate about making a difference results in enduring friendships and lifelong memories.

As a recent graduate, I pay tribute to the Trent University Alumni Association for their continued encouragement and support, and for the opportunity to share my experiences with my fellow alumni. ■





TONY STOREY '71

## Alumnus Named to the Order of Canada

**Robert Glossop '67** was recently named a member of the Order of Canada for his work as a sociologist and philosopher. Robert's work deals with the Canadian family experience, including work lives, the economy, community, health, and education.

He is the former executive director of programs and research at the Vanier Institute of the Family. Other distinctions he has received include the Lawson Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award and an honorary degree from the University of Guelph. He received his sociology degree from Trent in 1971.

## Spotlight on the Alumni Wall of Fame

Team Trend is a hockey team formed in the early 1970s at Trill College, and named in honour of the college's pub. The Wall of Fame includes a full shelf of Team Trend memorabilia, including the pottery plaque shown here, which outlines the 1979-80 team.

The Team Trend Reunion is our longest-running alumni reunion. This year it will be held as always at Trill College. It will be an exciting opportunity to see first hand the many improvements to Trill in its new role as a graduate studies college.

## Team Trend 33rd Reunion

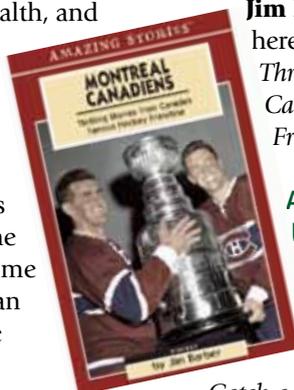
### Friday April 3

Ice Time 8 to 9 pm, Northcrest Arena, followed by reception at the Trend

### Saturday April 4

1:00 to 1:30 pm Family skate followed by Challenge Game Dinner at The Trend

The Wall of Fame is also home to a number of books and articles by



**Jim Barber '87.** Shown here is *Montreal Canadiens: Thrilling Stories from Canada's Famous Hockey Franchise.*

## Alumni Shine in Diverse Careers and Accomplishments

**Jonathan Starling '97** maintains a popular online blog, *Catch a Fire*, about Bermudian current affairs. Jonathan proclaims himself a libertarian Marxist. He sees his blog as an important forum for debate and discussion. Many people seem to agree – the blog received 30,000 hits in July. Jonathan was a founding member of the Trent Socialists when he was at the University.

**Alexandria Durrell '95** was recently nominated for the SavvyMom "Mom Entrepreneur of the Year Award." Alexandria owns Clippopotamus, a company that makes accessories such as hair clips and bibs for children. She was helped in setting up the business by her husband, **Ryan Durrell '97.**



## Maureen Brand '89

celebrated the opening of her husband Martienus' new business in August. The business, Nature's Elements, is a health store and wellness clinic. They offer natural health products as well as services including homeopathy, massage therapy, allergy testing, and detoxification counselling.

**Kevin Rose '97** was one of the winners of the 40 Under 40 Prize for 2008.

The prize recognizes 40 leaders in the business sector under the age of 40 each year. Kevin is the Aboriginal teacher education program coordinator with the Kenjegin Teg Educational Institute and Queen's University. He also sits on several Aboriginal boards and committees.

**Paul Delaney '64** travelled to the city of Gombe, Nigeria, this past October to revisit the community where he lived and worked as a teacher from 1973 to 1975. Paul reconnected with nearly 40 former students of his, and it was rewarding for him to see how they had changed and developed since he left. Paul was accompanied on his trip by **Phil Morgan '03.**

**Sharon Carew '70** was inducted into the Kenner Collegiate Hall of Honour in November. Sharon graduated from Kenner in 1963. She then pursued a teaching career. She was principal of the Canadian International School in Hong Kong for three years and is now the coordinator of the Queen's-Trent Concurrent Education Program. Sharon is also a dedicated community volunteer.

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Trent professor and alumnus **Ray Dart '82** was named Researcher of the Month in September by the Canadian Social Economy Hub. Ray teaches in the Business Administration program at Trent and is the principal of Peter Gzowski College. His research interests include social innovation, environmental organizations, and sustainable development.



Ray Dart '82

The Canadian Alliance for Community Service Living appointed **Larry Gemmel '78** as its new director in July. Prior to the appointment Larry had held numerous management positions in non-profit organizations such as the United Way.

Prince Edward County is enjoying an economic renaissance of sorts – spurred on by a rapid growth in the wine and tourism industry. **Richard Johnston '64** and his wife Vida Zalnieriunas are perfect examples of this. They own and operate By Chadsey's Cairns, a 15-acre winery that was opened in 1999.

**Peter Gamble '74** is also a part Canada's current winery boom. He's a top consultant who offers advice to new wineries across the country and internationally.

Also at the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board this year is **Brian Hayes '99**. Brian is teaching a split grade seven and eight class.

**Briane McLean '03** was featured by *The Globe and Mail* in August for her use of employee testimonials in choosing a new job with Scott Rankin & Gardiner LLP. Briane exemplifies the fact that such on-line video testimonials are becoming more and more popular.

**Herman Jilesen '64** was named Family Physician of the Year, one of only six Ontario doctors to receive the honour. Herman started his practice in 1974, and just recently retired.

