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Editorial

M.W.D.T.P.

In 1984 I left my role as Assistant to the Master to Professor Finn Gallagher at Otonabee College to fill a vacancy as Coordinator of Alumni Affairs, reporting to Vice President John Leishman. It wasn't long before I was introduced to the acronym M.W.D.T.P.

May We Discuss This Please was an annotation used by Trent's founding president Tom Symons (one which long survived his term as president), typically attached to a report or letter or memo or press clipping of interest to colleagues throughout the university. The distribution list of officials was shown and it revealed the array of potentially interested parties who could contribute to the discussion. I was struck then, and continue to be now, that it was framed as a question, courteously posed and underscored the value and importance of discussing shared information in the Trent environment.

As Trent prepares to celebrate the 90th birthday of our founding president, may we

please discuss the opportunities ahead to salute Professor Symons milestone birthday.

We hope to see our founding president at the May 1st TUARP general meeting. Details for that meeting follow. We understand that he will be attending the Heart of Trent Appreciation Luncheon that same day at the Student Centre.

The Alumni Association is spearheading a celebration on May 25th, which has been moved to the gymnasium at the Athletics Centre due to the extraordinary interest in the celebration.

And TUARP Executive is currently pursuing a 'retirees only' reception. Information about this proposed reception will be posted on our website and sent by email to TUARP members.

I often turn to the late Alf Cole's book *Trent: The Making of A University 1957-1987* when I prepare this newsletter. Here are a few excerpts:

“... Tom Symons told the new students: ‘You are as welcome to our staff as rain is to a parched land.’”

“The philosophy which inspires Trent is based upon the conviction that education is,

inescapably, an individual experience...and this philosophy is reflected in the teaching methods...This philosophy...is also reflected in the decision that Trent should be a collegiate university..."

Happy 90th birthday Tom!

Greetings from Faculty Co-Chair Janice Millard

The Christmas Party was held in December in Bagnani Hall. The members enjoyed light refreshments and were entertained with a Christmas reading by President Groarke, accompanied by Professor Gordon Johnston on the piano. Periodically, Traill Principal Michael Eamon also entertained us with Christmas tunes on the piano. Five and a half boxes of food donations were sent to the Norwood Food Bank.

People who moved out of the Bata Library are all back in the building. There was a celebration of the reopening on November 16, 2018.

Chancellor Don Tapscott will be stepping down this year and the new Chancellor will be alum and benefactor Stephen Stohn.

TUFA is making preparations for upcoming contract talks. It will be interesting to see how the new Ontario government handles labour relations.

With regard to construction, the University plans to expand its operation in Oshawa and intends to add a new building on the site. In Peterborough, construction of the twin pad arena slated to be built soon on the East Bank has been postponed to 2020 because the Ontario government cancelled the \$18 million grant towards construction costs promised by the previous government.

Also with regard to the Symons Campus, the University has updated information on the Trent Lands Plan., available on the website.

Much work has been done by Parks Canada on the Trent Canal. If you walk along it, you will see the changes they have made to the canal and especially the earth berms.

Please consider using email to stay in touch with TUARP. It is our preferred method of disseminating information because it saves us the costs of paper, printing, envelopes and postage. To do this contact Julie Ellis at 705-748-1001 ext. 7105 or julieellis@trentu.ca.

I ask people to come forward and join our Executive. I will be acting as Secretary but would ask that someone else volunteer as Faculty Co-Chair.

Please note: if you wish to check on the passing of a member of the Trent community, please check the Tributes page on the website. It has listings dating back to 2012.

Greetings from Staff Co-Chair Tony Storey

The TUARP Christmas Tea was a huge success last December. I salute the Executive, whose members past and present, helped plan and execute the well-attended (45!) reception at Bagnani Hall. Once again, the Traill College office bent over backwards to make us welcome. President Leo Groarke rose to the challenge of providing a reading, a poignant short story by Honorary Degree recipient Alistair MacLeod. And Founding president Tom Symons offered a nugget of oral history when he explained that Alistair MacLeod was one of a number of Canadian academics who penned letters of support for the establishment of Trent as a collegiate university.

