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Trent University Association of Retired Persons

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Editorial

A Farewell to Great Ladies

In the front hall of my home hangs a painting by the late **Jean Nind**. It is a vivid crimson with black streaks suggesting a great force at work. I first saw it at Alumni House during a Trent community art show and I quickly decided to purchase it. It was titled Desert Storm and Jean explained that it was inspired by a Sahara storm she once encountered.

Jean Nind died in February 2018. She was an important contributor to the development of both the Art Gallery of Peterborough and ArtSpace. And she made an immense contribution to Trent through her marriage to the late **Tom Nind**, a professor of Mathematics and President of the university from 1972 to 1979.

As a student, I was fortunate to know the Ninds. We invited them to dinner in our tiny riverside house on Water Street. We did not have a dining room and had improvised a dining table in the small kitchen. Once we were all seated, we realized that whoever sat closest to the stove would have to ‘pass the peas, please’, which Jean did smilingly.

Over the past three years I saw Jean regularly at Princess Gardens retirement residence while visiting my mother. Several of her paintings were in the 4th floor hallway. We spoke often, exchanging fond remembrances of Tom and others from that era.

On the morning that I learned that my mother had died peacefully in her sleep, Jean was the first friend I saw. She was sitting quietly in a lobby. Over the past few months she had become frail and daily activities were more difficult for her. I shared my news and she looked into my eyes, reached for my hand and comforted me.

Joyce Sutton died in March 2018. She had a long career at the university culminating in her role as Assistant Registrar for Financial Aid. Through my work with alumni donors to student financial aid, I had the privilege of working closely with her. Before there were databases, she demonstrated an encyclopaedic knowledge of fund criteria and details. Her commitment to helping students was exceptional. I would watch her dive through files to pinpoint a fund that would benefit a certain student. Some students fell outside the criteria for obvious

support; Joyce would think and think until she remembered a fund that could help. In 2009 she received the Eminent Service Award. The press release cited her “as a dedicated employee who always looked to find the best financial solutions for her students...She represented the university at many high school visits to prospective students and their parents at Open House and orientation days. She also volunteered at convocation, proud to personally congratulate the many students she had assisted.”

Greetings from Co-Chair Janice Millard

Members enjoyed a lovely Christmas party at Lady Eaton College in December. Refreshments were provided courtesy of President Groarke who dropped by to provide seasonal greetings. Work on the Bata Library is continuing with major construction to be finished this spring. Those returning for the fall term will see a transformed space.

The East Bank of the Symons Campus is still experiencing road construction. In part this is tied to the new arena complex which is to be built there. If you are interested in plans for Trent check out the Trent Lands Plan at <https://www.trentu.ca/trentlandsplan>

Also experiencing work is the area around the Otonabee River and Trent canal. If you are interested here is the link to their website <https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/lhn-nhs/on/trentsevern/visit/infrastructure/peterborough>

People who moved out of the Bata Library last year will be moving back in over the summer. So again, before you come to the Symons Campus please check and confirm

where the department you intend to visit is located.

Julie Ellis is the person at Trent handling our email lists. Please consider using email. It is our preferred method of disseminating information because it saves us the cost of paper, printing and postage. Things like meeting notices, agendas and minutes are sent out electronically through Julie and therefore she needs to know an email address at which you may be contacted. Her contact information is: 705-748-1011 ext.7105 julieellis@trentu.ca. If, however, you prefer paper notices, they will still be sent out upon request to dues-paying members.

I ask people to come forward and join our Executive. The work is not onerous and our long-serving members of the Executive would like some relief. Our upcoming meeting is Wednesday May 2nd at Bagnani Hall, Trill College. I look forward to seeing you there.

Greetings from Staff Co-Chair

The Staff Co-Chair position is currently unfilled. Please consider joining the Executive in this role. TUARP has a proud tradition of leadership from both staff and faculty retirees. It is important to sustain this.

General Meeting
Wednesday May 2, 2018
Bagnani Hall, Traill College-
10 am to 12 pm

Guest Speaker
Former University Librarian
Bruce Cossar

**“Trent University Library:
The First Ten Years”**

Accessible parking or drop-off is available for those who desire the shortest possible walk directly off Dublin Street. Follow the laneway to Bagnani Hall. On-street parking is available on both London and Dublin Street, along with Traill College parking lots accessible from Dublin Street.

50 Years Ago-1968

- Lady Eaton College opened in the autumn of 1968. A Users committee determined that it would be quite different from Champlain College.
- Forty male students who could not be accommodated at Champlain College were housed at the nearby Wenonah Motel. This group later moved into Lady Eaton College along with the late

Gail Fisher as their don. One of those students was the late Robert Stephenson, who became the first alumnus to chair the Board of Governors.

- The university purchased an air hall, the “Bubble” as its first athletics facility. It provided 23,000 square feet of usable space and was the first air-supported structure at any Canadian university.
- In March 1968 Trent had its first student demonstration. A rumour had surfaced that President Symons might be approached for a position in federal politics. 350 students marched outside Rubidge Hall with placards stating, “Keep the President Resident”. As Alf Cole comments in *The Making of a University*, “There were no sit-ins during his presidency and there was surprisingly little confrontation. Whenever some students tried to storm an administration door, they generally found it open”.

Retirees welcome
LEC 50th Anniversary
Saturday Sept. 29, 2018

Details will be posted at
<https://mycommunity.trentu.ca>

A second year Lady Eaton College students has written an interesting and informative article for the Arthur about Flora McCrea Eaton, the college’s namesake.

It can be read at www.trentarthur.ca in the February 18th issue.

Names of Honour

Names of Honour will return in the next issue of TUARP Times.

TUARP Executive

President Leo Groarke Reappointed

Trent University's Board of Governors has announced the reappointment of Dr. Leo Groarke to a second five-year term as president and vice-chancellor, commencing July 1, 2019 through to June 30, 2024, under a new presidential mandate that continues to emphasize sustainability, stewardship and innovation as key themes.

The Board advisory committee for the Review of the Presidency noted "the very high degree of commonality in proposed priorities for the University over the next five years...and a strong sense of pride in the direction and accomplishments of the University under the current mandate."

The most recent edition of Trent Magazine is available at www.trentu.ca/alumni and news and events at Trent is available at 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, 2018 and may be sent to tonystorey71@gmail.com.

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