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One of Trent's newest alumni, **Hamdy Bashir Faye '06**, a young Senegalese, phoned me not long ago to say that he had just met Professor T.H.B. Symons. He was so excited. To most Trent students the Symons name is primarily associated with the name of the campus, although some recognize the large painting hanging in the main foyer of the Bata Library. I suggested to Hamdy that not many Trent alumni can say that they personally had met Bonnie Patterson as well as the founding president of their university. Hamdy added, "But Uncle Paul, I just had breakfast in Alumni House with the new president, Steven Franklin!" How many alumni in the world have met the first, the former and the current president of their university? Hamdy Faye will never forget Trent.

In May a small crowd gathered in the Champlain College courtyard on a glorious spring day to honour and thank international alumnus, Hong Kong property developer **Justin Chiu '76** and his wife Rita, who had given a gift to Trent. Justin had flown to Canada to meet some of those he had known as an undergraduate in the 1970s and to see the Trent of today. Rita, a teacher, couldn't join him this time. (In 1977 she had taken a sabbatical and did spend part of a year with Justin in Peterborough.) As I drove to the campus I was a bit uncomfortable. What did I have in common with a Hong Kong tycoon? But I needn't have worried: Justin Chiu turned out to be the real thing. He was thoughtful, amusing, spontaneous, and sincere. By the end of his visit he was speaking as a passionate environmentalist. The beauty of the Symons Campus was still working its

Good Women and Men Everywhere

charms. Justin Chiu left Trent 30 years ago ... but Trent has not left him.

There are good women and men everywhere on this planet who are proud to have been part of the Trent experience and who are making their world a better place. Often they seem oddly reluctant to tell others (who graduated from the larger and older universities) that they graduated from Trent, but when they meet other Trent alumni the truth quickly comes out. Recently I was asked to introduce **Guy Higgott '88**, an OPP officer who, with a colleague, as part of the OPP's Centennial, completed an absolutely incredible "Commemorative Patrol" from Hearst to Kapuskasing to Timmins to Cochrane to Moosonee and Moose Factory overland in winter by dogsled and snowshoes. Guy is a modern day hero/adventurer, a gifted communicator ... and a proud Trent alumnus.

Everyone in Ontario knows of Ipperwash and the sad story of

Dudley George, but not many know that a grand PowWow recently took place on the front lawn of the OPP Headquarters in Orillia, and that the George family was there to hear Commissioner Julian Fantino speak in honour of Dudley George and to see a tree planted in his memory. Great healing took place that day, just as it had in each and every First Nations community where Guy Higgott had in February shared his experiences with Anishnabe and Cree school children. People responsible for the success of that PowWow include **Paula Drew '83**, **Pamela Sunstum '71**, and **Ashley Naughton '04**—all Trent alumnae. Like teacher **Celia Dyer '83** out in Salmon Arm, B.C., they too make their world a far better place, not necessarily as superintendents or CEOs but as front-line workers. As Celia said in her last editorial, "Trent never leaves you" – whether you live in Senegal, China, or in remote communities right here in Canada. 🌲



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MATT GRIEM '97

I can hardly believe that it has been four years since I was selected as President of the Trent University Alumni Association. In this time, I've had the pleasure of welcoming new graduates into the wider alumni family, celebrating the accomplishments of our distinguished alumni, and working with a number of dedicated Trent volunteers and professional University staff.

In these four years, the University has changed, and so has the Alumni Association. We have revamped our governance structure, professionalized our annual reports, and developed a wide-ranging strategic plan that will help guide us until 2014. We've created new awards, new opportunities for alumni involvement through our committees, and reinvested in our long-standing programs, such as the alumni homecoming weekend and our chapter relations program. Perhaps one of the biggest changes, and most celebrated successes, has been the establishment of the Alumni House at Champlain College. This reinvigoration of the Master's Lodge is a testament to the support of Trent alumni for their University and the commitment of the University to its alumni.

Four Years of Accomplishments

I'm grateful for all of the opportunities that I've had as President of the Association and proud of our accomplishments thus far. However, it is important for all leaders to know when the "right time" is to step aside and give others the opportunity to demonstrate their creativity and passion for the organization. For me, with the expected birth of my son this fall, that right time is now.

As I head into the role of past-president, there are a number of people that need to be recognized for their ongoing support. As our volunteers are at the heart of our organization, I would like to thank all of the executive members, councillors, and volunteers, past and present, during my tenure. The time and energy you've put into all our activities are very much appreciated! I would also like to thank fellow alumni **Paul Delaney '64**, **Kate Ramsay '71**, **John Butcher '67**, and **Robert Stephenson '69**, whose advice and kind words were always helpful to me.

I've had tremendous support from the University itself. Thank you to Bonnie Patterson for your dedication to alumni, the respect you've shown the Association, and your personal touch. Thank you also to **Dianne Lister '71**, whose vision, enthusiasm, commitment, and leadership continue to help shape Trent. The members of the External Relations and Advancement Department have also been very helpful with our events and services. Thank you!

I have a special thank you for **Kathleen Easson '78** in the Alumni Office. Those of you who know Kathleen know that she prefers to stay out of the limelight during alumni events. However, she is the backbone of the Association, and the countless hours she has spent on our activities have made them a success.

Finally, a special thank you to **Tony Storey '71**. As many of you already know, Tony is a remarkable man. He is dedicated to Trent University and to his fellow alumni. He readily gives hours of his free time and is always willing to help, whether it is day, night or weekends or on the road. Tony was responsible for recruiting me (and many others) into the Alumni Association leadership ranks. Thank you for your advice, your patience, and your friendship.

I wish all alumni and friends the best in the coming years. Good luck to the incoming president and executive. 

Matt Griem '97

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thank you



STEVEN FRANKLIN
PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR

I am honoured to provide greetings to the alumni community from the President's Page. Thank you for the warm and enthusiastic welcome that has been extended to me, and to my wife Dawn, as we have successfully navigated the transition from Saskatoon to Peterborough. Your caring and thoughtful expressions of welcome, and your evident passion, commitment, and dreams for the future of Trent University have meant a great deal to us both. I hope to continue to enjoy the mutual benefits that are possible with a vibrant and energetic alumni community as we begin to reflect together on a shared vision and a bright future for this outstanding institution.

Trent's first-ever dual installation ceremonies for both a president and a chancellor will be held on September 24, 2009. There is excitement and expectation in the air – a sense of new opportunities for engagement, collaboration, and vision. Tom Jackson, the incoming chancellor,

Values, Vision and Renewal

and I share these feelings of anticipation and optimism, and we look forward to increasing engagement on the many issues before us. The Presidential Installation Address is entitled *Values, Vision and Renewal*. I hope you will reflect on these themes with me, and in the weeks and months ahead consider sharing your thoughts on improving Trent University's vision, mission, strategic directions, structure, and the overall planning processes. As part of an ongoing discussion, I hope to attend alumni chapter events and connect with Trent alumni to learn more of your ideas, goals, and aspirations for Trent University.

Communication is an important part of university life and university administration. One initiative that I hope will be used to increase engagement and promote broader information-sharing and awareness is the *President's Monthly Report*. Each month, the *President's Monthly Report* will emphasize a commitment to openness and transparency in administrative deliberations and in decision-making. By widely sharing information, I hope there will be discussion, input, and meaningful engagement on current issues and on the many emerging challenges and opportunities. The first report, for July 2009, is now available on

Trent's public website and from the President's home page at www.trentu.ca/president. This first report provides a brief summary of the presidential orientation and transition activities, and specific initiatives, such as a conceptual introduction to integrated planning, some interesting academic and administrative activities, and a list of current construction on campus. This may well be the busiest summer for construction ever experienced at Trent University!

As I begin my first year as president, I invite you to look with me in the direction of Trent University's future. Together, we can clearly assess the real challenges we face – and embrace the excitement, importance and remarkable diversity of our enterprise. I feel privileged to be a part of the Trent community and am eager to connect with all those who have helped make Trent such a prominent and respected participant in the landscape of post-secondary education and scholarship. **T**

Sincerely,

Dr. Steven E. Franklin
President and Vice-Chancellor

New Building to be Completely Green



The first steps of Trent's newest building project were taken last February, when a group of eager Sir Sanford Fleming College students took to the edges of Highway 115 to collect the thousands of Fragmite reeds needed for the structure's thatched roof entranceway. This might sound a bit fanciful for a modern university, but it is actually a serious attempt at building a structure that is entirely eco-friendly, one that produces as much energy as it consumes, and doesn't pollute doing so. When the project ends, the product will be one of Canada's most sustainable buildings, and Ontario's only thatched roof.

Construction proper began this April and will continue until September on what will become the Camp Kawartha Environment Centre. Situated on Trent's 200 acres of nature reserve, the Centre will provide environmental programming for local school children as well as training for current and future teachers in environmental education. Just as important, it will reaffirm Trent's commitment to a green future and show Canadians that sustainable building projects are both possible and functional.

Features that will keep the building eco-friendly include the aforementioned thatched entranceway, for its use of local and natural materials, a constructed wetland that will treat the site's waste water, composting toilets, geothermal floors and straw bale

"To provide children with the hope for a greener future, is one of the most valuable tasks we can undertake."

— Jacob Rodenburg '86,
Executive Director of Camp Kawartha

walls that will provide excellent insulation. Solar panels will provide electricity and a rain collection system will provide water. The building will look green too – its roof will be seeded with plants to put oxygen back into the atmosphere.

The Environment Centre is a joint project between Trent University, Camp Kawartha and Sir Sanford Fleming College. Trent has provided a 21-year lease on the land, Camp Kawartha will manage the Centre's operations once finished and the structure itself is being designed and built by students in the Sustainable Building Design and Construction certificate program at Fleming. The project was made financially possible thanks to a generous \$120,000 gift from the Gainey Foundation announced in January.