**Dr. Gyles Iannone '86** has been appointed Trent's new Associate Vice-President, Research, effective September 1, 2008. Until the appointment, he was an associate professor in the Anthropology Department at the University. Gyles, who holds an M.A. from Trent, is an anthropological archaeologist who specializes in the rise of social inequality and the emergence of early state formations.



Gyles Iannone '86

**Lacey Unger '03** has been appointed to a teaching position by the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board. She is teaching core French to grade fours, sevens, and eights as well as gym to grade ones.

Retired Trent professor **Dave Lasenby '64** gave a talk in August on the history of Stoney Lake. The event was part of a five-day boat trip organized by the Trent-Severn Antique and Classic Boat Association.

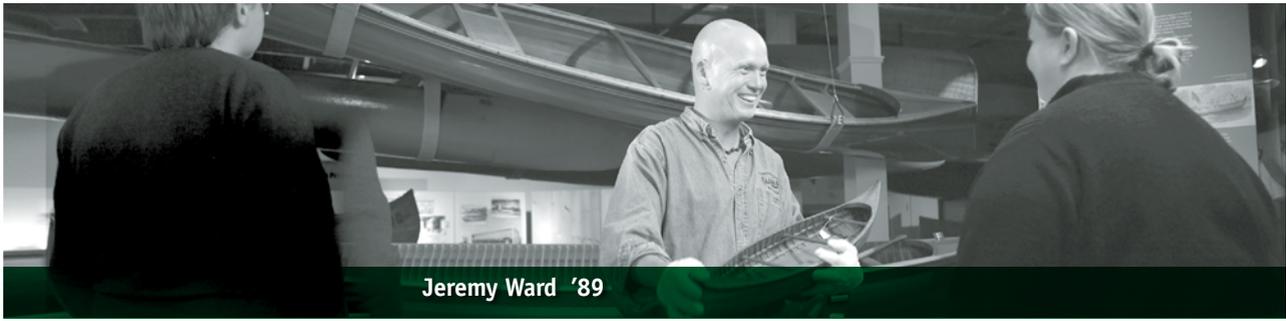
**Arun Reddy '01** has recently opened a new medical facility called Lindsay Medical Laser Therapy. The clinic uses low intensity laser therapy to cure a number of conditions including arthritis, back pain, gout, and tendonitis. Arun happily reports that since the practice opened in July, it has been very busy.

Forterra Environmental Corp. has retained agronomist **Tom Ferencevic '94** as a consultant to their company.

Forterra manufactures environmentally friendly soil enhancers. Tom has a Trent degree in environmental science and has worked with many environmental firms in the past, usually concentrating on applied research and project development.

Three Trent alumni ran for office in the recent federal election.

**Kristen Rudderham '96** was the conservative candidate in the riding of Sydney-Victoria. **Jeff Horvath '92** ran in the riding of Wild Rose, Alberta, as the NDP candidate. Finally, **Myrna Clark** ran in Barrie as an NDP candidate.



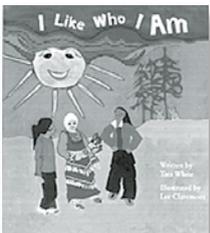
Jeremy Ward '89

**Jeremy Ward '89** is the new curator of Peterborough's Canadian Canoe Museum. Jeremy has already worked at the museum for ten years. In 2004, he constructed a 36-inch birch bark canoe for display. He hopes to make the exhibits at the museum more interactive and hands-on in the future.

**Jocelyne Daw '73** and **Michael Hall '75** led a session together at this year's Congress 2008, a convention for professional fundraisers held annually in Toronto. Their session was called Canadian Business Contributions to Community: Implications for Business-Community Partnerships. Jocelyne and Michael are both vice-presidents of Imagine Canada.

**Jason White '06** has been hired by the Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan to conduct research on the area's environmental health. Jason will be monitoring the population levels of a number of threatened species and, he hopes, will be concluding that the populations are returning to healthy levels.

**Tara White '93** released her first book, *I Like Who I Am*, in November. A book launch was held at Trent, in the First Peoples' Gathering Space. Tara's book relates the story of a young girl, Celina, who struggles to realize her Mohawk identity.



**Michael Rosen '75** is the president of Tree Canada, a small environmental organization based in Ottawa. Tree Canada plants between 300,000 and 500,000 trees a year in various parts of Canada. A focus for the group is urban forestry. Michael has a history degree from Trent, and a forestry degree from the University of Toronto.

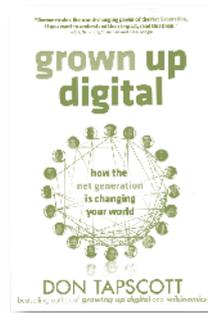
**Jamie Benidickson '67** has published a book entitled *The Culture of Flushing: A Social and Legal History of Sewage*. The book has been selected as a finalist for the Harold Adams Innis Prize for best English-language book in the social sciences.

**Aileen Fletcher '84** is the new chair of the Durham College Board of Governors. Also joining the board this year is **Garry Cubitt '67**.

