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Co-Chair's Remarks

By Gina Collins

While we are still being cautious about COVID, things are starting to open up and hopefully will return to normal soon.

The 2021 Christmas get together was held in December at The Ashburnham Ale House. Social distancing and masks were in place, but a small group enjoyed being able to socialize in person. President Groake was unable to attend, and Michael Khan, Provost and VP Academic attended in his place. Thank you to Julie Crook and Janice Millard for the decorations, and Tony Storey for arranging the venue and the appetizers. The door prize was won by Dale Standen.

The theme of this TUARP times is Arrivals (your first day at Trent). My day at Trent began on October 1st, 1997 as Administrative Assistant Physics, the Associate Dean of Science and the AMINSS (now known as AMOD) graduate program. Before this date I had been working as a freelance clerk and court reporter for the Ministry of the Attorney General since 1983. After filling in as the Administrative Assistant to the Court Services Officer on two three month contracts, I felt I wanted more than to return to freelance work. A friend mentioned that I should check the job board at Trent. I did and was the successful applicant. I looked forward to starting my new career. Dr. Jim Jury was teaching off campus my first day and was unable to meet with me until later in the day. He arranged for security to



The interior of Trent's Physics building.

meet me at my office in the Science Complex. This was a temporary office as construction was taking place on the new Physics Building. Once they were finished teaching, lab demonstrators John Breukelaar and Dave Marshall came by to welcome me. Later, Ken Fowler and other members staff and faculty members came by. Everyone was so welcoming. It was an adjustment, but I finally learned how to use the email system, I believe it was Pine, and how to FTP documents. Email has come a long way since then. Looking forward to seeing everyone in May and hopefully in person.

Editorial

By Tony Storey

The theme of this issue is Arrivals and Moments.

I am going to blend the two to outline what a thrilling and enriching environment Otonabee College was when I first reported to work as the Assistant to the Master in November 1978.

Like many other baby boomers, I benefited from the Canadian government's job creation programs. While graduating from Trent, I had four different contract jobs to help me gain experience and begin to earn a living. In the autumn of 1978 I was concluding a one-year position as Surrogate Big Brother for Big Brothers of Peterborough. I received a call from my brother Professor Ian Storey who was serving as the Senior Tutor at Otonabee College. The College Assistant Bob Helsing had just resigned. There would be a search for his replacement. Was I interested?

I was and I was fortunate enough to be hired.

On my first day at the college, I had a raging cold. I gamely tried to carry on until the unforgettable College Secretary Isobel Beach intervened and sent me home with instructions to take a NeoCitran with a shot of brandy.

Isobel was just one of many colleagues I would get to know in this vibrant college community. I arrived in Year One of Professor Elwood Jones's leadership as Master. Elwood was building beautifully on the legacy of the innovative founding

Master, Professor Robert Carter. Otonabee followed many of the core principles of the existing colleges, but it was different.

This was an era when colleges were properly staffed. I had the privilege to work beside Senior Tutors Gordon Johnston, David Page, Jim Struthers and Ian Storey. The college office included the very talented Joyce Miller who had split responsibilities to assist the office during peak periods and to support individual faculty members. That role was also played by Judy Stephenson, Barb Mountney and Pat Gage.

The Head Housekeeper was the delightful Irma Adams followed by the exquisite Vera Moller.

Our Porter was Clare Pearl who served as Santa Claus during the annual Christmas children's party. He was assisted by the now legendary Bruce Shearer as the Assistant Porter.

In the residence houses I would get to know some terrific dons: Bill Phelan, Neil Brown, Teo Noriega, Ken and Heather Beesley, John and Margaret Shepherd, John and Freda Wiseman, Gary and Harmony Aitken, John and Sandy Campbell, Enid Gebbett and many others.

All of these people worked conscientiously to provide a rich collegial atmosphere that benefited students, staff and faculty.

The physical college had a massive footprint: eight residential houses for up to 320 students in two wings at the top of a cedar-lined hillside linked by a major staircase to a large academic building home to Anthropology, Psychology, Sociology, Native Studies, individual faculty offices



*Left: Bruce Shearer
Right: Clare Pearl*

and the Registrar's Office, Health Services and the Chanie Wenjack Theatre.