The need for the building was originally felt by Camp Kawartha, which up until now has been using a portable on Trent land to conduct their school programs but felt a more inspiring structure would

help to get children thinking about environmental issues more creatively. Programming at the Centre will be curriculum linked. The Camp hopes to be able to offer 30 unique programs, aimed at two different age groups. Children from kindergarten to grade four will be taught about habitats, trees, species, ecological footprints and the like, without too much emphasis on complex global issues. High school students, however, will be encouraged to tackle these issues; they will learn about things like sustainability, water and air quality and climate change. Both age groups will be given tours of the building, so they can see alternative energy in action.

The Fleming course is a five-month program with twenty-six students and two instructors, one of which is **Chris Magwood '85**. Chris is also the co-ordinator of the program. The curriculum is largely practical, the building of the Centre being its main project, though theory is included as well. Students graduate with a knowledge of sustainable building practices, building code regulations and site safety, not to mention lots of practical experience. The course runs every summer; next year's project is a Habitat for

Humanity house to be built in Peterborough. It is too easy to scoff at these kinds of projects for not making any discernable difference to the environment. "One building out of a million," a cynic



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Alumni *Accomplishments*

Our alumni continue to succeed and put Trent on the map all over the world. Here's a quick look at some of our grads' diverse endeavours.

Indigenous Studies professor and alumna **Paula Sherman (Ph.D. 2007)** has written a new book, *Dishonour of the Crown: The Ontario Resource Regime in the Valley of the Kiji Sibi*. The book is both an investigation into Ontario's uranium-mining program under way near Sharbot Lake as well as a first-person account of the events that led up to Paula's arrest in 2008 for publicly protesting against the program.

Tim Cook '90 was featured in our last issue for winning the 2009 Charles Taylor Prize for literary non-fiction. It was recently announced that Tim will sit on the 2010 jury for the prize.

Steve Streeter '75 became the new deputy police chief of Peterborough in June. Steve has been working with the Peterborough Police Service for over 30 years and recently spent a year in Sierra Leone investigating war crimes.

The Saltus Grammer School has named **Ted Staunton '67** as its new headmaster, effective August 1. He has held similar positions at private schools across the country in the past.

Terry May '93 will be one of a handful of doctors practising at the new Lakefield Primary Health Centre when it opens this fall. He will continue working part-time at the

Peterborough Regional Health Centre, in the emergency wing.

Recent graduate **Braek Urquhart '03** is currently teaching English in Korea to pay off his student debt.

United Church minister **Matt Gallinger '94**, a winner of the Stephenson award for student governance in 1997, was featured on the front page of the *Toronto Star* in July for a funding battle he is fighting with the government to keep his disabled daughter living at home.

John Barber '72 is a regular columnist for *The Globe and Mail*. He writes about public life in Toronto four days a week.

Recent graduate **Allyson Brown '04** presented a talk sponsored by the Peterborough Historical Society in May. Her lecture focused on early (1800-1940) education in Peterborough County, which was the topic of a thesis she wrote at Trent. Allyson plans to be a teacher herself.

Yann Martel '81 is in the process of writing a follow-up to his 2002 Man Booker Prize-winner, *Life of Pi*. The novel,

as yet unnamed, recently secured a U.S. publishing deal, reported as being worth \$3 million, with Spiegel & Grau. Knopf will publish the book in Canada.

Calder Cheverie '05 biked from Haliburton to Alberta this spring in an effort to raise money for YMCA's Strong Kids Foundation.



Environmental and Resource Studies graduate **Pamela Ruttan '03** worked for the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters this summer, raising awareness about invasive species.

Candace Shaw '98 is the new general manager of the Academy Theatre in Lindsay. Candace has been heavily involved with the arts her whole life. She has served in the past as director of the Peterborough Folk Festival.

Michael Ganley '87 is the founding managing editor of *Up Here Business*, a magazine devoted to covering business news in Canada's northern territories. The publication has recently received many nominations for best new magazine. Michael's own writing has been nominated by the Canadian Business Press Association for a "best article" prize.

Richard Gage '76 continues a 40-year career in the aviation industry, during which he has served as a pilot, officer, and senior executive for both military and corporate operations. He was appointed to the NAV Canada Board of Directors in May.

Betsy Trumpener '82 was honoured with a nomination for the Danuta Gleed Literary Prize earlier this year. The nomination came in recognition of her first published collection of short stories, *Butcher of Penetang*.



Yann Martel '81



Nancy Simmons Smith and Miles Ecclestone '71.

Miles Ecclestone '72, senior technician and demonstrator in the Geography Department at Trent, is the inaugural winner of the Nancy E. Simmons Smith Staff Award of Excellence. The award recognizes non-academic staff members who demonstrate excellent work and a commitment to the University.

Alumni authors continue receive recognition for their work. **Linwood Barclay '73** won the Arthur Ellis Prize for his thriller *Too Close to Home*, and the recently announced Trillium Award for Poetry went to **Jeremy Dodds '99** for his collection of poetry, *Crabwise to the Hounds*. Jeremy was also a headliner at this year's Edmonton Poetry Festival.

Sarah Lamble '99 has been awarded funding from the Canadian Centennial Scholarship Fund for the 2009/10 academic year. The Fund awards approximately 15 scholarships each year to students from Canada pursuing post-graduate work in the UK. **T**

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might say. But this would be to miss the entire point of such an undertaking. It is true that the building alone will not curb environmental degradation, and it might even be a bit naïve to defend the project for being the first of many necessary steps towards a more sustainable future. But the value of the project lies in the awareness that it raises. The project will showcase the fact that there are very realistic sustainable alternatives to traditional building practices, and that these alternatives are no less functional than traditional ones. Prototypes need to exist before the public will gain confidence in a new idea.

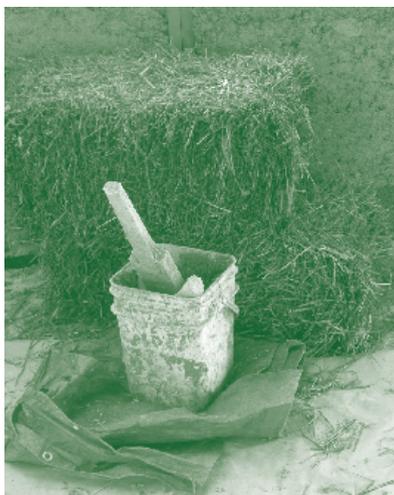
Jamee Desimone, a 27 year-old student in the Fleming program, maintains that most of the sustainable features included in the Environment Centre could be implemented in mainstream building practice. They might be much more expensive, but with time they pay for themselves through reduced energy costs. People just need to make the initial investment.

Straw bale building is already catching on. A tour of the Centre held in July was attended by a handful of do-it-yourselfers who

had built straw bale structures of their own or were planning to in the future and wanted to learn more about the technique. Straw bale structures are advantageous because the materials are completely natural, so no pollution is associated with their production, and because they offer superior insulation, so less energy needs to be consumed to keep a building warm. At the time of writing, the Environment Centre was at an interesting stage of development; its straw walls had been erected and had started sprouting grass and other plants horizontally. This was natural, Jamee said, and was a result of moisture still left in the bales. When the plants die, the students will know the walls are dry enough to accept a final layer of clay plaster that will give them texture and added stability.

The Camp Kawartha Environment Centre is a great co-operative project between Fleming, Trent and Camp Kawartha. When completed, it will provide the Camp with the perfect space to teach children about sustainability and the environment.

"To see alternative energy in action," Camp Kawartha's executive director **Jacob Rodenburg '86** said when the project was announced, "to be inspired by the natural world and to provide children with the hope for a greener future, this is one of the most valuable tasks we can undertake." **T**



Left, straw bales and construction materials for the new building.

Meet Steven Franklin

Trent's new president is a passionate academic,
environmental scientist, and leader, naturally

BY MARILYN BURNS '00

"I loved the notion of coming to a university that was ready to start thinking about the future," says Dr. Steven Franklin, the new president of Trent University, just one month after taking office on July 1, 2009.

Dr. Franklin, who immediately insists that everyone "call me Steven," is sitting in the President's Office at the long oval table where his meetings take place with his vice presidents each Monday morning. The view is classic Trent, as original architect Ron Thom no doubt intended it – as if the office were a small ship, its occupants at the bow, taking in the beauty of the Otonabee River.

A confluence of the University's attributes and circumstances brought Steven to Trent – the beautiful, natural campus being one aspect along with the University's distinct identity and unique challenges. "I wanted to come to a place where the challenges are worthy," he says, "to do the kind of work that will make a difference. I loved that about Trent University. People here want to meet the challenges of the future. The values, the interdisciplinary nature of the place, one of the most beautiful campuses in the country ... this is an opportunity to lead a university to the next level."

Having spent the past six years as vice president of research at the University of Saskatchewan, Steven arrived at Trent at the end of a year's sabbatical pursuing his research in remote sensing in Australia. As a result, he brings both the experience of a senior administrator and the rejuvenated energy that comes from spending many months focused on his passion for the environment. He



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— Dr. Steven E. Franklin

is animated and passionate as he talks about the work that lies ahead – and makes meaningful connections between his past experiences, his present position, and what he sees as a brilliant future for Trent.

"I feel like I'm coming home," says Steven, who grew up in the community of Aurora, Ontario. "My university career has allowed me to learn a lot about different parts of Canada and the world. I've done sabbaticals in the United States (1999 in California and 1994 in Oregon) and this past year in Australia, and my research and administrative work have brought me to every province and territory in Canada. I look at myself as the kind of person who's had wide and joyous experiences. I'm thrilled to be here in Peterborough, to share this experience with the province of my birth. It's a personal thing."

Joining Steven in Peterborough is his wife, Dawn, an educator with a focus on opportunities for new Canadians. He has two daughters. Meghan just finished her degree in English at York University and is now studying and preparing to write the LSAT at the University of Saskatchewan. Heather is entering second year of arts and science at the University of Saskatchewan. Steven's parents are from England, and he is proud of the fact that he is a first-generation Canadian, and the first in his family to earn a university degree. In turn, his family is extremely proud of his accomplishments.