**Leslie Cole '72** has written a book on the history of cooperative housing in Canada titled *Under Construction*. The book tells the story of a small lobby group that, 40 years ago, fought to make co-op housing a reality. It goes on to describe how the movement has grown and changed since that time.

The humanitarian work of **James Orbinski '80** has been documented in a feature-length film titled *Triage*. The film was shown in a number of theatres across Canada this fall as well as at some film festivals in Europe.

**Don Tapscott '66** just has published *Grown up Digital*. The book explores how the world is changing now that the first generation of technology-savvy youth is coming of age. Don's main thesis is that the net-generation is far from being the apathetic, anti-social, and computer-addicted age group that other theorists think technology has turned them into. This generation is smarter, more engaged, and better equipped to deal with today's problems than any previous one. Don will be



featured at the 2009 Tapscott-Lopes Business and Society Lecture on February 25 at Wenjack Theatre.

The Julian Blackburn College Alumni Award for 2007/08 has been given to **Cindy Ellen Morgan '75**. Cindy graduated in 1979 with a general arts degree, but returned to Trent recently and upgraded that to an honours degree, without receiving a mark below 90%. Cindy was also very active in student life, sitting on numerous committees and being the president of Trent's Classics Club. She is now an M.A. student in Trent's graduate program in history.

At 23 years old, **Brendan McGovern '03** is the youngest ever winner of the Mr. Leather Ottawa competition. The annual event is intended to raise awareness of and celebrate Ottawa's fetish community. Brendan's most successful showing was in the fantasy category, where he played a nurse performing a street-side surgery.

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**Ben Henderson '76** is a member of Edmonton's city council. Ben's first priority is encouraging conversation and community involvement. Ben studied culture and history at Trent and in the past has been a key member of Edmonton's theatre community.

**Honorary alumnus Tom Symons** is a chairman of the British-North American Committee Executive. The BNAC meets regularly to discuss concerns common to Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States, with the hope of encouraging harmonious, constructive relations between those three countries and their citizens.

Recent grad **Dan Lustig '04** is continuing his studies at the University of Toronto. He is pursuing

his Master's through the Institute of Medical Science, where he is researching neuroblastoma.

**Tim Cook '90** is the Great War historian at the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa. He has written two books on WWI, one of which, *At the Sharp End: Canadians Fighting the Great War 1914-1916*, is a bestseller and winner of the J.W. Dafoe Prize. His new book, which chronicles the last two years of the war, was recently released. Tim also acted as advisor for the recent film *Passchendaele*.

**Eric Zweig '82** is a sports writer who produces publications for the NHL. He is also a prolific writer of sports non-fiction for children, with 16 books to his name. Recently he published *Crazy Canucks*, an account

of the Canadian men's alpine ski team in the '70s and '80s.

**Jeremy Dodds '99** has published his first collection of poetry, entitled *Crabwise to the Hounds*. He took a long time writing the book, letting the poems develop slowly. As he did so, he received numerous recognitions, including the 2007 CBC Literary Award for Poetry.

**Tim Turner-Davis '72** is the manager of the Whitehorse branch of FSC Architects. He has also managed the Iqaluit office. FSC designed the Whitehorse Airport expansion, as well as the Northwest Territories Legislature in Yellowknife. Tim says his decision to move north was largely influenced by a course on the Canadian North that he took at Trent. **T**



"We wanted to help some deserving students, and thought this would be a fitting gift."

For Jenny Carter '69 and her late husband Cyril, Trent University has played a large role in their lives. Cyril was a professor at Trent and Jenny completed a degree here as a mature student. When it came time to think of a way to give back to the University, a gift of life insurance was a perfect fit. Now the Carters have created their own legacy at Trent.

Give a gift of life insurance to the University today and make your own mark at Trent.

Contact Sherry Booth, manager of planned giving and leadership gifts, at (705) 748-1011 ext. 7593 or [sbooth@trentu.ca](mailto:sbooth@trentu.ca) for more information.



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# Offering Support

BY KEVAN HEROD '74

## Here's the dilemma...

Each year, government funding to the more than 75,000 registered charities in Canada continues to shrink dramatically. This leaves many of these charities in precarious financial situations, facing the reality that they may be unable to maintain the same level of service in the future. There has never been a better time for private and corporate citizens to offer their support by making a charitable donation.

## What is the opportunity?

Many people would like to donate more to their favourite charity but feel financially unable to do so. Life insurance can help. Life insurance increases the size of your gift to the charity you've chosen and it provides you, the donor, with significant tax benefits.

## How does it work?

You have a number of choices when you give a gift of a life insurance policy to a charity. You can purchase the insurance yourself and name the charity as beneficiary. Or, you can own the policy yourself and name your estate as beneficiary and provide

direction in your will to gift the funds. You may also choose to make the charity the owner of the insurance policy outright, with you paying the premiums on the charity's behalf. Each of these options provides the charity with the policy's proceeds when you die.

## What are the benefits to you?

Not only will you achieve peace of mind knowing your gift will make a difference, but you will also receive tax benefits. If you purchase the insurance policy and name the charity as beneficiary or have your estate gift the insurance proceeds to the charity, the charity will issue a charitable receipt when it receives the funds. If the charity owns the policy and you make the premium payments on the charity's behalf, the charity will issue a charitable receipt each year for the amount you pay. In both situations, you can use the receipt on your tax return to reduce the amount of tax you pay.