Abutting the large dining hall were a private dining room and Junior and Senior Common Rooms. Otonabee's SCR was distinctive in that membership was open to a wide array of staff and faculty including those that worked in the neighboring Science Complex and a few faculty from Biology and Geography who were in the Staging Building (now Blackburn Hall) across the river.

The room was unique with dramatic curving walls, a stunning work of fabric art depicting the Otonabee River by Friedel Washchuk, the first weaver to serve as Artist-in-Residence at Trent in 1974-75.

There was a foyer groaning with periodicals, newspapers and magazines. Members had keys to an honour-system bar area which had a variety of beverages. The furniture was modern and colourful. And there were coffee and muffins to

help launch the day.

During my six year tenure at the college, the life of the Senior Common Room was a particular point of pride. The diversity of the membership was an exciting facet of college life. There were frequent TGIF gatherings with a feature drink and special appetizers offered. A few times a year we hosted very well-attended SCR dinners with a guest speaker. I recall one dinner in which the recently retired U of T Professor and China scholar W.A.C.H. (Bill) Dobson spoke about the Gang of Four. We had so many in attendance that his talk had to be held in the dining hall.

I met so many wonderful people during this time...Leona Frederick, Gloria Guppy, Joan Knowles, Alan Saxby, Alf Cole, Roy Bowles, Al Brunger, Finn and Eileen Gallagher, John Earnshaw, Wayne King, Ken Fowler, Harvey McCue, Don McCaskill, Marlene Castellano, John Breukelaar, Dianne Choate, Gary Reker, Al Slavin, Tui Menzies, Roger Jones, Torben Drewes, Doris



Fabric art depicting the Otonabee River by Friedel Washchuk. (Courtesy of Trent University Library and Archives. Trent University Photograph Collection. Photographer unknown.)



Go Home Bay by WACH Dobson.



Winter by Ruth Yamada.

Pereschuk, Sandi Carr, Paul Healy, Jocelyn Aubrey, Mary Martin, Richard Morris, Fraser Bleasdale, Doug Lowe, Peter Northrop, Don Giles, Marlene Wilke, Joan Vastokas, Ken Johnston, Dick Johnston, Colin Fewster, Ken Kidd, Shirley Williams, Ed Peacock, Carlyle Smith, John Stanford, Cathy Sproule, Bob Stairs, Morgan Tamplin, John and Theresa Topic, Colin Taylor, Daniel Powell, Lionel Rubinoff, Peter Watson, Jake Thomas, Ruggles Pritchard, Ann Walters, Jean Keating, Deborah Kennett, Dave Lasenby, Wayne Wilson, Marian Leahy, Marilyn Miller, Joyce Sutton, Perc Powles, Jim Jury, Chris Huxley...

The Artist-in-Residence initiatives present during Bob Carter's leadership (Friedel, Ruth Yamada) remained vibrant during Elwood Jones's tenure. A young woodburning artist, Marie Frye produced several pieces which were mounted in the residence foyer and wings. Otonabee was constructed during a time of economy and constraint. It had an institutional feel with a great deal of concrete, yet the external setting of the river to the west and the field, farm, pond and forest to the east was enticingly rural.

The woodburnings and other artwork helped

to soften the environment. My brother and I commissioned Marie Frye to produce a piece showing my parents' favourite English village, Dunster, Somerset.

I also acquired art from the residency of printmaker George Raab and a show by Professor Bill Dobson. Bill participated as University Professor in a volunteer role, offering a non-credit course in the articles of the Chinese alphabet, an area in which he was a world expert.

The Bobcaygeon artist Chuck Burns was another visitor.

College life also benefited from a Visiting Writers program with Scotland. We had two in residence during this time, the journalist and author William Watson and a young writer/guitar player Andrew Greig.

During this time we also began tiling the concrete "street" that linked the residences and the College Office as another important way to make the building more appealing.

As Assistant to the Master, my job took me everywhere in the college. I learned how a university residence operates and the details of

purchasing sheets and curtains and carpets and housekeeping supplies. I knew all of the nooks and crannies of the academic wing, including "Animal House", home to the Psychology department's experimental animals, overseen by John Zomer, a sleep laboratory and the corridor display cases with fascinating archeological artifacts. And hidden behind all the seminar and workshop rooms ran a concrete utilities bunker that ran the entire length of the wing, then running westward to the Otonabee River. It made one feel that you might be in a science fiction setting.