"When my folks came here, they made choices which created opportunities for their children," he says. "My whole family – including my two sisters, brother and parents – is coming for the installation ceremonies on September 24. This will be like a family reunion for us around a wonderful opportunity for me."

It would be an omission to write about Steven without mentioning his research. Equal to his passion for leadership is his enthusiasm for the work he does in the field of remote sensing as it relates to environmental change and policy. Remote sensing is a very powerful approach to mapping and modelling earth resources. Using satellite and aerial remote sensing, researchers collect layered images of the earth's surface, detecting radiation, to produce accurate thematic maps of a specific location or an entire region. He started in the area of forest management, publishing his first book in 2001 entitled *Remote Sensing*



for Sustainable Forest Management. He has since broadened his focus, most recently using a grant to apply remote sensing to granite outcrops in Australia to map topography and plant communities and produce biodiversity information. A new book on remote sensing for biodiversity and wildlife management, his fourth, is due out later this year.

"I am an environmental scientist," Steven says. "I have a very strong passion for the environment – always have. I had always felt I wanted to be outdoors, working in the natural environment. When my folks came from England, they were thrilled to spend time as a family in Canadian forests, camping and hiking. Emily Provincial Park was always one of our favourites. I then used my education to explore ways in which we can improve environmental management. I've spent a good part of my university research career visiting and studying in different parts of the world to make as much impact as possible in the field."

"What motivates me to use remote sensing is the chance to more fully understand environmental changes as they occur. It allows us to better manage change, to make better decisions, for example, about species-at-risk and the quality of their habitat, and to count the true

costs of introducing change into the environment."

One of the pleasures of research for Steven is the opportunity to make interdisciplinary connections. Among his favourite collaborators is Trent alumnus **David Janz '71**, who completed his Master's in Watershed Ecosystems at Trent. Another research partner, Marc Cattet, is a veterinary biologist. Steven says, "Working with Marc and David has been unbeatable. You get this fabulous set of skills you could never have in one person."

The transition from research to university administration was a natural one for Steven. While he feels he has always had natural leadership qualities, he enjoys the study of leadership. Sharing his philosophy, he says, "I strive to lead from the middle, from a position of respect and credibility with colleagues. I do not assume I'm the smartest person in the room. I don't want all the power. I share it, deliver to others power that I think is best shared. I delegate everything I can and feel that, by working together, we'll make better decisions than if I were to assume all the responsibility alone. Clarity of vision is not one of my problems – I enjoy leadership."

When it comes to mentors, people who have inspired and helped

him, Steven immediately names Peter McKinnon, president of the University of Saskatchewan for the past ten years. "Peter has meant so much to me," says Steven. "There is not one leadership quality that he doesn't have, the most valued of all being the quality of integrity. No one has been more important in the development of my professional life than Peter."

As a mentor and a friend, Peter will also attend the installation ceremonies on September 24, when Dr. Steven Franklin, Trent University's seventh president, will officially be installed at the same time as the tenth chancellor, Dr. Tom Jackson. The dual installation is a first for the University.

When asked how he will express leadership of the University on a day-to-day basis, Steven is quick to say, "I have an open door policy. I want to hear from people. I want them to feel they can come and talk to Steven Franklin, and that I can come and speak with them in a collegial environment. It's about the power we have to do things together."

"I organize myself around collegiality – respect for others, tolerance of other perspectives, sharing knowledge and information, respect for both responsibility and accountability. Academic values motivate me!" 

Rewarding the Personal Touch

International Alumnus and World-Renowned Property Developer Gives

\$1 Million Gift to Trent in Support of International Education

BY KATHRYN VERHULST-ROGERS

When international alumnus **Justin Chiu '76** made his first trip back to Trent in the summer of 2007, he did so quietly, appearing on campus for an impromptu tour of campus and to chat with any staff and faculty he happened to run into. Impressed to see that the “human touch” he remembered so well from his time as a student here over 20 years earlier was still alive and well, Justin took back more fond memories of Trent when he returned to his native Hong Kong, where he is described as one of the most inspired and innovative property developers in the city.

Over the next two years, Justin rekindled his relationship with the University, and Trent was able to celebrate another alumni success story—this one about an international student who, since graduating from Trent in 1978 with a joint degree in sociology and economics, has grown to become known as the “God of Property.” Currently an executive director of Cheung Kong (Holdings) Limited, Justin has worked for three blue-chip companies in Asia. He is the Chairman of ARA Asset Management Limited, the Fortune Real Estate Investment Trust, and the Suntec Real Estate Investment Trust, and since 2003 he has acted as an external advisor to the Chinese government through the Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference. It has been an impressive career indeed.



Kate Ramsay '71 and Justin Chiu '76

His vision and dynamism resulted in projects that have transformed Singapore’s waterfront and changed many other horizons throughout Asia. Under his leadership, Cheung Kong Holdings has become the top property seller in Hong Kong for many years in a row. An expert in turning crises into opportunities in adverse markets, he has led Cheung Kong through the

“In the 1970s, my family and I chose Trent because we felt that an outstanding small Canadian university would provide an excellent education on a very personal scale.”

— Justin Chiu

current economic turmoil to great success. This past April, his marketing division sold a record 1,000 new condominium units in one day, bringing in 1.8 billion Hong Kong dollars to the company.

In 2009, Justin made the decision to give back to the University where he felt he had learned and gained so much. And so, on May 25, 2009, he was welcomed back to the Trent

campus, this time with much pomp and circumstance, to celebrate a generous \$1-million donation to create two new endowed funds at the University: the Justin Chiu International Scholarship fund and the Rita Chiu Study Abroad Bursaries fund.

The Justin Chiu International Scholarship will provide a full scholarship to an outstanding international student attending Trent. The scholarship will not only grant a student the opportunity to experience the best in Canadian education at Trent but will also allow the University community to benefit from the knowledge and expertise of one of the world’s top undergraduate scholars. The renewable scholarship will be awarded every four years to an entering international student who demonstrates outstanding academic achievement, community service, leadership potential, and financial need.

The inaugural Chiu Scholar, who will start at Trent in the fall of 2009, was also announced at the event. Ms. Nguyen Thi Tu Ha of Hanoi, Vietnam, intends to pursue a joint major in international political economy and international development studies at Trent. A graduate of the National Junior College of Singapore who aspires to a career in international law, Nguyen chose to come to Trent over offers from some of the most prestigious universities around the world when she became acquainted with the University after reading *Life of Pi* by alumnus **Yann Martel '81**. Intrigued by Martel’s testimony that “Trent is a very personal place,” she was

then glad to learn about Trent's vibrant international community. Looking forward to starting her studies at Trent, Nguyen said, "Where imagination and possibility reign, I hope to achieve more and actualize my potential."

The Rita Chiu Study Abroad Bursaries are named in honour of Justin's wife, who took a one-year sabbatical leave from her job in Hong Kong to spend a memorable time with Justin at Trent in 1977.

The bursaries are intended to encourage study – and research – abroad experiences and to offer support to those students who may think this unique educational opportunity is beyond their economic reach. The bursaries will help Trent students develop their sense of global citizenship by gaining learning experience outside of Canada.

In reflecting on his time at Trent and his decision to invest in the future of the University, Justin said, "In the 1970s, my family and I chose Trent because we felt that an outstanding small Canadian university would provide an excellent education on a very personal scale. A recent visit to Trent and information about the Trent International Program happily confirmed that the human touch in higher education is still an essential part of the Trent student experience. It is my honour to be a part of the continuing vibrant international life of the community that welcomed me so warmly."

On hand at the announcement, which was held outdoors on a beautiful sunny day in the Champlain Courtyard on the banks of the Otonabee River, were nearly 100 Trent alumni, students, faculty, and staff, along with local dignitaries and members of Peterborough's



international community. Among the crowd was also one very special guest: Dorothy Blake, a retired Trent staff member whom Justin calls his "Canadian mom." Dorothy Blake was the secretary to John Leishman, who was Justin's academic advisor during his time at Trent. She took Justin under her wing and helped the international student adjust to life in Canada and at the University.

Dorothy also supported Justin in his quest to run for student office, which involved a unique marketing campaign: having a scull of rowers sweep past the campus on the Otonabee, carrying a sign to vote for

In recognition of Justin Chiu's accomplishments as a world-renowned property developer, Trent University Alumni Association presented him with a 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award at the annual awards ceremony, which was held at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa on May 23, 2009.

To read more about the 2009 Alumni Awards, please see page 12.



Justin Chiu. This distinctive approach provided the inspiration for a unique gift that was presented to Justin at the gift announcement. A one-of-a-kind flag, featuring a photo of the Faryon Bridge and the names of the Justin and Rita Chiu awards, was created and unveiled by a scull of eight rowers before all guests that day. The flag was then presented to Justin on land by two students. Caught up in the excitement of the moment, Justin took the flag, draped it across his shoulders like a cape and ran through the crowd to a roaring round of applause.

To cap off the momentous day, Trent University organized the very first "Dialogue of Diversity" Luncheon. All guests from the announcement were invited to participate in the luncheon in Peter Robinson Dining Hall in Peter Gzowski College to discuss internationalization at Trent and its impacts on the wider Trent and Peterborough communities.

Currently there are more than 550 international students at Trent; the majority are full-time undergraduates, while the rest are graduate students and students of Trent's English as a Second Language (ESL) program. Since the University's inception, students from more than 110 countries around the world have attended Trent. In addition, over the past five years, more than 220 students per year have participated in a variety of Study Abroad opportunities around the globe.

For more information about the Justin Chiu International Scholarship fund and the Rita Chiu Study Abroad Bursaries fund at Trent University, please visit www.trentu.ca/chiuscholarship. 



HONOURING ALUMNI

BY FRANCY POAPST '81

at the National Arts Centre, May 23, 2009

Trent University has a wonderful reputation for honouring the significant accomplishments of its own. And recognizing its outstanding alumni is a tradition that never wears out. On May 23, five alumni award winners and several guests gathered at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa to showcase the various talents and accomplishments of the recipients and to pay tribute to one another.