## Case study

Mrs. Alumni makes frequent donations to Trent University. Even though she gives regularly, she would also like to give the university a "special gift" of \$100,000 upon her death. Life



**Kevan Herod** graduated from Trent in 1978 with a B.Sc., with a major in urban geography and a minor in economics. Upon joining the financial planning field, he quickly discovered that the skills of listening, critical thinking, and analysis were easily transferred from his degree to the business of insurance and investments. Although he worked briefly in management, his true love is meeting with clients, listening to their goals and dreams, and working with them to develop a financial plan to realize those dreams. This process always involves discussions about how life insurance can be an effective way to enhance the size of a financial gift to the client's favourite charity. He calls it the "miracle of pen and ink."

insurance is an effective way to plan for this gift.

The cost of the life insurance is \$208 per month. By paying this amount, Mrs. Alumni has guaranteed Trent University will receive the \$100,000 gift.

As an alternative, Mrs. Alumni could invest the \$208 into a taxable investment. Assuming the investment earned 6% each year, when she dies the investment would be worth approximately \$71,000. By using life insurance, Mrs. Alumni has been able to increase the size of the gift by \$29,000. 

### THE INSURANCE SOLUTION

Mrs. Alumni - Personal information	Female, 64, non-smoker
Insurance Product	Term to 100
Death Benefit	\$100,000
Personal Tax Rate	45%
Assumed Life Expectancy	Age 83



# Sunshine Sketches



## 1968

To celebrate a visit from **John Kerr** from B.C., some Ontario alumni hosted a recent get-together for **Phil Froats**. Photo, l to r: **Phil Froats, Bruce Dyer, Bob Pearson, Reina Pearson '69, Lorna Adams '69, Mary Boite, Karen Burgess '71, John Kerr, Jim Burgess, and Peter Adams '69**. (photo 1)

## 1970

On September 27, 2008, **Kathy '70 (Devitt)** and **Bob '70 Collins** celebrated the marriage of their daughter Amanda Collins to Jason Lamarche Hunderup at Norse Ridge Farms in King Township, Ontario. Photo l to r: Tim Collins (son), his wife Angela, grandchildren Maggie and William, Bob, Jason Lamarche Hunderup, Amy Collins, Kathy, **Jeff Collins '03** (son). (photo 2)

**David Kettlers** sends greetings and an update to students and colleagues with whom I worked during my 20 years at Trent ('71-'90) and to let them know how to get in touch. It has been almost 20 years since I accepted an appointment at Bard College, where I continue as Research Professor.

However, Trent was the place where I grew up as academic, and I shall always be grateful for my education and cultivation, especially for my collaborations with Jim Struthers and Chris Huxley. My job does not allow me to intrude on faculty business, so I have organized no unions here. TUFA remains my only such accomplishment. These have been productive research years, with ten new book-length publications and more than 40 chapters and articles published elsewhere. Projects have included some returns to familiar topics like Adam Ferguson and Karl Mannheim, as well as a complex web of new studies in exile. Details and many samples can be found on [www.bard.edu/contestedlegacies](http://www.bard.edu/contestedlegacies). Email will best reach me at [manfredisrael@yahoo.com](mailto:manfredisrael@yahoo.com).

## 1978

**Rick Miller** is Laboratory Coordinator in Biological Sciences at the University of New England in Maine. He is teaching the lab portion of second-year Marine Biology in addition to laboratory prepping for seven marine-related courses. His office looks onto the Marine Animal Rescue Center (MARC) rehabilitation tank facilities, where animals are recovering after being stranded or abandoned. MARC

is the only marine mammal rescue centre on coastline between Boston and Canada. The facility works with the New England Aquarium, sharing expertise and facilities for the treatment of marine animals such as seals, dolphins, and turtles.

## 1983

**Carol Watson** started a new position with the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment this fall as their first fundraising manager. The Toronto-based national organization advocates and educates on issues of environmental health and was instrumental in getting the City of Peterborough to ban the use of pesticides on lawns in spring 2006. (CAPE can be found on the web at [www.cape.ca](http://www.cape.ca))

Kimberly and **Stuart Wright** moved to Germany in 2004 and both work for the United States Air Force at Ramstein Air Base.

## 1989

**Maureen (Hughes) Brand** and Tien Brand. Well, there's never a dull moment in Buckhorn. Maureen had a baby girl, Adelaide Therese, on October



1, 2008, at 9:25 a.m., weighing 7lbs., 10 oz. The midwives were on their way, but that little girl came fast and furious! It was quite an adventure as Tien had to deliver the baby himself – with a little help from his mom, who was at the Brand house to pick up her grandsons Eamon and Will for the day. Everyone was quite exhausted and surprised at what took place in such a short period of time. Maureen is well in spite of being quite perplexed about what to do with a girl. (photo 3)

Last spring **Russell Robinson** and his wife Maria were blessed with a baby girl, Taya Clair Natividad Robinson, after eight years of trying! (photo 4)

## 1992

**Dale Morrisey** is a writer/producer and the owner of Wandering Journalist Productions. He recently has teamed with a partner, to make a documentary exploring the history of Regent Theatre in Prince Edward County. Dale's work has appeared often on radio and his writing and photography have appeared in many regional, provincial, and national publications. Dale's passion for film, film history, history and heritage, and his work on projects such as *Forgotten Ontario*, *Snack Bar Confidential*, *Museumville* and his

column *VideoLand* reflect those keen interests. Dale works from his Greater Napanee home office and is a stay-at-home dad. He lives with his wife, two children, and their sleepy golden retriever. To contact Dale Morrisey call (613) 352-4129, or email [wandering.journalist@sympatico.ca](mailto:wandering.journalist@sympatico.ca).