President Groarke has informed me that he is already planning his contribution to our 2019 Christmas Tea, an original piece with a cast of three.

I also want to thank our retired colleagues who attend our general meetings and make it a pleasure to be affiliated with TUARP. We were seeking member perspectives on a number of fronts. I was very pleased with the perspectives and thoughtful comments expressed at our October 2018 meeting.

TUARP is in demand as President Groarke has encouraged the College Principals to welcome us to their respective colleges. We will want to balance these welcoming overtures with a practical assessment of ease of parking and accessibility to meeting or event space.

Finally, I want to thank and acknowledge Co-Chair Janice Millard as she remains on the Executive but in a new role as Secretary. She has been completely constructive and diligent in our planning. A very thoughtful volunteer and important contributor to TUARP.

55th General Meeting Wednesday May 1, 2019 10 am to 12 Noon Bata Library 411

A limited number of parking spaces will be reserved for TUARP members in the circular lot by the library. Please use these on a 'most-needed' basis. Take the main Bata elevator to the 4th floor. There is also an elevator which connects ground level to Bata 2nd floor, where the main elevator can be found.

In lieu of a guest speaker we hope to conduct an efficient meeting with lots of

time for coffee and conversation, along with tours & demonstrations of recent library innovations.

The Heart of Trent Appreciation luncheon follows at the adjacent Student Centre. Registration is required for the luncheon.

50 Years Ago-1969

- Planning for a Physics building on campus is stopped by a provincial freeze on capital grants.
- Trent University's Development Fund was launched. It raised approximately \$4.5 million, which was enough to pay the university's share of the capital costs of the core buildings on the new campus.
- Original Class student Richard Johnston approached the Site Development Committee to convert a large, unused, CGE-owned duplex near the south end of the campus into a student meeting place and pub. This became the popular and much-loved Commoner.
- An empty barn on the former Campbell farm was burned by vandals. This led to fears that other unoccupied buildings acquired through expropriation might suffer the same fate. Debby Woods, a student at Lady Eaton College and Mrs. Stewart Bagnani proposed that the Campbell farmhouse be made into an art gallery, which became known as the Mackenzie Gallery. It is now Mackenzie House and the

home to the External Relations and Advancement department.

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.

Names of Honour

The Michael Treadwell Special Collections and Rare Book Room

I recently had the pleasure of an informal lunch with Acting Archivist Jodi Aoki. We sat at a large table in the Michael Treadwell Room in Bata Library. Professor Treadwell died in 1999, saddening many staff, faculty, students and alumni.

“Michael Treadwell (1942-1999) was known at Trent for his love of rare books. A professor, administrator, and bibliophile, Michael supported the library’s efforts to acquire rare and valuable books related to the teaching programs of the university. In conjunction with the move of Special

Collections and Rare Books to an area in the Library adjacent to the Archives’ the newly acquired room was named in 2007 in honour of the man who was so closely associated with the creation of the collection. This room is equipped with environmental controls and is used exclusively by scholars researching the University’s published rare or special print materials.”

From Trent University Archives News June 2007

A Celebration of Life-Pauline Mills

There will be a celebration of life for long-time staff member Pauline Mills on June 8, 2019 from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Highland Park Funeral Centre in Peterborough.

Pauline was one of the earliest staff members at Trent, beginning a career in 1965 that extended to 2008. She worked at Rubidge Hall, the Finance department and spent ten years as the Administrative Assistant at Athletics.

Upcoming Event

TUARP is excited to introduce a new activity at the home of Trent University President Leo Groarke and Associate Vice President Glennice Burns.

Our Strawberry Afternoon Tea will be held Friday July 5 from 3 to 5 pm in Lakefield. Watch your email for further information.

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, 2019 and may be sent to tonystorey71@gmail.com.

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