Thanks to **Denis Desjardins '76**, a former Alumni Council member who was instrumental in planning the event, it was an elegant evening held in one of Canada's premier theatres. The warm words, camaraderie, and reminiscences served to illustrate the positive effects of a Trent degree, felt in one's small community, in Canada and around the world.

Trent established the Young Leader Award in 2007. It focuses on younger alumni who strive to make a difference. **Lara Sylvester '92**, one

of the two recipients of this award, is a veterinarian in the Quinte district and believes in being busy. After graduating from Trent with a joint-major Honours degree in biology and environmental and resource science, she moved on to Dalhousie University where she obtained her Ph.D. Subsequently, she enrolled as a student at the University of Toronto and launched her career in medicine. At the University of Pennsylvania she obtained her degree in veterinary medicine. She has been an instructor at Trent and two community colleges and, when she is not working, she takes time out to become involved in charity work and to speak on behalf of the Ontario College of Veterinarians. She says, "I was very humbled that the school that played a large role in shaping my future thought that I had contributed in a meaningful way...what an experience to be recognized when you are doing what you love..."

Kevin Rose '97, the other Young Leader Award recipient, has the same impression about receiving the award: "It was an honour to be recognized by the University and to be a part of such distinguished noble recipients." His joint Honours degree in business administration and Native studies from Trent led him to pursue the EcD: the Professional Economic Development designation. While enrolled in this program, he also completed the requirements for the Professional Aboriginal Economic Development designation. In addition to establishing his own economic and business development consulting firm on Manitoulin Island, he coordinates the Queen's University Aboriginal Teacher Education program. Kevin's success is an example of what happens when a university fosters a learning environment of hard work and determination – attributes proven to work in the world.

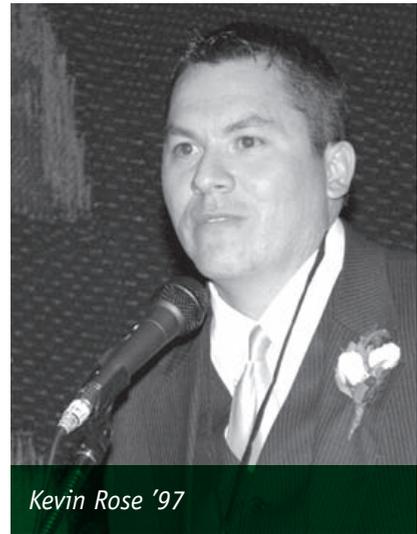
◀ *The 2009 Alumni Awards recipients with Alumni and University leaders—from left to right are: Justin Chiu, Kim Fielding, Christine Harmston, Tony Storey, Matt Griem, Chancellor Roberta Bondar, Vice President Dianne Lister, Lara Sylvester, Kevin Rose, President Bonnie Patterson, Kate Ramsay.*

This year there were two Distinguished Alumni award winners. **Justin Chiu '76** attended Trent as an international student and graduated in 1978. Justin serves as the executive director of Cheung Kong (Holdings) Limited and sits on the Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference as advisor to the government. Successfully managing his real estate pursuits stems from his time as a student. The careful instruction and guidance he received at Trent have culminated in a flourishing career and helped nurture Justin's desire to give back to his own community. (For a feature story on Justin, see p.10)

Christine Harmston '91 also received the Distinguished Alumni award. She is a former employee of the Canadian International Development Agency and the Canadian Council for International Cooperation. As the senior advisor to the International Health Division in Ottawa, Christine strives to help strengthen global health efforts.

Having worked with health crises in the field (Cambodia and Thailand, in particular), dealing first-hand with problems that are very different to those in Canada, she recognizes an obligation in herself to try to make things better for people in the world. As a student at Trent, she was involved in projects of this nature and realizes that Trent helped to initiate that involvement. Her ongoing connection to Trent also helps to sustain these beliefs: "Receiving the Distinguished Alumni Award is very special for me as it reinforces the relationship that I had with Trent as a student; [it is] an honourable recognition for the work that I am doing."

The variety of **Kate Ramsay's '71** interests is one of the best reasons why she was given the Spirit of Trent Award. Kate's latest achievements have indeed been mostly about Trent. She joined the Alumni Council in 1999 and has been a Board of Governors member since 2001. After serving as co-vice-chair from 2006-07, she is now vice-chair



and sits on several committees: the Advancement Committee, the 2008 Presidency Review Committee, the Executive Committee, the last Presidential Search Committee and the Human Resources Subcommittee. Kate also helped to raise funds for the "renovation and repurposing" of Traill College. She does not stop there. She supports the arts and conservation, literacy and access to education (among other organizations) and is a member of the YWCA Crossroads Shelter campaign.

This year's award winners are a testament to Trent's commitment to community and the belief that the pursuit of knowledge goes a long way in supporting that community. It is based on the idea that if one humble person can make a big difference in how the world works, imagine what many can accomplish. As Kate Ramsay says, "So many Trent students and alumni are engaged in building or bettering their communities. I think Trent attracts students who are already motivated that way, and helps to ... encourage a social conscience in those who aren't...." Each of these recipients represents that very important part of Trent's mandate. **T**



Bonnie Patterson, retired Canadian ambassador Larry Dickinson and Roberta Bondar at a special tribute reception held at the National Gallery, one day prior to the Alumni Awards celebration (see Storeyline, page 19)

Convocation 2009: A Green Celebration

June 3, 4 & 5, 2009



Maude Barlow

Under clear skies and perfect temperatures, Trent University celebrated the successes and accomplishments of the Class of 2009 over three days and five Convocation ceremonies on June 3, 4, and 5.

Honouring the 1,774 newest members of the Trent alumni family, this year's Convocation also marked another important milestone – the University's first bottled-water-free event.

By eliminating the use of commercial bottled water at the ceremonies, and providing each graduate with a reusable stainless-steel water bottle filled with tap water instead, Trent successfully reduced the negative environmental and social impacts of the 5,000 single-use water bottles that have been consumed at previous ceremonies. Due to this initiative, waste during the three days was reduced by 60 per cent.

In an effort to "green" Convocation even further, for the first time in Trent's history, graduates and their families were actively encouraged to reduce emissions by travelling, free of charge, on

Peterborough Transit to and from the ceremonies. To demonstrate their commitment to the environment, Trent graduates were also encouraged to take the Green Pledge, to explore and take into account the social and environmental consequences of any job they consider.

Convocation 2009 also represented the end of an era at Trent – the last ceremonies presided over by long-serving President and Vice-Chancellor Bonnie Patterson and Chancellor Dr. Roberta Bondar.

"Today marks not the end of this particular journey but the beginning of another," said President Patterson in her address to the graduating class. "It's exciting for me to have the chance to personally congratulate each and every one of you as we mark an important milestone in our lives together and look forward to an exciting new future."

"Just remember we are all family," added Chancellor Bondar during her final Convocation speech. "We've enjoyed a time in our life that we will never be able to enjoy again. We will reflect on these times with love and great thought."

Presiding over five ceremonies throughout three days, Chancellor Bondar shook hands with nearly 1,400 graduates. Overall, degrees were conferred upon 1,685 undergraduate and ten diploma students. In addition, 76 graduate students received Ph.D. and Master's degrees—the largest class of graduate students in Trent's history. This year also marked the first time that Trent-in-Oshawa students graduated together as a group.

Over the course of the three days, honorary degrees were conferred upon five outstanding Canadians – Maude Barlow, Sarah Polley, The Hon. Iona Campagnolo, Tom Porter, and Mary Pratt – all of whom shared their advice and words of wisdom with their fellow graduates.

For more about Trent's 2009 Convocation ceremonies, including photo galleries, audio clips and student profiles, visit www.trentu.ca/convocation. 

2009 Honorary Graduates

Maude Barlow (on opposite page)

An honorary Doctor of Laws degree was conferred upon Maude Barlow for her outstanding leadership in citizen advocacy and for her international environment work.

"I am a huge fan of Trent University and its leadership in the environmental sustainability field, so it is a double honour to receive this doctorate. I am excited to share this day with the wonderful young Trent graduates who are going to shake up the world!"



Hon. Iona Campagnolo

An honorary Doctor of Laws degree was conferred upon the Honourable Iona Campagnolo for her distinguished contributions to public life and for her commitment to international humanitarian and environmental work.

"Trent is one of Canada's truly exceptional and respected post-secondary institutions. It is a very special honour to join such a distinguished administration, faculty, staff and student body by being conferred with an honorary degree."



Tom Porter

An honorary Doctor of Laws degree was conferred upon Tom Porter for his contributions as an Indigenous cultural educator, Elder, and Spiritual Leader.

"I'm still in shock. It's hard to believe. I feel tickled to receive such an honour."

Mary Pratt

An honorary Doctor of Laws degree was conferred (in absentia) upon Mary Pratt for her internationally acclaimed achievements in contemporary realist art.

"I am grateful to Trent – not only for this honour, but also for its reminder that I am as convinced now as I was when I was young that the backbone of a country's moral fortitude is the small liberal arts university. I am excited. I am honoured. I am grateful."



Sarah Polley

An honorary Doctor of Laws degree was conferred upon Sarah Polley for her award-winning and internationally acclaimed achievements as an actor and film director.

"I was thrilled and honoured by the news of the honorary doctorate from Trent. It is especially meaningful coming from an institution which is known for being so innovative and progressive."

2009 HEAD of THE TRENT and HOMECOMING WEEKEND

October 2-4, 2009

EVENTS

39th running of the Head-of-the-Trent regatta
The race runs all day long, starting at 8:00 am, Saturday October 3.

Homecoming Festival at Alumni House

The homecoming festival returns this year to Champlain Field, next to Alumni House. Running from 1:00 - 4:00 pm on Saturday afternoon, the festival includes a licensed tent and BBQ, an Alumni House open house and lots of fun children's activities, including a bouncy castle, face painting, free balloons and a spelling bee.