## 1993

Andrew Bickle and Maggie Foote are happy to announce that their parents **Jason and Theresa (Waggoner) Bickle and Matthew and Janice (Skalicky) Foote** are still getting together for good times. Born weeks apart in the fall of 2008, these two keep their older siblings (Isabella and Miles) entertained. (photo 5)

## 1995

**Karen (O'Connor)** and Kenneth Ritchie are ecstatic to announce the birth of their second child, Carson Christopher Ritchie, on June 14, 2008. He tipped the scales at a healthy 9 lbs. 12 ozs, but all is perfect. Big sister Abby has nothing but love, hugs, and kisses for her baby brother. Karen is currently on maternity leave and returns to secondary teaching in

September 2009 (just in time for Abby to begin JK). (photo 6)

## 1996

**Jerry Mimassi** and wife Rana Karroum want to share their joy and announce the safe arrival of their son Hady Mimassi, who was born on June 24, 2008, weighing 8 lbs., 6 ozs. (photo 7)

## 1997

**Aaron Wood** and **Carly (Burpee) Wood** are ecstatic to announce the birth of their first child, Adelia Jean Wood. She was delivered at home in Ottawa on July 16, 2008, at 3:31 a.m. weighing 6 lbs., 12 ozs. (photo 8)

## 1998

**Andra (Alexandra) Kelly** and **Sean Bilmer** celebrated the birth of their son, Simon Alexander Bilmer, on October 6, 2008 in Oshawa, Ontario. The family is doing great, and they can't wait to see Simon graduate from Trent in about 20 years! (photo 9) 



## In Memoriam

# Trent Mourns Passing of Nature Enthusiast and Alumnus Douglas Sadler

*University Recognized Douglas Sadler with an Honorary Degree in 1988*

Trent University was saddened to learn of the passing of **Douglas Sadler '70**, renowned nature enthusiast, former educator, Trent alumnus, and honorary degree recipient, on August 18, 2008, two weeks after his 92nd birthday.

Douglas Sadler was a well-known author and teacher in the Peterborough area. He graduated from Trent in 1978 with a degree in geography. A lifetime member of the Peterborough Field Naturalists, Mr. Sadler wrote an outdoors column for the Peterborough Examiner for forty years. In 1988 he was presented with an honorary degree from Trent; in the same year, he was also awarded a place on Peterborough's Pathway of Fame, followed by the Peter Robinson Award from the City of Peterborough in 2000. In 2007 he was honoured by then-Lieutenant-Governor James Bartleman with the Ontario Heritage Award for Lifetime Achievement.

When Mr. Sadler was presented with the honorary degree at Trent, his citation read, "The true name of the game is appreciation of nature based on understanding, without which there can be little hope for progress in the constant struggle to preserve our natural wonder and environment. Doug Sadler has been playing the game for most of his life."

Born in London, England, in 1916, Mr. Sadler served in the 7th Armoured Division (Desert Rats) during World War II and with the Queen's Royal Regiment in Holland. During the war, he met his future wife, Joan, in England.

They were married in 1942. After the war, he served as a captain in the Army and one of his tours took him to Singapore in 1947. He came to Canada in 1950 to work on Governor-General Vincent Massey's farm near Port Hope, Ontario and later worked for the *Port Hope Evening Guide* in advertising. This was the beginning of a newspaper career that ultimately led him to the *Peterborough Examiner* and the City of Peterborough in 1953, where he wrote his now-famous outdoor column, "Come Quietly With Me." Over the course of 47 years, Mr. Sadler wrote 2,390 weekly columns for the *Examiner*. He also authored half a dozen books.

Late in his life, Mr. Sadler decided to return to school. He attended the old Peterborough Teacher's College and, upon graduation, began teaching with the Northumberland Board of



Douglas Sadler '70

Education. He later became the vice-principal of Warkworth School in 1969 and worked there for 12 years before taking a job as an outdoor education consultant. He then moved to the Peterborough County Board of Education. When the outdoor education program was cancelled in 1975, Mr. Sadler continued teaching at the Bailieboro School. At about the same time, he became a member of the Peterborough Field Naturalists. After two years, he joined the Ontario Federation of Field Naturalists, eventually becoming president of the organization for two years.

The University extends its sympathies to Mr. Sadler's family and to all those who knew him. 

The flag at Trent University flew at half-mast on August 20, 2008, in response to the sad news that former Vice-President External Relations John Leishman had died in Peterborough on August 18.

