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Editorial In This Room

The history of our nation, and our university, came alive in the AJM Smith Room on June 23, 2016 as the TUARP-led Inuit heritage plaque unveiling took place. The Smith Room was the site of a meeting in 1971 during which the leaders of several Inuit communities gathered to discuss and form a national advocacy organization to protect their culture and livelihoods. Founding President Tom Symons recalled his time with the Indian-Eskimo Association and his offer to host the meeting at Trent University. He welcomed the leaders to Trent and then left the room. A few hours later, the founding committee of the Tapirisat of Canada (later changed to Inuit Tapirisat Kanatami) was in place. TUARP meets twice a year in the AJM Smith Room, and during a talk by Professor Symons about significant meetings in the room during Trent's history, some TUARP members resolved to commemorate the value and importance of the Tapirisat meeting through a commissioned plaque. The June 23 ceremony included Councillor

Keith Knott of Curve Lake, Founding president Tom Symons, Dr. Mary Simon, former Chancellor of Trent, President Leo Groarke, former Board Chair Jon Grant & Professor Emeritus Shelagh Grant, and Peter Ittinuar. Peter was the first Inuk in Canada to be elected as an MP and had been in attendance at the 1971 meeting.

I was very proud to be a member of an organization that saw fit to celebrate both institutional and national history. The October 26th TUARP meeting will provide a memorable opportunity for all members to share in the celebration of what we have contributed to Trent through this recent initiative.

Greetings from Co-Chair Gordon Johnston

Greetings to you all. As I approach my last meeting as Co-Chair of TUARP, I have been giving thought to our present circumstances and future possibilities. Of course, the principal role of TUARP will continue to be primarily social: to provide occasions for us

to get together, to listen to interesting speakers, to enjoy each other's company. And TUARP will continue to be a source of information for retired members through the TUARP Times, as well as our website on the Alumni page, and our column in *Trent Magazine*, "The Pasture". By those means, we will convey to you news about the university, about individual members, about pensions and benefits and opportunities, and about the national organization CURAC, to which we belong. But what else might we do? The recent success of the Tapirisat plaque project has caused some to wonder if we might serve as a source of memories and memorials for the university. And others have been considering if we might put our wisdom and experience to use by being matched individually to present students who are struggling or are far from home. And, although I hesitate to mention it, it's probably time to reconsider how we are funded, and what we can afford to do. Suggestions about these subjects or any others will, of course, be gratefully received. Finally, on a personal note, I want to convey my thanks to the Executive Committee, who tirelessly do what needs to be done.

Greetings from Co-Chair Wayne Wilson

I hope you had a safe and enjoyable summer! I would like to encourage our newly retired staff to come to our twice yearly meetings and Christmas Tea event to continue and renew friendships.
See you on October 26!

**Christmas Tea
Wednesday December 7
2 to 4 pm
Lady Eaton College Pit
Annual gift exchange (\$10 or less)
Sponsored by President Leo Groarke**

**General Meeting
Wednesday October 26, 2016
AJM Smith Room
Bata Library, Symons
Campus-10 am to 12 pm
Annual dues of \$10 payable**

Please note that the Bata Library pay and display lot is available for those members of TUARP who require the shortest possible walk to the meeting room. Please display your retiree parking permit. If you do not have a permit, you may acquire one free of charge from the parking office at Blackburn Hall. Other members of TUARP are invited to park behind Lady Eaton College.

It reflects what we tried to build at Trent-encouraging a broad inter-disciplinarity that challenges fences and opens horizons.

Paul Wilson was inducted into the Peterborough & District Pathway of Fame on September 10, 2016. He was recognized in the Cultural Betterment category as “an individual who never stops promoting, supporting and contributing to the betterment of his community in so many ways”. He joins TUARP members already inducted: **Elwood Jones, Martha Ann Kidd, Thomas Symons, Michael Peterman, Peter Adams, Gordon Roper,** and **Alan Slavin.**

Professor Emeritus **Shirley Williams** has been named the 2016 recipient of the CUPE 3908-1 Award for Excellence in Teaching. The award is presented to a member of the part-time faculty at Trent University, and recognizes the positive impact contract instructors have on students and their learning. Professor Williams was acknowledged for her caring and positive approach to teaching and her ability to create warm, welcoming learning spaces where students feel comfortable, supported and motivated. Her care, passion and concern create a fun loving environment where language and knowledge are conveyed to younger generations.

50 Years Ago-1966

- A delay in the opening of Champlain College led to some students being housed at the Wenonah Motel. Catering was arranged at Knox United Church and common rooms were established at Rubidge Hall.
- Dutch elm disease led to the removal of 1,213 trees across the campus.
- Phase One of Wallis Hall construction at Traill College provided rooms for sixty women students and a dozen faculty offices.
- Paul Wilson joined the staff as Athletics Director.
- Alf Cole was appointed as the Registrar.

TUARP Sketches

TUARP Times was pleased to receive the following update from **Alan Wilson.**

Budge and I are only months from ninety, so it's nice to think we are still recalled. We're holding together fairly well-each brought out a book in this year, and hopes to do so again next. I am in my 24th year on the South Shore Library Board and continue to teach for SCANS (N.S. Seniors College Association): two 6-week, 12-lecture semesters on “The Development of the Atlantic Provinces”. It's great fun: my students are retired admirals, surgeons, civil servants, and ardent woman and environmental advocates. Often, I'm the learner, they're so widely experienced.

Names of Honour

When one enters Scott House at Traill College, the Senior Common Room is just a few steps away. The ante-room boasts a lovely fireplace with a bookcase to one side. As you browse the books, you will find a bookplate: NJS Circulating Library, from friend to friend-enjoy! These books recall and honour **Nancy Sherouse** whose career at Trent began as College Assistant to Founding Principal **Marion Fry.** Nancy

went on to become a long-serving Principal at Trill and then Director of Human Resources until her retirement in 1992. At the time of her death, Trent Magazine wrote: “Nancy Sherouse’s humanity epitomised the values of Trent University for generations of its students and staff members in all of its divisions...Even the responsibilities of senior administration could not blunt the keen edge of Nancy’s desire to encounter the human in every situation. When carrying out the responsibilities of the institution, her concern was always to care for the individual. The vast network of friends who mourn her passing is testimony to the integrity with which she fulfilled these ideals”.

Nancy was an avid reader who left behind many books. At the reception following her funeral, the Scott House Junior Common Room was bursting with books for the many heart-broken colleagues and alumni who came to celebrate her life. We were all invited to partake of the NJS Circulating Library. I know of one book that has made it to Burnaby, B.C. and another has been spotted at the Upper Stony Lake Pavilion.

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