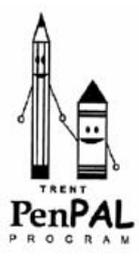


Trent University Rowing Club Beer Garden

This annual event is the primary source of funding for Trent's rowing programme and the TURC thanks you for your continued support. The garden will be open on Saturday from 12:00 - 6:00 pm in the rectangular Bata Library parking lot. Entrance costs \$10 and includes a souvenir glass mug on exit while supplies last. Containers, bags and glass are not permitted, though there will be a bag check in operation.

The Pen Pal Program's 20th Anniversary

Various events will be held to celebrate this anniversary throughout the afternoon, with the official programme running from 3:30 - 4:30 pm on the Champlain Field. See ad elsewhere in this issue.



Trent University Alumni Association Annual General Meeting

All are welcome to Alumni House at 10:30 am on Saturday morning for the TUAAs annual general meeting and an opportunity to meet Trent's new president, Dr. Steven Franklin.

Bata Library 40th Anniversary Celebration

VARSITY SPORTS SCHEDULE



Rowing is the main draw at HOTT, but be sure to check out these varsity sporting events as well.

Friday October 2:

7:00 pm Trent Women's Rugby vs York Stadium

Saturday October 3:

10:00 am	Alumni soccer game/reunion	Stadium
12:00 noon	Alumni volleyball game/reunion	Gymnasium
1:00 pm	Invitational swim meet	Pool
1:00 pm	Women's soccer vs Queen's	Stadium
3:15 pm	Men's soccer vs Queen's	Stadium
5:00 pm	Men's rugby vs Fleming	Stadium
7:00 pm	Men's lacrosse vs U of T	Stadium



THE REGATTA

The Head of the Trent is North America's biggest single day head race regatta. Over a thousand athletes from more than 50 universities and clubs will travel to Peterborough to participate in it this year. Rowers will come from all over Ontario, Quebec and the North-Eastern United States. They will start racing at Parkhill Road, wind their way through the Trent Canal and finish 5km later at Symons Campus, cheered on by an enthusiastic crowd. The race's rich history and unbeatable atmosphere make the Head of the Trent this region's premiere rowing event of the fall.

Physics and Astronomy Get Together

The Department of Physics and Astronomy is holding a get together for present and former students during the Head of the Trent, in the Physics Building on Saturday, October 3, 2009 from 1 - 4 pm. For more details and to rsvp, please go to www.trentu.ca/physics

REMINDERS:

Please do not drink and drive. Buses to and from campus are free on October 3, and there will be no parking tickets issued for cars left on campus overnight provided they are not in disabled or emergency spaces. Parking on weekends is free in Peterborough's two downtown garages. There will be a R.I.D.E. program in effect.

Souvenir glass mugs will be available for \$10 at Alumni House and the Peterborough Rowing Club. Also, a \$10 admission to the TURC beer garden includes a free mug upon exit while supplies last. To reserve a mug, email alumni@trentu.ca and pick it up at Alumni House. Net proceeds from mug sales support the Trent Rowing program.

Note that, in an effort to keep this event eco-friendly and raise awareness concerning issues of sustainability, this year's HOTT will be bottled-water-free. Please bring a permanent water bottle to refill at the stations provided.

Bring your ID to all licensed areas, as the university is required to check stringently.

Alumni who present their alumni cards will be granted express admission to the TURC beer garden.

Trent's risk management department continues to monitor the spread of H1N1, or swine flu. Those who suspect they have a contagious illness are encouraged to take precautions to minimize the risk of it spreading.

An alumni card is essential ID for this event. They must be ordered in advance by emailing alumni@trentu.ca and picked up at Alumni House.

Accommodation is scarce this weekend. Book early at www.thekawarthas.net

The campus bookstore grants all alumni a 25% discount on regularly priced clothing and gift merchandise. An alumni card is required.

Construction of new buildings and roadways is underway on campus. Please use caution close to these areas.



Trent Temagami Weekend 2009

Book your calendars now for the 37th Annual Temagami weekend at Camp Wanapitei.

September 24-27 2009



Weekend Activities

- Thursday** Travel to Temagami by bus. Dinner. Settle into cabins. Evening lecture
- Friday** Canoeing & hiking on the land. Canoe lessons. Friday night keynote lecture. Live music
- Saturday** Morning: more canoeing & hiking
Afternoon: more great lectures!
Evening: square dance & music
- Sunday** Morning talks. Pack up. Afternoon: travel back home

Details

The Trent Temagami Weekend moves the university out of the classroom and onto the land. The result is an enriching experience that challenges you intellectually and physically. **Everyone is invited! But space is limited.**

This unique event celebrates interdisciplinary, experiential learning at Trent. Days are spent canoeing, hiking and debating ideas. Afternoon and evening presentations span a range of interdisciplinary topics – including environmental, Canadian, indigenous, and political issues. Live music, square dancing, saunas and aboriginal dancing are other highlights of the weekend.

Cost is around \$125 for students & \$180 for faculty/staff which includes transportation, cabins, canoes, and meals. Participants need to bring warm clothes, and sleeping bags. More details are provided once you register.

Registration forms can be found online at the Facebook site or in person at the Kawartha World Issues Centre (in the Env. Sci Building).

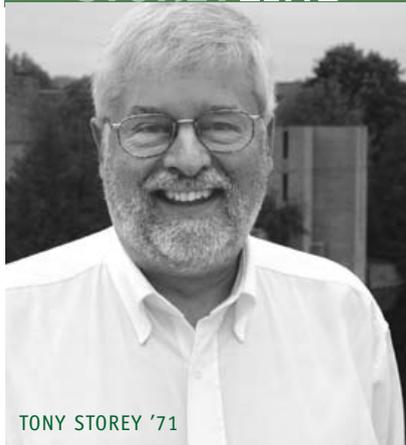
Have more questions?

Get in touch with Prof. Stephen Hill (stephenhill@trentu.ca), go to the Wanapitei website (www.wanapitei.net/trentweekend.asp), or check the Facebook group (Trent University Temagami Trip)



72 Amazing Hours

in the Life of the Alumni Association



TONY STOREY '71

From time to time, the activity level of Trent's alumni-relations program spins into hyperdrive, with exciting results for both the Alumni Association and the University.

Late May 2009 was such a time...

On Friday, May 22, the Alumni Association was on duty at both ends of central and eastern Ontario. As the University held its first-ever graduation dinner in Oshawa for the graduating students of our Oshawa program, the Alumni Association was proudly represented by Alumni Councillor **Kim Fielding '98**, who presented the inaugural Alumni Recognition Award to a student who had made a significant contribution to the life of the Trent University in Oshawa program. The inaugural recipient is **Amanda Daley '05**, who was selected for her dedication to students at Trent in Oshawa at open houses, recruitment fairs, and in the Peer Mentoring program. Amanda also served as a student governor, food drive coordinator, bake sale contributor, pen pal, and a member of numerous college committees.

And while Kim Fielding was registering the strongly positive response to this Alumni Association initiative in Oshawa, other alumni were at the National Gallery in Ottawa, preparing to pay tribute to Chancellor Roberta Bondar and President Bonnie Patterson, as they wound down their terms of office.

Kathleen Easson '78 oversaw a late-afternoon reception that included local alumni, friends and family of the guests of honour, and colleagues from government, the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC), and other Ottawa-based organizations. **Paul Davidson '83** was a masterful MC, saluting these two strong leaders, along with Claire Morris from AUCC, **Holly Stardom '95**, and retired Canadian ambassador Larry Dickinson. There were many fine Trent touches to this reception—from the Roberta Bondar rose on display, to the mannequins outfitted in academic regalia, and even the background music, *Antarctica* by **Ian Tamblyn '67**.

The "furthest travelled" guest at the reception had to be **Justin Chiu '76**, who had arrived from Hong Kong for his own whirlwind schedule of activities. Less than 24 hours later, Justin and fellow Alumni Awards recipients **Christine Harmston '91**, **Kevin Rose '97**, **Kate Ramsay '71**, and **Lara Sylvester '92** gathered

at the National Arts Centre for the 2009 Alumni Awards Celebration. (Justin would subsequently travel to Peterborough for an extraordinary philanthropic announcement at Trent on the Monday.)

The Awards Dinner and its roster of accomplished alumni are described elsewhere in this issue. But the reach of the Trent alumni network was nimbly demonstrated through the behind the scenes support of **Phil Ecclestone '80**, who generously donated the resources of Golden Planners Inc., and **Denis Desjardins '74**, our "mole" at the NAC, as Association President **Matt Griem '97** declared. It was also exciting that the event was declared carbon neutral by the president of Tree Canada, **Mike Rosen '75**, as the Association and Tree Canada agreed on the carbon offset planting of 70 trees in the spring of 2010. And consistent with the Friday event, another alum rose splendidly to the occasion as Master of Ceremonies in the person of **Jack Roe '73**.

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Left to right: Director of Alumni Affairs Tony Storey '71, Association President Matt Griem '97 and President of Tree Canada, Mike Rosen '75.

Storeyline continued

A “forest” of thanks is extended to our event sponsors and affinity partners, the ClearSight Investment program with Wellington West and TD Insurance Meloche Monnex. As always, alumni are encouraged to examine the services offered by these and other partners. Their support has allowed us to build the profile and quality of the Alumni Awards event over the past few years. The successful recognition of alumni is triggered by the thoughtful nominations from alumni, faculty, staff and others. Please consider nominating an alumnus/a in one of the three categories: Young Leader, Spirit of Trent, and Distinguished Alumni. Nominations are invited until December 1, 2009, at alumni@trentu.ca.

As I drove back from Ottawa on Sunday, May 24, I had time to reflect on the level of activity that featured seven guests of honour and 145 guests in two national venues in just 24 hours, with the Alumni Association front and centre on both occasions. I am so grateful for the alumni interest and participation in these events. Our alumni repeatedly bend over backwards to assist Trent, contributing unique and appreciated expertise.

