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Editorial

I was very saddened to learn of the death of our colleague Barb Hulcoop recently. As a young and 'green' staff member in the late 1970s, Barb was a role model for me in conducting oneself collegially and constructively in a complex organization. With patience and humour she showed me how to negotiate the forms and processes that tied the business of Otonabee College (where I started my staff career as Assistant to the Master Elowood Jones) to the finance department. Whether I was puzzled or behind schedule or overmatched by paperwork, Barb's winning smile and good natured tutoring set things right and made me a more confident and effective administrator. She believed strongly that Finance should be viewed as a 'cog' to accomplishing important goals, and her welcoming posture reinforced that belief. Her relationship to international students was a very special dimension of her character and a prize within the Trent International Program is awarded annually in her name.

Names of Honour

The oldest building at Trent University is Kerr House (1868) at Traill College. One of Trent's absolute gems lies within its walls, the **Alan Wilson Reading Room**.
The elegance and character of the room is a deeply appropriate match for the person it honours, Alan Wilson, the Founding Chair of both History and the Canadian Studies Programme and Professor, 1964-89.
A plaque in the reading room captures the special efforts of Trent staff in crafting the bookcases and meeting table.
"Dedicated, through the generosity of his friends, to *Alan Wilson,* Founding chairman of the *Canadian Studies Program* May 22, 1991
Designed by Erik Wilke and Julie Crook, crafted by Alvan King, Steve Ritchey and Jim Simms with valued assistance of Warren Lloyd, Don Ruttan, Ed Flaherty and Dave Ruthowsky (Supervisor)"
Many of the books in the reading room are from the collection of Alan Wilson and include the handwritten annotations of the scholars from around the world who presented them to Alan. One will also find a photograph of Professor Wilson taken by

acclaimed alumnus Michael Cullen. An impressive array of the Dictionary of Canadian Biography dominates one cabinet while the Government of Canada External Relations documents reside in another. You will also see Stephen Leacock and other great names of Canadian literature. As I browse the bound volumes of the Frost Centre's graduate theses, I spot a 1984 thesis by graduate Fiona Sampson, recently named to the Order of Canada. Art also adds to the special feeling in the room, with several pieces by Marmaduke Matthews, a gift of a Toronto doctor, Jack Goodman who admired Alan Wilson's work.

It is not an exaggeration to say that interdisciplinary studies were born at Traill College, with the Canadian Studies program in the vanguard, led by an institution-builder in the person of Alan Wilson. I had the good fortune to be treated to an incomparable tour of the Alan Wilson Reading Room by Professor John Wadland. His informed and enthusiastic respect for Alan's magnetic personality and keen capacity to **bring people together** brought to life a very exciting period in Trent's history and development. Professor Wilson certainly advanced the study of Canada during his tenure at the university, while always considering the vitality and well-being of the overall Trent. Such stewardship is a major reason that the Canadian Studies Program has attracted the deepest endowments of any department or program at Trent, including a significant Alan Wilson scholarship.

Alan Wilson retired to Nova Scotia with his wife Budge in 1989. Budge Wilson is a much admired author, who has received the Governor General's award for Young Fiction and is a member of the Order of Canada. Alan continues to research, write, lecture and publish. He has received the Library Associations of Nova Scotia Award of Merit.

I welcome suggestions for future subjects of this Names of Honour column.

Greetings from Co-Chair Gordon Johnston

I am pleased to provide a few updates in advance of our May 4 meeting. The creation of the plaque commemorating the meeting in February 1971 that led to the founding of Tapirisat (now the Inuit Tapirit Kantami) and took place in the AJM Smith Room, is taking much longer than we expected, partly because we are trying to match the costs with the budget proposed at the October meeting of TUARP. Dale Standen and particularly Al Brunger have been working with a plaque provider on the design and materials, and we hope to have an announcement soon about a completion date and possibly the date of an official unveiling. If you are interested in contributing individually to the cost, please let me know.

We believe we have improved the way in which we contact people at the time they retire from the university, so that we don't lose track of them (unless of course they want to be lost track of). If you know of any retired persons who would like to be added to our email list, please ask them to contact Sylvia Hennessey at Alumni Affairs, or email her at alumni@trentu.ca.

We are looking for different ways in which we as retired persons could be involved in the life of the university, particularly in the careers of current students. Eunice Lund-Lucas has been looking into the possibilities (through Student Affairs) of us mentoring students. With our recent loss, much too early, of Barb Hulcoop, I am thinking particularly of the international students, since Barb was a kind of foster mother to so many of them. Again, if you have any suggestions, we'd like to hear them.

The Heart of Trent Appreciation event held a year ago was so successful that there are plans to repeat it every year. By a happy chance, the second annual Heart of Trent will be held on May 4, the same day as our meeting. It begins at 12 noon, so we'll be able to go from the library across to the Champlain College Great Hall. Watch for your invitation, with instructions on how to register.
I look forward to seeing many of you on May 4.

Greetings from Co-Chair Wayne Wilson

I am pleased to be acting as co-chair (staff), along with Gordon Johnston for the next term for TUARP. If newly retired staff have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at wwilson@trentu.ca.

General Meeting Wednesday May 4, 2016 AJM Smith Room Bata Library, Symons Campus-10 am to 12 pm Special Guest: Professor Michael Peterman

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