I was a believer in management by walking around. It was enjoyable to stop by the departmental offices, even if it meant a harangue about the latest leaking roof and damaged office. A long basement stroll could eventually bring you into the bowels of the Science Complex where the University Stores were run by Mike Hyde. These mainly supported Chemistry and Physics but office supplies were also available.

My position also acted as a liaison with the caterer and I had a front row seat at seeing how a kitchen and dining hall operated. I also discovered that the chef's office could serve as a refuge when too many of my colleagues were trying to track me down with pressing to-do lists. The chef Gary could quickly assess my frame of mind and he would pour me a coffee, close the door to his office and if the phone rang (often Isobel Beach trying to locate me), offer a "I haven't seen him" reply.

It was a pleasure to work with the staff from Security, Conferences, Switchboard, Print Shop, Mechanical/Electrical and the Carpenter's Shop and other central service departments. Gloria Dunn was a gem as the voice of Trent University and the go-to person for telephone service. Bill Bowers and Sharon English kept the Print Shop humming. Art Peterson was an always welcome and calming presence as the Carpenter Shop foreman. Barry Salvisburg, Frank Chapman, Bob Van Dompeler, Roz Taylor, Danny Lantz, Gary Stevenson, Ed Flaherty, Mike Cybulski come to mind along with Bob Condon, Dean Payne, George McKeiver, Bay Bell, Dave McLaughlan, Harvey Milne, Gerry Mason, John Sullivan,



The Parting of the Waters by Cecil Richards. This sculpture on the west lawn of the college was a gift from President Tom Nind and Jean Nind. Almost directly below it is the hidden utilities bunker.

George Ross, Mike O'Brien ...

The finances & purchasing and personnel side of the college meant I had the privilege of meeting Marilyn Hayward, Art Wells, Lorraine Hayes, Audrey McLaughlin, Barb Hulcoop, John Moore, Lillian Johnston, Joanne Sandy, Jack Kennaley, Norma Thompson ...

Summer meant a lively conference season with Blair Armitage at the helm. It was always a source

of amusement when the Rug Hookers were in residence...you can likely imagine the bad jokes.

This Editorial has now strayed into the 'long read' category. But the years at Otonabee were so pivotal to the balance of my career at Trent, and in the approach to the 50th Anniversary year for the college, I had a lot I wanted to say.

I welcome corrections and most especially omissions. So many great people I recall in such a wonderfully immersive atmosphere, I know I will have missed some valuable names.

Please let me know and I will publish an addendum in the next issue.

tempora mutantur nos et mutamur in illis

– Otonabee College motto: the times are changing and we change with them



Cavan Bog by George Raab



Dunster Yarn Market by Marie Frye

A Moment Recalled: The Opening of the Athletic Building, 1977

By Paul Wilson

[Editor's note: Only two individuals in Trent's history have received both the Symons Teaching Award and the Eminent Service Award. Professor John Wadland was the inaugural teaching award recipient in 1977, followed by Eminent Service in 2010. Paul Wilson received both on one day at Convocation 2002.]

After a decade of trying to establish a permanent athletic facility to replace the Bubble, as the air structure was called, the current athletic building was finally opened in October 1977.

The building cost \$1.8 million with a third coming from the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, a third from Wintario and a third from a University fundraising drive.

The opening ceremony held in the new gymnasium was a celebratory event with guests attending from the Ministry and most other athletic departments across the province. One of the highlights of the ceremony was to be the rendition of the national anthem by Roger Doucette in person. Roger Doucette was the well known entertainer who sang the anthem at the Montreal Forum prior to the Montreal Canadiens' home games. This visit was arranged by the conference manager at the time, Blair Armitage. Blair had got to know Roger through his outstanding international skating career. Unfortunately, Mr Doucette's plane was diverted to Kingston because of thick fog. We had to settle for a recording.