This long weekend of Alumni Association vitality had one more day to run. Monday morning found us back in Peterborough assembled by the Otonabee River, at the Champlain steps. The announcement of the \$1-million gift by Justin Chiu was memorable and moving. Please be

sure to read the editorial by **Paul Delaney '64** and the article by Kathryn Verhulst-Rogers, both in this issue. I know I was not the only one who got goose bumps when a “row-by” by the Trent Rowing Club during the announcement took us back in time to Justin’s tenure as a student, campaigning for office in student government through a Vote Justin banner carried by his rowing chums along the river past the library. It was also wonderful to see Justin’s regard and affection for retired staff member Dorothy Blake, whom he characterized as his “Canadian mother.”

As we launch into autumn 2009, watch for information about our annual golf tournament in Port Hope on September 19, the Annual

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Trent Penpal Program's 20th Anniversary!

in conjunction with the Alumni Association's
Homecoming Weekend and Head of the Trent

Were you involved in any way with the Trent Penpal Program?
If so, the Trent Penpal team along with the Alumni Association would like
to invite you to our 20th Anniversary celebration!

Please join us at Trent
University Symons Campus,
Homecoming Festival
Tent (beside Alumni House).
Saturday, October 3, 2009
1 pm to 5 pm

Questions can be directed
to penpals20@trentu.ca

Events include:

- Special Trent Penpal Program paraphernalia
- Key note speaker
- Archival Booth – share a memory or experience from your time in the Trent Penpal Program
- Cash BBQ with discounts for registered PenPal alumni
- Cash Bar
- Children's Area

Please pre-register online at: www.trentu.ca/alumni/newsandevents.php
to receive updated information on the event!

Storeline continued

General Meeting at Alumni House on October 3, in conjunction with Head of the Trent and Homecoming, renewed chapter activity in Ottawa, Toronto, Oshawa/Durham, Niagara, and Peterborough and the special visits of alumni **Tim Cook '90** and **Dalal Al Waheidi '98** to the Trent campus. **T**

DISCOVERING THE ALUMNI WALL OF FAME

Our Wall of Fame at Alumni House features a large collection of books by our diverse alumni, as well as Trent photographs and memorabilia. As part of our ongoing introduction to the Wall, here are two more books of interest:

Chris Magwood '85 has written a text book on straw-bale building, a new construction practice that is catching on for its sustainability and high insulation levels. You can read about Chris' work on campus with the Camp Kawartha Environment Centre

elsewhere in this issue.

Continuing on the environmental theme, the Wall also features *Reading Nature's Clues* by the late **Dr. Doug Sadler '70**, a book written for the casual nature-lover to help him or her better understand the wild. Doug was an alumnus but also received an honorary degree from Trent in 1988. **T**



Welcome

to the future of *Trent Magazine*

New Features Coming Soon

Trent University has several characteristics that define its traditional reputation: It is a "green" university. It is progressive. It is an intimate setting where one-on-one relationships are forged and nurtured.

Both the Alumni Association and *Trent Magazine* strive to maintain these time-honoured reputations. This is one of the reasons why we have decided to place an emphasis on expanding our online publication. By cutting back on paper, we will have a great effect on a waste stream that, even when recycling is factored in, uses vast amounts of resources and causes unneeded waste. By delivering electronically to those who prefer it, we are cutting back on the delivery of the magazine and reducing the

large quantities of greenhouse-gas emissions that stem from road and air miles. *Trent Magazine* tends to get around, you see.

By moving online we are part of a new wave of innovation that is seeing more and more print publications embracing new media techniques that allow for embedded video, up-to-the-second word and photo blogs, social networking, and user-generated content. We have already had discussions with consultants who are eager to help usher in some of these new features. Look for them in the future.

Finally, we hope to help bring alumni together in ways the traditional magazine couldn't. By offering user-generated content, such as blogs, photo posts, video, and links to alumni-produced

publications and news stories, we will soon be able to keep you more up to date on old friends. With social networking and profiles, you'll be able to reach out to people you haven't seen in years. The promise of more intimate social interaction is what drew many of us to Trent in the first place. We hope it will draw you to the magazine in the same way.

It is going to be an exciting period for us all.

But while we work toward future endeavours, we want to keep you as an integral part of our new growth. Please email us at alumni@trentu.ca in order to ensure that you remain a part of our subscription list. Include a subject line of "Online Magazine Request." **T**
See you online!

Now I Know in Part

BY WILL PEARSON '07



Pat O'Brien received a degree and a diploma in June 2008.

The degree was from Trent, a B.Sc. in biology and geography, while the diploma was granted by that ancient and fabled institution known as The Pig's Ear Tavern. The Piggy Diploma is conferred upon members of the Pig's Ear family when they graduate from Trent, a way for proprietor John Punter to recognize the accomplishments of the students that frequent the pub. It's a wonderful gesture. "The owner made a big show at the front of the bar and called people up one by one," Pat said of his Piggy convocation night. "He was also at my Trent convocation, taking pictures of me and my friends that were posted on the wall of the bar that night. It's funny, my Piggy Diploma means almost as much to me as my one from Trent."

And why not? The truth is that many university students do not see school as the most significant part of their lives. This is not to say they don't enjoy academics, or even that they don't necessarily excel in them. But most would rank artistic endeavours, social action, and their community as more important to them than high marks on essays and labs. So it comes as no surprise that recognition from a favourite proprietor and pub regulars can mean as much to a student as recognition from his or her academic institution.

Considering this, and the fact that it's now July and my mind is far from school, in this issue I'll provide a quick sketch of student life as it exists off-campus and wholly distinct from Trent, in Peterborough's downtown.

Older alumni will be glad to know that institutions like the Red Dog (once called the American House), the White House, and the Pig's Ear are still popular with students – though new spots have popped up, my favourite this summer being Ossia, a small bar near Alymer and Hunter dedicated to live alternative music that boasts two wonderful patios and fabulously cheap drinks.

The story of student life downtown is one largely about bars. Yet it is not one about drunken excess and revelry, but rather the quiet sobriety that a university can breathe into a community. I like to think that Peterborough as a whole is a little more level-headed and socially aware because of the students that sit in its cafés, bars, and restaurants. These places can be forums, and it



Heather and Pat O'Brien '03 were excited to receive their "diplomas" from Pig's Ear owner Jon Punter

is essential that what gets learned at Symons campus gets brought downtown for discussion and does not stay isolated in the world of academia. It is patio season right now for students who decided to stay in Peterborough for the summer, and this means that we can be found streetside (mostly along Hunter Street) with coffees and beers, taking a deserved break from school and summer jobs. Peterborough is lucky to have us there.

But we are not always so passive as this. Downtown is also the venue for active protests and calls for awareness. The annual Pride Parade, this spring's rally for Palestinian rights, and the monthly critical mass bike rides, where hordes of bikers take to the streets to remind cars that bikes are vehicles too, are all example of initiatives that are heavily attended by Trent students, if not even organized by them. These campaigns must happen downtown, in the community. A pride parade across Faryon Bridge would be fun, but it would be nowhere near as effective.

Trent students also contribute to the vibrancy of Peterborough's arts scene, a great example of this is the poetry slam held monthly at The Spill Café. Structured as a competition, but not at all about rivalry, the slam features local poets reciting their

work and being marked out of ten by sometimes jeering (it's all in good fun) audience members. The nights are fun, and typically run late. This summer The Spill is also the venue for monthly midnight screenings of gory cult films hosted by the Midnight Film Society, an offshoot of the Trent Film Society. More traditionally, students continue to support and contribute to the local music scene; styles range from rock to techno to African drumming. Evidently, Peterborough arts would not be as healthy if it weren't for Trent students.

Indeed, every aspect of the community benefits from Trent's presence, and this is something to keep in mind as the University grows. A school does not fulfill its mandate, I think, if it does not integrate into the broader community. Thankfully, Trent's students are making sure that this is happening. **T**



Trail Memory Project Seeks Submissions

BY SARAH ANN HUTCHEON '05

I was not fortunate enough to live at Traill in first year, but the Rez Traillites had always been very welcoming, and I often slept over. The first night a friend of mine let me stay over in her room in Crawford House, I discovered that her computer speakers, despite being turned off, picked up a country music station. This station only seemed to play Shania Twain, much to my friend's dismay. When I remarked on this strange serenade, she launched into what became affectionately known as "The Shania Twain Rant." Since then, I have often wondered if grad students working late into the night at Traill have ever heard a strange Shania Twain serenade echoing from the speakers of their computers.

In 1957, Reginald R. Faryon wrote a letter to *The Examiner*, expressing the desire for a junior college to be established in Peterborough. What emerged was Trent University, and as the saying goes, the rest is history. Too often, the history of a university is written to reflect the establishment of a faculty or the opening of a building. What are often neglected, however, are the stories—the histories of the people who lived in the dorms, learned in the classrooms, and

wandered the halls; the people whose sounds of laughter, celebration, and quiet conversation echo across the years. These memories are what give the University and its buildings true meaning.

The transition of Traill into Trent's graduate college as of the 2009/10 academic year has transformed the college from one that was central to the undergraduate experience into one that is now an integral part of the graduate experience. Nevertheless, the years of service that Traill College has given to new Trent undergrads will remain an important part of Trent's history. In an attempt to capture this interpersonal history, a group of current Traillites are putting together a collected history of Traill, with the hopes of including as many memories from Traill alumni as possible.

So Traill Alumni... we need your help! Please send in your memories, reminiscences, pictures, and stories. Include your name, contact information, and years of study. Ideally we would prefer submissions that are up to a page in length; however we realize that some memories cannot be confined, so express yourself to the fullest!

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 said or used during your time here, so please include any pithy quotes or catchy phrases you remember. In addition to asking for memories of Traill, we also hope to gather information on the evolution of Traill over the years, so feel free to add your views and thoughts on anything that happened throughout your time at Traill and/or Trent. 