As noted by both Founding President Tom Symons and former Board of Governors chair Jon Grant, John Leishman was a significant creator and co-founder of Trent University. He began his Trent career in 1965 as the University's controller and Secretary to the Board of Governors. In 1971 he assumed the role of vice-president of finance. Nine years later he became executive vice president for external relations and financial affairs. He retired from Trent in 1988, at which time the Alumni Association named him Honorary Vice President in recognition of his seminal work and insight in fostering the development of Trent's alumni relations program.

John is greatly missed by his wife and eminent Peterborough community volunteer, "Y," and his children Ann, Michael '83, and Jake, along with their 8 grandchildren.

A memorial service was held in Peterborough on August 22. A celebration of "Leish's" life took place on September 11 at the Badminton & Racquet Club in Toronto.

I had the privilege of working directly with Leish from 1984 to 1988, as I commenced my career in Alumni Affairs. He was an immensely important influence on our work in alumni relations. John wanted to be certain that the same individual regard for students, so prevalent in the Trent experience, was extended to the treatment of our alumni. "It's the personal touch," he would emphasize. Under his encouragement and leadership, the Alumni Association inaugurated its first annual strategic planning retreat, established chapters in

## Remembering John Leishman

Gentleman, Mentor, Sportsman, Colleague, Founder

various cities, strengthened its record keeping, and embraced alumni involvement in university governance. Leish was also the first to recognize the role that Trent's long-serving and popular athletics director, Paul Wilson, could play in alumni relations.

At both the memorial service and the Toronto celebration, a number of tributes to John were expressed by several friends and family, including Jon Grant (Hon.), Ann & David Dorrity, Dick Sadleir (Hon.), and Ian "Buck" Rogers:

- We all so remember those get-togethers that were so part of the Trent heritage — academics, administrators and board members coming together at the Leishmans' home.
- A role model to his children and grandchildren, Leish was a decent and fair man who left his mark on so many of us.
- John loved fun. He entered every activity with gusto, and sometimes sailing in high winds, with reckless abandon.
- [John and Y] Here was a couple that was so widely known and respected in many ways in Peterborough introducing us to our new community.
- In the face of university financial hardship, John set out to raise money despite challenging economic times. At the end of two years, the Fund for Excellence had surpassed its goal, raising \$7.5 million. The equivalent today would likely be in excess of \$20 million.
- John, in his quiet good humour, helped to build an institution — Trent, and as in all things, those who are

fortunate to make a contribution to the betterment of our fellow human beings, leave a great legacy.

- I learned from my father that friends matter the most.
- Leish loved a party ... he was often the last to leave.
- He was non-judgmental and generous in the extreme to friends. He demonstrated vitality, determination, enthusiasm and loyalty. He made a tremendous contribution to Trent University.
- John was quiet about his work and accomplishments ... he did not toot his own horn. During our 50-year friendship, he never let on what a good and difficult job he did at Trent.
- John Leishman was blessed with spirit, cherished by all.

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## In Memoriam

## Jack Lodge



(1915-2008)

## George Warren

(1929 to 2008)

George Warren, father of two Trent alumni, **Scott '78** and **Andy '87**, died on September 23, 2008. He is also remembered by his wife Jean, son Wayne, and daughter Laura. George was an artist who was commissioned by the University to create numerous works, including the Champlain College coat of arms. His wood carvings depicting Trent architecture have been used as gifts for retirees and for the Alumni Association College Recognition Awards. The awards are currently displayed in the Blackburn Hall foyer. George died peacefully at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre. He was 79. *THB*

The Trent community was saddened to learn that Professor Jack Lodge died on November 8, 2008, at the age of 93. Jack played a key role in the early days of Trent as the founding chair of the Physics Department and served in that capacity from 1964 to 1981. He was highly regarded by students and colleagues alike, and he was the recipient of the Trent University Eminent Service Award in 1981.

Trent physics professor and alumnus **Dr. Peter Dawson '65** sent in these memories of his days when he was a student of Jack's:

"As I recall, Jack arrived at Trent in 1965, so I must have been a member of his first Physics 10 class. Everything was done at Rubidge Hall, of course, and I well remember Jack entering the lecture room in his black teaching gown, and getting

down to work with very little in the way of preliminary chitchat. He was an excellent lecturer – very clear, very methodical, very well organized, and he made himself heard despite the fact that his voice could hardly be described as booming.

I next saw Jack in third year. I had volunteered to put a solution to a problem on the blackboard, and I worked my way through it. When I finished, Jack said (I'll always remember this), 'Well, it's nice to see that someone here is finally learning some mathematics.' That buoyed me immensely – it made me think that perhaps I, too, could be a physicist. And here I am, thanks in no small measure to Jack. He was, as they say, a 'gentleman and a scholar,' and all of us who knew him will miss him." *THB*



### Tribute from Tom Symons, Founding President

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John Leishman made an outstanding contribution, in many ways, to the development of Trent University. The magnitude of his contributions is perhaps not fully realized.

First, of course, was his handling of the day-by-day, and year-by-year finances of the University. As with any University, these were always extensive, varied and complex – and frequently very challenging. Throughout his years as Trent's senior financial officer, John handled these budgetary matters very well indeed.

Second, John did a superb job in guiding and supporting the fund-raising programme of Trent. In a succession of campaigns, large

and small, he met and exceeded the targeted objective.

