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## Editorial

### Canada 150 and TUARP

Trent University is well-positioned to celebrate Canada’s sesquicentennial. The university’s founding era saw the emergence of the Indian and Eskimo Studies, Canadian Studies and Environmental & Resource Studies programs. Our first Convocation took place during the Canadian centennial celebrations. Our second Chancellor Eugene Forsey was an unparalleled authority on Canadian constitutional matters.

What might TUARP do to acknowledge and celebrate Canada 150?

Suggestions are invited from our retirees. To prime the pump, I hope, here are a few ideas

- Convene a Canada 150 panel discussion drawing on the wealth of expertise represented in our membership.
- Hold a TUARP ‘1867’ Tea.

- Compile a ‘TUARP Remembers’ album of 150 Trent/Canada moments.

Please send me your suggestions. The first five submissions win a free copy of Professor Emeritus David Gallop’s delightful book *Floreat Tridentum*.

### Greetings from Co-Chair Janice Millard

I was honoured to be elected the Co-Chair of this group last autumn and I look forward to working with my fellow TUARP Executive members on your behalf.

Thanks to Professor Gordon Johnston, past Co-Chair of this group, who has agreed to provide a short column related to retirees called *The Pasture* to be included in Trent Magazine. Look for it in the upcoming issue.

In relation to Trent, please be advised that the Bata Library will be closed from May 1, 2017 to May 1, 2018 in order to undergo renovations. The Library website has a section entitled “Creating the Library of the Future” in which specific details and dates are given. Please note that it is the whole

building that is undergoing renovations, not just the library portion, so all other departments and services will be affected. And, in a related matter, the new Student Centre, located in what was the south parking lot of the library building and next to the Trent Community Centre for Athletics and Recreation is well underway with an anticipated opening of next September. There are benefits associated with being a TUARP member through the Alumni Association; however you need a valid card to receive them. If you are a recent retiree and have your staff card, it becomes your Alumni Association card by the placement of a silver sticker affixed to its back. In order to receive a sticker to put on your card, or if you do not have a card, please contact Alumni Affairs at alumni@Trentu.ca. Our membership fees are very modest. Please submit the annual \$10 fee to Gloria Dunn care of Alumni Affairs or at a general meeting. Our email lists are maintained by Sylvia Hennessey at the Alumni Affairs office. If you wish to be added to our list or have changed your email address, please contact Sylvia so she may update our list. Paper copies of our newsletter and correspondence are available through the mail to paid-up members. Please contact TUARP for this service. Another tidbit of information. Did you know the university has changed its postal code? It is no longer the old K9J 7B8, but now K9G 0L2. Therefore our mailing address is:

TUARP  
1600 West Bank Drive  
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I encourage you to periodically browse the TUARP website for information related to TUARP, retirees and to Trent University itself.

## **Greetings from Co-Chair Wayne Wilson**

I hope everyone survived our roller coaster ride of a winter. I am sure all of us are looking forward to a warm spring and enjoyable summer. Your continued support of TUARP is appreciated. Please encourage new retirees to join our group. May I take this opportunity to welcome Janice Millard as our new Faculty Co-Chair. Please feel free to make suggestions for future speakers. See you on May 3<sup>rd</sup>!

## **General Meeting Wednesday May 3, 2017 The Gathering Space, Peter Gzowski College East Bank, Symons Campus- 10 am to 12 pm**

## **Guest Speaker Professor Emeritus Ian Sandeman**

## **Coral and Its Problems**

Accessible parking or drop-off is available for those who desire the shortest possible walk directly off River Road just south of the Faryon Bridge. Regular and accessible parking is available in the main Peter Gzowski College parking lot. Enter by Pioneer Road. Members of the TUARP Executive will be watching and assisting with directions. The Elders Gathering Space is located on the lower level of the college/First Peoples House of Learning. There is an elevator from the upper level.

## Important Notice

**The TUARP Executive Committee anticipates two vacancies arising at the Fall General meeting. If you would like to serve on the Executive Committee, please contact either Co-Chair, Janice Millard or Wayne Wilson, in advance of the October meeting.**

## 50 Years Ago-1967

- W.L. Morton became the first university faculty member in Canada to take his seat on the Board of Governors.
- The university's first Convocation was held outside on June 2, 1967.
- The first undergraduate to receive a degree was Gary Aitken, who later joined the faculty in Modern Languages.
- Ground was broken in July for the construction of Lady Eaton College.
- By late 1967, work was completed on a floodlit playing field, quarter-mile track and four tennis courts.
- A proposal to build a pedestrian bridge across the river was rejected by the Ontario Government's Department of University Affairs. An identical proposal to build a site services "utilities" corridor with a pedestrian deck was re-submitted and quickly approved.

## Names of Honour

### McKeiver Garden - Established 1999

As one follows Founders Walk on the Symons Campus along the east side of the Athletic Centre, the Eugene McKeiver Garden nestles against the east wall of the building with a view to the Otonabee River. Gene McKeiver was an immensely popular and respected member of the Grounds crew, serving from 1966-1999. He made an immense contribution to the early development of what was then known as the Nassau Campus.

As a young staff member in the late 1970s I got to know 'Genie', partly through my association with various managers of The Commoner student pub. Gene was a constructive and helpful resource to these individuals and he kept a thoughtful and watchful eye on the safety and well-being of those who worked and lived in the building. His trademark cap was always worn askew. And when you encountered him on campus, you were met with an infectious humour wed to common sense and decency. It was best not to be in a rush during these encounters.

His retirement reception was hosted by Athletics Director Paul Wilson. Gene was welcomed as an Honorary Member of the Trent University Alumni Association, the dedication of the garden was announced and guests included Founding President Tom Symons and an old time fiddler from Douro. It was a rollicking celebration of a wonderful citizen of our university.

In 2000 Eugene McKeiver received the Trent University Eminent Service Award. It was noted that he took absolute pride in his work and was an inspiration to students, staff and faculty. He died in January of this year. His funeral service included a tribute from fellow retiree Paul Wilson.

The most recent edition of Trent Magazine is available at [www.trentu.ca/alumni](http://www.trentu.ca/alumni) and news and events at Trent is available at [www.trentu.ca/newsevents/](http://www.trentu.ca/newsevents/).

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**Submissions for TUARP “Times” are strongly encouraged. Deadline for submissions for the next edition is September 1, 2017 and may be sent to [tonystorey71@gmail.com](mailto:tonystorey71@gmail.com).**

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