Letter to the Editor: Xmas Gathering

By Paul Wilson

First of all a big thank you to the executive for organizing a first-class Xmas gathering at the Ashburnham Ale House in December. It was a very joyful occasion and delightful to see so many old friends and acquaintances. The conversation and memories of former years was both entertaining and nostalgic. I have to admit an added bonus was the particular pleasure of having a beer for which I forgot to pay upon leaving. However when I remembered halfway home and returned to settle my account our extraordinary, kind and benevolent newsletter editor had already rectified the

situation. Many thanks again, Tony.

We were also privileged to have the recently appointed Vice-President Academic in attendance. Michael Kahn gave us an interesting and convivial address highlighting his first year at Trent. Michael is an excellent athlete and top class squash player, being ranked number one in his native Trinidad for some 10 years. I first met Michael when he was playing for McGill some 35 years ago when Trent hosted the OUAA individual championships at the Peterborough Raquet Club. He won one of the divisions. I also had occasion to come into contact with him again when he was playing number one on the Western team and I was the OUAA squash convenor. Western won the team tournament that year.

In his last two positions at the University of Windsor and the University of North Wales in Bangor, the athletic and recreation programmes came under his supervision. To me this experience would give him particularly useful knowledge in handling other academic programmes. It is quite possible some may disagree with that belief.

However, I firmly believe Michael will be an excellent addition to the senior faculty and indeed the University is fortunate he decided to join us.

The Essence of Trent

By Fred Helleiner

On the Labour Day weekend in 1968, before classes began, my brother Gerry, a professor at U. of T., and his family came for a visit and to see our new home. After showing them the Petroglyphs and other local sites of interest, we returned home and found a beautiful flower arrangement on our doorstep, with a note welcoming us to Trent. Gerry's astonished reaction was, "This would never happen at U. of T.!"

Coming to Trent

By Bruce Cossar

On Monday, May 4th, 1964, I walked into Rubidge Hall to begin my new job as Reference and Circulation Librarian at Trent University. Anna Skorski (later McCalla) started the same day in the position of Assistant Acquisitions Librarian.

The place was still very much a construction site, transforming the long-abandoned South Central Public School into a modern post-secondary ed-

educational centre. The work included labs for the Science Departments, a new front entrance and lobby area, various classrooms and offices, and a Buttery (soon called the Crypt). A large part of the main floor would house the Library reading room (31 seats) and shelving for about 10,000 books; the order and cataloguing units were downstairs.

Anna and I should have come in on May 1st, but University Librarian Jack Martin had given us that Friday to settle into our new digs in this place called Peterborough. Jack had started from scratch the previous September and the organization was already well-advanced. His goal was to have several thousand volumes on the shelf in time to support the first-years courses. A Cataloguing Librarian and clerical assistants were busy processing the materials he had ordered; with Anna's arrival the pace of buying and cataloguing soon accelerated. Shelf-ready volumes piled up in every corner but it would be August before the shelving was finally installed.

Jack had ordered many dozens of academic journal subscriptions, but as issues arrived they had been consigned to yet another heap of unprocessed materials. My very first task, therefore, (after "signing in" with John Moore - Accountant and "Personnel Recorder" - as staff member #59) was to sort and record them. It took several hours!

It was the first day of a very exciting few years, creating a library for a brand new university. I count it a privilege to have been a part of it.

QUIZ

Answers can be found on the next page.

1. What was the name of the main Peterborough campus before it was named for Founding President Tom Symons?
2. True or False: The Faryon Pedestrian Bridge honours Reginald Faryon, a well-known Peterborough artist.
3. This trail can be found in the Wildlife Sanctuary and honours a former Chair of the Board of Governors.
4. This beloved student pub was located on the

east side of the Trent canal and was once the scene for live music.

5. The Symons Campus includes how many acres? a) 2,200 b) 980 c) 1,400
6. What was Otonabee College known as before it was so named?
7. What are the colors of the medicine wheel and in which college will you find them prominently displayed?
8. What important Symons Campus facility is named in honour of Stan Adamson, a CGE executive and early Trent booster?
9. Who was the architect for the Environmental Sciences Centre?
10. This coffee break facility has had homes at Rubidge Hall, Blackburn Hall and the Environmental Sciences Centre.
11. What is The Link at Otonabee College?
12. This now-demolished house at Traill College once housed the College Office, a guest suite, student residence rooms and in the early 2000s the Alumni Office.
13. What was the Egg Beater a nickname for on top of the Science Complex?
14. True or False: The Environmental Sciences Centre includes a wind tunnel that is one of the few facilities in the world where particle transport can be studied.
15. What did early 1970s students dub Otonabee College in reaction to the contrast in architectural style with the rest of the campus?
16. Which building at the former Peter Robinson College honours a former Vice President of the University?
17. For several years Founding President Tom Symons maintained an office at Peter Robinson College in a small building on George Street. What was it known as?