Third, John was extraordinarily thorough, effective, and successful in negotiating a succession of agreements and arrangements with provincial financial and educational officials. His management of these matters was fundamental to Trent's ability to carry through its large building programme, in addition to launching and maintaining its programmes of teaching and research.

Fourth, John entered wholeheartedly into the life and activities of the University. He took a lively part in the College arrangements as long-time Fellow of Peter Robinson College and keenly supported the University's athletic programme.

Fifth, he was a very active member of the wider Peterborough community and helped constantly in building the good relationships that exist between the University and its Peterborough base.

Sixth, in all these things, a quiet and thoughtful collegial approach was John's hallmark. In this way, he helped to set the tone of governance and the style of administration which characterized Trent in its formative years. In so doing, he made a special and important contribution.

Throughout all the great service John Leishman gave to Trent, his wife Y made a companion and matching contribution. All of us in the Trent community – students, faculty, staff, alumni, and board – are in their debt. – *T.H.B. Symons*

# Richard B. Morris

(1933 to 2008)

This is a summary of the thoughts that Richard's three children put together for his memorial service on June 9, 2008, at Trinity United Church in Peterborough.

Richard Benner Morris was born the son of a minister during the Depression in Southern California in 1933. His mother was very active, a trait that he shared. This was true his whole life; he could never sit idly by while other people worked.

His family moved a number of times due to his father's work. He spent his school years in Colton, California, near Los Angeles. Life was hard for his family, but Richard was a motivated young man. His favorite uncle was a doctor, and Richard saw that getting an education was important to his future. In high school he took summer jobs picking melons, and later worked as an apprentice to a carpenter. During the school year he did the gardening and the custodial work in his local church. He also made extra money selling railroad ties he picked up in his old model T truck. He took up football in high school, but afterwards wished he had taken up a sport like tennis, something he could play as he got older.

Richard knew he had to serve in the US military after high school and opted to be in the naval reserves. He was called up to serve between the Korean and Vietnam wars and was involved in transporting people from the Mekong Delta in Vietnam before the invasion. It was here that he started in his lifelong path of helping others.



Richard Morris

Richard attended state college in California, which is where he "fell in love with psychology." He then went on to Redland College in Washington on the GI bill for his Master's degree, following a favorite professor to Edmonton, Alberta, where he received his Ph.D.

Richard stayed in Canada and started teaching at Trent University in 1968. It was here that he found his calling as a teacher and mentor. Richard was very involved with the introduction of computers to Trent and was one of the first to teach using shared computer involvement with students. Indeed, teaching was always his favourite part of the job, and his door was always open to his students. Psychology 101 was under his tutelage for many years. He also taught educational psychology and the history of psychology. He called the last course that he designed, a seminar course on interdisciplinary approaches to learning, "the pinnacle" of his career.

Richard met his wife Chris when she was returning to Trent to start another degree. She was having difficulties with a statistics

course when friends suggested to her that Richard might be of help. She sought him out in his office at Otonabee College, and that was the end of statistics for Chris. Richard had met his "miracle girl," and he never looked back. Chris's two young daughters, Madeline and Margaret, were more than pleased that she had "found them a new daddy" as they had requested. When Chris left for England to see family, he went to California, and kept in touch by mail. After Chris and the girls returned to Canada, he phoned from the beach and said he wouldn't be coming back until September. Chris replied that if he wasn't back in time to make pizza for Margaret's birthday, then that would be the end of it. Sure enough, he came that very day. Their family was soon complete when Stephen, the new baby brother, was brought home from the hospital. The first words Richard taught his children to spell were i-n-t-e-l-l-i-g-e-n-t and p-s-y-c-h-o-l-o-g-y, due to his frustration that some of his students couldn't do this.

In December 1987 the Morrises moved from Peterborough to a century farmhouse in Bailieboro with a couple of acres to play with. It was here that Richard and Chris raised Jack Russell terriers which they imported from Norfolk, England. Richard continued to commute to teach at Trent and Durham College in the continuing education program. He retired in 1999.



dog © Andreas Gradlin

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## In Memoriam continued

During retirement he was again involved with helping others less fortunate than himself. He was on the Board of "Heads Up for Inclusion," a program designed in Peterborough to help integrate and educate intellectually challenged students in high schools. He also was involved on the Board of Trinity United Church and was on the Board of the Community Concert Association until it folded a few years ago. He was set to become involved in Habitat for Humanity, but his untimely death prevented this.

Chris and Richard built and renovated endlessly: their boat, their cottage, their farmhouse and its barn, garage, greenhouse and more. The way they worked together as a team was a model to their children and was admired by their friends. They built around them a paradise for bird, insects, flowers and trees and created and nurtured a wonderful home in which to gather family and friends. And this is what he loved most of all.

Richard B. Morris died suddenly at home on June 4, 2008. 

## Lois Sisson

BY WILLIAM PEARSON '07

The community at Trent's P.S.B. Wilson Athletics Complex learned regretfully of Lois Sisson's death in April. She was 84. Lois was survived by her son David Sisson, daughter **Karen Sisson '78**, son-in-law Bruce Fitzpatrick, and her five grandchildren.