Please send your memories and photos via email to traillhistory@trentu.ca or by post to:

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*Thank you for your submissions,
Sarah Hutcheon '05*

In Memoriam



Bernie Hodgson

Long-serving philosophy professor Dr. Bernard Hodgson died suddenly on April 25, 2009. The following tribute was provided by Richard Harrison '76.

I was privileged to have been Bernie Hodgson's student in several courses at Trent, and to have felt his encouragement for everything I did both in those classes and in the life I've lived since then. What I've discovered over the years about myself is that I choose to do what I choose to do according to the people who are already there and doing it. I was a student of biology who wandered into Bernie's class in the philosophy of mind, a course cross-listed with psychology and biology in yet another of Trent's endearing cross-pollinations of course-based knowledge in the service of a broadly educated mind. I had no idea that I'd chosen a new life. Bernie welcomed me into the philosophical fold in his sheer happiness at new ideas, and his eagerness to tackle new arguments and old. I'd love it best when some thought would tickle him—like the time in Epistemology and Metaphysics when we were discussing the relationship between appearance and reality and error in science, and someone said, "It's like this: the world is flat; it just looks round." He'd chuckle in that special way he did, with his teeth smiling and the rest of his face in a laugh. Or the look he'd get when he was in pursuit of an argument. He'd peer into the middle distance and blink as if eyes were actually running after the conclusion. I must admit that I thought it looked

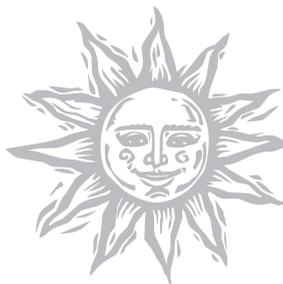


so thoughtful and intense, the image of the inquiring mind written in the behavior of a face, that I tried doing it myself for a while, but it just looked like I was having trouble seeing. You had to be Bernie to do Bernie stuff. He was a philosopher with a common man's touch – not just in his commitments to his fellow faculty members and students and the state of the workplace, but in the way, in the end, he'd discuss the unacknowledged ethical propositions in economic theory. He wasn't just concerned about the logical issues at stake; he was fired up about the consequences for real flesh-and-blood people when economics pretended to be value-free. He worked so hard and long on that argument, and he persisted so doggedly to get it published. And hasn't time proved him right? And he'd talk about this with me the way I always experienced him talking about anything: with the ease and fellowship of friends

enjoying a conversation about hockey stats and the ever-uncertain cut and thrust of playoff predictions. He was a great teacher. And he was a great man, and I'll tell you why from where I stand right now. I think that Bernie would have loved it if I'd become a philosopher like him. He never said that, and he never would, but Bernie let himself, his real behind-the-role-of-teacher self be known well enough that you could know these things. When I chose to try to be a writer instead, and even started submitting poems embedded in philosophy papers, he always encouraged me to keep looking for what it was I really had to do. "Know thyself" has an equally difficult corollary: Do what that self must do. Bernie knew that, and he taught (I'm not quite sure how) that following what it was you found you had to do was the only way to live the life worth living, even if what you found wasn't what anyone else, even the people closest to you, could see or understand. So even though in a sense I walked away from him, he went with me, and he was always there to greet me when I came back. Bernie welcomed me into philosophy, and for that I am grateful. He also welcomed me out of it and into the life I have now. For that I will always love him. 

Richard Harrison '76

Sunshine Sketches



Elle Christina Bothof

1976

Denis Desjardins '76 has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Canadian Theatre Festival Society. The Society annually presents the Magnetic North Theatre Festival. It is the premier festival of new Canadian theatre. The festival moves around the country, treating Canadians to excellence in English theatre from across Canada. In 2010, the Festival will be in Kitchener-Waterloo. As well as volunteering in various capacities at Trent, he has held senior risk-management and financial positions for 25 years at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa and is also overseeing the financial and risk management of the Centre's major infrastructure repairs. He can be reached at d-desjard@nac-cna.ca and would love to hear from his old Otonabee and Trill friends.

1977

Tony Hitsman '77 continues to live on Quebec's Lower North Shore, just below Labrador. In 2002 he retired on long-term disability from active ministry in the Anglican Church of Canada.

1993

David & Shannon (Sigtema) Bothof '93 are excited to announce the birth of their third child, Elle Christina Bothof. She was also welcomed by big brothers Jack & Case. Elle was born on May 19, 2009 – she is healthy and happy! (right)

NATIONAL CAPITAL CHAPTER NEWS

The national capital chapter of Trent's Alumni Association has a new and excited executive committee, as listed below.

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The new council hopes to keep the chapter active, but that depends on the chapter's members as much as its council. A successful pub night, *The Piggy Comes to Market*, was held on July 22nd at the Honest Lawyer and a wine-tasting, "Trent Footprints in the Vineyard," is planned for November 16th at Petit Bill's Bistro. Ottawa residents are encouraged to attend.

To get involved with the chapter, visit its Facebook Group (Trent Alumni – National Capital Chapter) or send an email to TrentAlum.NCC@gmail.com. If you're not in the Ottawa area, remember that the Alumni Association has active chapters all over the world. Visit www.trentu.ca/alumni to find the one closest to you.

THE WALK TO FIGHT FRIEDREICH'S ATAXIA September 26th 2009

Josh Mills '97 invites the Trent alumni community to participate in The Walk to Fight FA this September. FA is a rare but severe neuromuscular disease that causes nerve and muscle tissue degeneration, leading to balance and coordination problems, as well as slurring of speech.

Josh's brothers Jason and David have lived with the disease for 20 years. The three brothers have organized the event to raise research money and awareness.

EVENT DETAILS

Kiwanis Heydenshore Park in Whitby, Ontario
Saturday, September 26, 2009
10:00am to 1:00pm

To participate or volunteer, contact Josh at (416) 220-2913 or joshua.adam.mills@gmail.com. To learn more please visit the website.

www.thewalktofightfa.com



BY JIM BRICKELL '77 and
BARB PREVEDELLO '88

Experience Teaches in India

As we sit on the roof top of our “guest house” accommodations in Podunar, Tamil Nadi, India, we find it interesting and amusing that we both come from an academic background at Trent University. Even though we graduated a decade apart we continue to reminisce about our days at Trent.

After graduating, **Jim Brickell '77** spent a number of years working with parks and recreation in Ottawa before embarking on 15 years of overseas teaching with his wife and family. Jim and his family settled in Toronto in 2005. After her graduation, **Barb Prevedello '88** dabbled in a number of careers including the restaurant business, travel and tourism, and a variety of summer camps. She finally made her debut as a teacher in 2003 after attending teachers' college in Glasgow, Scotland.

Barb joined the York School (an Independent IB School at Yonge and St. Clair in Toronto) in March of 2004, while Jim landed there shortly after in September 2005.

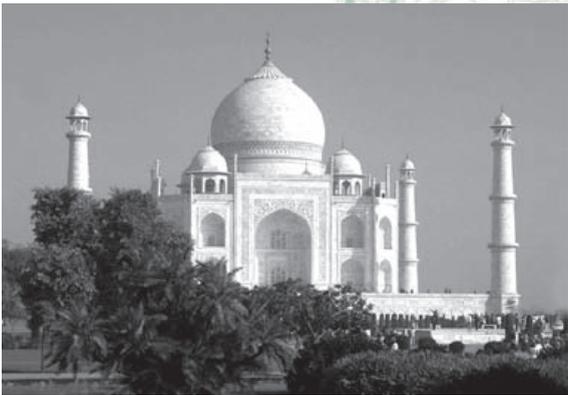
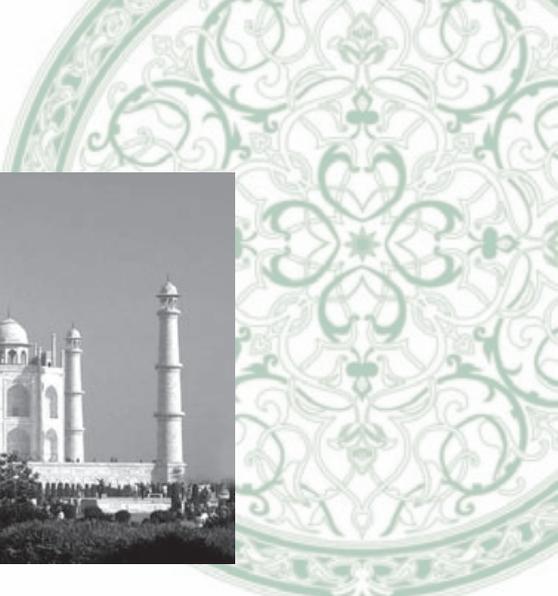
In the spring of 2006 we were given the opportunity to head the York School's service expedition to the Families for Children (FFC) orphanage in Tamil Nadu, India. The India trip is a model for international service trips. It was developed by York staff and its school community without any third-party service providers. The trip is fully consistent with the school's motto, “Experientia Docet” (Experience Teaches). Our principal, **David Hamilton '78**, a fellow Trent alum, was confident in our ability to take on the challenges of such a large undertaking. We haven't looked

back since! The York Service India Expedition has been a transformative experience for the participating students, the kids and staff at FFC, and of course for the two of us.

For three weeks every March break, a carefully selected small group of grade 11 students from the York School travel to India. From the moment we step off the plane we are immersed in the sights, sounds, smells, and tastes of Indian life. The orphanage is situated in a small village in the outskirts of Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu. While at FFC we spend our days doing building and maintenance projects, playing with kids of all ages and making friends in our short time together. Over the past three years we have been able to rebuild the entrance wall, paint a variety of rooms and buildings, and assist in moving and cleaning projects. Above all, our experience at the orphanage is about giving our time and love to the children at FFC. While at the orphanage, York students are treated like none other than minor celebrities. The children are thrilled to have “York” come to play for the three weeks each March.