Message from Alumni Affairs

Spring is nearly here, and soon Convocation will be too! Peterborough 2022 Convocation ceremonies will be held between June 6-10 on Symons campus, and at the Tribute Communities Centre (TCC) on June 2 for Durham graduates. Make-up ceremonies for the Peterborough 2020 & 2021 graduates will be held June 13 & 14, on campus, and at the TCC on June 2 for Durham graduates.

We will also be welcoming back the classes of '67, '68, and '69 to celebrate their 50th anniversaries. The classes of '67 and '68 will be invited on the morning of June 7, and for the class of '69 invited on the morning of June 9. A special lunch will follow these processions. If you know anyone from these classes, please have them contact alumni@trentu.ca for details.

"Many hands make light work," and it takes quite a number of hands to keep convocation running smoothly! We will be doing a call-out for volunteers soon and we would appreciate your help! Volunteer ambassadors will receive training, lunch, the chance to welcome new grads to the alumni family, and the gratitude of the convocation team. Please contact convocation@trentu.ca if you are interested.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Nassau Campus
2. False- Reginald Faryon was a Quaker Oats executive
3. Jon de Pencier Trail
4. The Commoner
5. c) 1,400 acres
6. College V
7. Red Yellow Black White at Peter Gzowski College
8. The power dam
9. Richard Enriquez
10. The Crypt
11. The Link was a corridor of in-demand faculty offices that linked the academic building at Otonabee to the major staircase leading to the residence wings
12. Langton House
13. A wind experiment of the Physics department
14. True
15. Ought-not-to-be
16. Sadleir House honours Dick Sadleir
17. The Cottage



The Commoner (Courtesy of Trent University Library and Archives. Record Group 16: Students. Photographer unknown)



The Link at Otonabee College.

TUARP PURPOSES

[From the Constitution of the Association of Faculty and Staff Retirees of Trent University. Approved October 24, 2001]

1. To facilitate the continuing association of its members with Trent University and each other.
2. To safeguard and represent the interests of its members with Trent University and with faculty and staff unions.
3. To monitor the pension and benefits entitlements of its members.
4. To serve as a potential resource pool of expertise and knowledge for the benefit of Trent University

Reminder to update contact information

Don't miss TUARP newsletters or meeting notices – remember to keep your contact information up to date! If you have moved, changed phone numbers or email addresses, be sure to update your profile by visiting <http://www.mycommunity.trentu.ca/myprofile> or emailing advancementservices@trentu.ca

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TUARP acknowledges with thanks the financial assistance of Trent University.

Notice of General Meeting

The next General Meeting of TUARP will be held:

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

10 am to 12 Noon

TSC 2.02, The Student Centre, Symons Campus

Elevator to 2nd floor of Student Centre. For parking, please register your license plate with Parking Services in advance of the meeting. Guest Speaker: Acting Vice President Finance & Administration Tariq Al-Idrissi. At time of publication it is hoped that our in person meeting will also be offered on Zoom.

The meeting will be followed by the Heart of Trent Luncheon.

Contribute to the next issue!

The Editor warmly invites submissions for the next issue by September 15, 2022. They may be sent to tonystorey71@gmail.com.

Past issues of TUARP Times are posted on the TUARP website: <http://mycommunity.trentu.ca/alumni>.

Heart of Trent Appreciation Event

The University is happy to announce we are planning an in-person Heart of Trent event on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the Student Centre Atrium, Symons Campus. Please watch your email for the invite and registration link.

PLEASE JOIN US

to celebrate your accomplishments and contributions that play an integral role in Trent's development and success



HEART OF TRENT APPRECIATION EVENT

Save the Date

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