Lois had been a fixture at the Allan Marshall Pool since 1979, when she became the first swim-only member of the Trent Athletics Complex. Until her death Lois swam at the pool at least three

times a week – one kilometre each visit. On her eightieth birthday, she was awarded with a lifetime membership to the Complex.

Over the years Lois became integrated with the Trent Athletics community, and there were many other regular swimmers with whom she was close. She became great friends with the permanent staff at Athletics and also enjoyed chatting with the not-so-permanent student staff at the reception counter. She was always saddened when students graduated and moved on.

Lois's enthusiasm for swimming was contagious. Her grandchildren took swimming lessons at Trent and were active participants in the Trent Summer Sports Camp. A favourite memory



of the family is Lois's annual renting of the entire swimming complex, so that she and her grandchildren could have the pool to themselves.

As a tribute, her family has established the Lois Sisson Memorial Fund, which has already helped to purchase new pool equipment such as flutter boards and pool noodles. In addition to this, the Ken and Lois Sisson Award was established in 2001 by Lois's daughter Karen to recognize a graduating student employee at the Athletics Complex annually. Through the fund and award named for her, Lois not only will be remembered but will continue to have a positive effect on swimming at Trent – a thought that would have delighted her. 

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Lara Jack '04, pictured with Trent Chancellor Dr. Roberta Bondar at 2008 convocation



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Left, (l to r): Doug Barr '69, Colin Taylor, Dan Orr '76, Ryan McCord '98

Below: Peter Adams

# Geography Celebrates 40 Years

BY PROF. ALAN BRUNGER



The celebration of Trent Geography's 40th Anniversary began with a "major bash"! On the Friday evening of Head of the Trent/Homecoming 2008, the department and TUGS held a celebration at the home of Jill and founding chair, Peter Adams, hosted by the current and last-year presidents of TUGS, **Alexandra Ryland '04** and **Andrew Farnsworth '99**. Before a packed and (somewhat typically) rather rowdy crowd, Alex and Andy called the roll of past TUGS Presidents to discover that many were present, including the very first, **Stan Mathewson '68**.



Dianne Brydon '74



The weekend continued with a departmental Open House, with the department specially decorated, by TUGS, for the occasion. There were displays of current and past activities and of memorabilia, including a priceless collection of TUGS t-shirts. Prof. Cheryl McKenna-Newman's unique wind tunnel attracted a great deal of attention. A reception followed at Alumni House with more exhibits and a minimum of speeches.

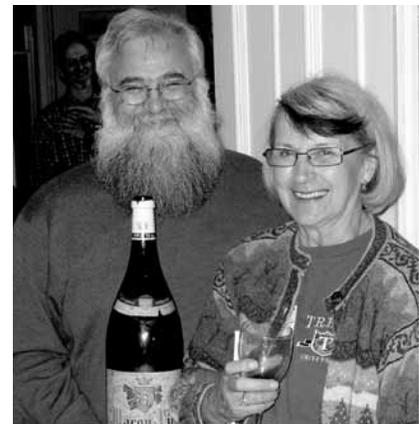
During the weekend, the Department's commemorative book, *Geography at Trent, The First Forty Years*, was launched, to great acclaim. This is "a combination history and giant yearbook" and is replete with photos and cartoons. Also, Peter Adams' book, *Trent, McGill and the North*, which also includes a history of geography at Trent, was on half-price sale for Geography alumni. The proceeds of this book will support a bursary for geography students at Trent that will be announced later in this anniversary year.

Right: Mike Brklacich '71 and Pat Strode

Left: Miles Ecclestone, Bill Dicks '86, Peter Adams

Additional activities already planned for the year include a major display in the Bata Library, the launch of the third edition of the Department's successful regional book, Peterborough and the Kawarthas, and the public lectures of Trent's first Roberta Bondar Fellow in Northern and Polar Studies, Geography alumnus **Derek Mueller '92**, an international authority on ice and climate change.

For more information on activities and the books, visit the Alumni and Geography websites ([www.trentu.ca/alumni](http://www.trentu.ca/alumni) and [www.trentu.ca/academic/geography](http://www.trentu.ca/academic/geography)). An order form for the books can be found at the same address. 



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March 19, 2009	March Break Open House at Trent in Oshawa
March 26, 2009	Writers Reading Series Bonnie Burnard, author of <i>A Good House</i> , Traill College Multi-purpose Room from 8:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.
Spring 2009	Inside Trent: Our Water, Our Future event in Ottawa (date TBD)
Spring 2009	Inside Trent: Our Water, Our Future event in Oshawa (date TBD)
April 3 and 4	Team Trend Reunion
April 4, 2009	Spring Open House at Trent, Symons campus
April 5, 2009	Peterborough Alumni Chapter Open House
May 2, 2009	Spring Open House at Trent, Symons campus
May 23, 2009	Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner in Ottawa
June 2, 2009	Peterborough and Trent Community Bonnie Patterson Farewell
June 18, 2009	Excalibur Golf Tournament
June 28, 2009	Peterborough Alumni Chapter Garden Party
September 19, 2009	Alumni Golf Tournament
October 3, 2009	Head of the Trent/Homecoming/Alumni Association AGM



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