In the time leading up to the trip we gather donations from the York School community, fundraise through car washes, casual days, and bake sales. We meet regularly with the group to plan the expedition. During our weekend retreat at Kasshabog Lake in the Kawarthas, we do book talks, explore Indian culture, geography, history, and politics as a way of preparing ourselves for a trip of a lifetime. An evening is spent in Little India in Toronto, sampling South





Indian Cuisine at Udapi Palace on Gerrard Street to prepare our taste buds for the spicy flavours of south India.

During our stay it is not all work; we do manage some play. Some side trips over the years have included a weekend at a Hill Station called Ooty, to experience the cooler temperatures and tours of tea plantations. We have also visited New Delhi and made the side trip to Agra to witness the Taj Mahal and Red Fort. This year included trips to Mahabalipuram, a UNESCO world heritage site that barely survived the 2004 tsunami. We also visited Chinmaya International School (IB), and Cochin, Kerala, where we spent a day floating the back waters of Allapi, and visited an elephant sanctuary and spice markets. While spending time in the village of Podunar (home to the orphanage) we also do some occasional sightseeing. Visits have included the largest Shiva temple in Coimbatore, the tranquil Isha Yoga Meditation Centre, as well as some “non-veg” restaurants in town. (South India is primarily vegetarian only.)

The York India Service trip provides our students with a once in a lifetime opportunity to reach far outside their comfort zones. Despite our extensive pre-trip preparations, India can be a shocking and unsettling place. Between heat, bugs, dust, water shortages, blackouts, poverty, and new flavours in the food, the three-week experience challenges our students in ways they have never been challenged before. Although the hassles are irritating, they are insignificant compared to the sense

of accomplishment we all return to Canada with after our three-week adventure.

Neither of us could have predicted or planned doing this type of work when we were studying at Trent so many years ago. During our time in India we have a lot of time to chat. Reflecting on our different Trent experiences, we believe we were well prepared for the personal and professional adventure the York India Service trip provides. Flexibility,

resourcefulness, open-mindedness and a willingness to venture outside our comfort zones were all part of the Trent experience. From Peterborough to Podunar, the Trent spirit lives on. **T**

For more information on our service expedition to India please feel free to check our blog at <http://blogs.yorkschool.com/indiatrip>. For more information on Families for Children, please have a look at their website at www.familiesforchildren.org

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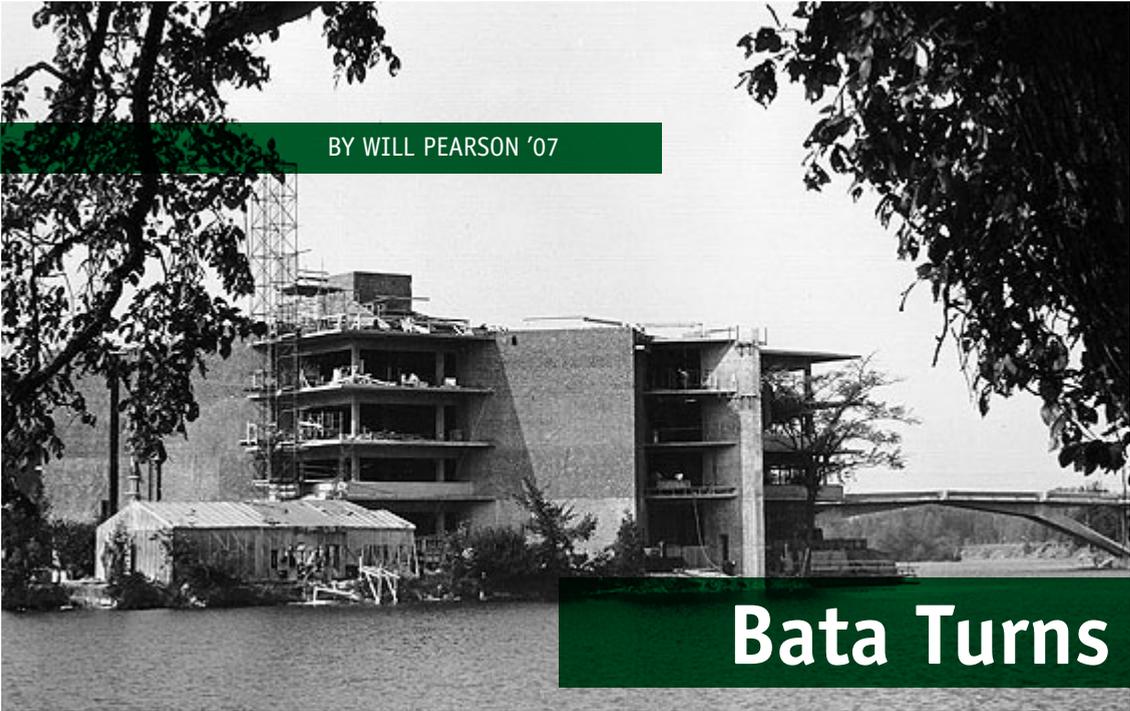
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BY WILL PEARSON '07

Bata Turns 40!

The hub of any university is its library. The project of academia – the growth and preservation of human knowledge – would not be possible without places to store this knowledge for others to access and build from. As such, Trent's own Thomas J. Bata Library is the symbolic centre of campus as a place of learning. But it is also the University's architectural centrepiece. Ron Thom, Trent's master planning architect, made sure of it. He wrote in Trent's master plan that "the library is considered to be the central building of the campus, the one building used by all members of the University. It has therefore been placed at the confluence of all pedestrian traffic, making it the proper hub of the university." Bata is Trent's most recognizable building; it is also its most important.

The 2009/10 academic year will be Bata's 40th in operation, and a slew of events and exhibits are planned to mark the milestone. Guest speakers, special display cases, and a celebration at this year's homecoming weekend are among them. In particular, a display in Bata's front foyer will be set up in September to mark the exact fortieth anniversary of the library's opening on September 6, 1969.

Those familiar with Trent history will recognize that this is five years after the University officially opened in 1964. For those five years, the library was housed in Rubidge Hall, which was downtown at the corner of Rubidge and Sherbrooke streets. Classes and offices were also found in Rubidge Hall during the years that the main campus was being built. The construction of Bata Library began in November 1967 and took almost two years. In the summer of 1969, staff carried out the immense task of moving 100,000 books from Rubidge Hall to Bata.

Luckily for those staff, the library had yet to grow to the 500,000 print materials that it would eventually come to own. Today that number is augmented by another 250,000 electronic materials. When the new building was opened in 1969, much of the space on the first and fourth floors were left empty to allow for this growth. That space has since filled up.

Besides this impressive growth in holdings, the biggest change that Bata has undergone in its history is the move away from a card catalogue system in favour of an online public-access catalogue, TOPCAT. This undertaking took a long time. For five years staff members painstakingly added every item in the collection to a growing database, which went live for the first time in the summer of 1990. The card catalogue was kept as an alternative for some time, but was eventually abandoned. Other projects have included the compiling of a database of the University's art collection and the installation of the

Information Commons (the public-access computers on the first and second floors of the building) in 2001.

Bata boasts some impressive holdings. One of the oldest is a beautiful map of Montreal drawn in 1565 by Giacomo Gastaldi. The map is the first document known to use the term Monte Real. Also kept in the Bata Archives is a Journal of the British Parliament from the reign of James I. Handwritten in English, French, and Latin, it is a 117-page account of the proceedings of the British Parliament between 1620 and 1621. Not so old but equally as notable is the Robertson Davies Collection, which includes autographed and rare editions of the author's works. One of the projects that Bata staff will be taking on in the future is the scanning of select pieces from this collection of rare books and

"The library is considered to be the central building of the campus, the one building used by all members of the University. It has therefore been placed at the confluence of all pedestrian traffic, making it the proper hub of the university." – Ron Thom, architect

maps. University Librarian Robert Clarke has stressed the importance of "Bata's renowned collections being made available to international scholars" in the form of electronic media.

This is only one of many plans that are in place for Bata's future. A new strategic plan, the product of a self-study carried out in 2008, was accepted by the University Senate in February of 2009. Priorities include an increase in library outreach to particular academic departments and faculty members, so services can be tailored to specific courses and disciplines. The library will also

increase its level of digitization over the coming years and launch a new website in the fall of 2009.

These plans, and others, should help to ensure that Bata continues to serve the students and faculty of Trent with quality information services well into the future. All are invited to visit the library during this milestone year to see what's changed and join the celebrations – the library has come a long way since its days in Rubidge Hall! 

The Bata Library: 40 Years Young

On September 6, 1969, Thomas J. Bata officially opened Trent University's new library, which bears his name to this day. This year is the 40th anniversary of the Thomas J. Bata Library.

Over the course of the 2009-10 academic year, the Library, in collaboration with the Friends of the Bata Library, will host a series of exhibits and events to mark this milestone in the University's history.

If you're planning on visiting campus for the 2009 edition of the Head of the Trent, or are just passing through Peterborough, take a few minutes to visit the Bata Library. Come and find out what's changed, chat with our friendly staff, and learn about what's planned for the future.

This year is also the 30th anniversary year of the Friends of the Bata Library. Founded in 1978, the Friends of the Bata Library is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to enriching the services of the Library to Trent University and the community, and enhancing the Library's role on campus.

For more information about events happening during the Library's 40th anniversary year, or to find out how you can become a Friend of the Bata Library, go to www.trentu.ca/friendsofthebatalibrary/friends.php or email us at libraryevents@trentu.ca

Mark your calendar!

Upcoming events at Trent University and in Alumni Chapter cities.
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October 3-5	Head of the Trent and Homecoming Weekend
October 6	David Morrison Lecture in International Development presented by Diane Elson
October 8	2009 Harry Kitchen Lecture in economics presented by Robin Boadway
November 16	"Trent Footprints in the Vineyard," a wine tasting sponsored by the Alumni Association's National Capital Chapter
November 18	Morton Lecture presented by Tim Cook '90

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