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Editorial

Creative, Adventurous, Courageous

These words were spoken by Governor General Georges Vanier at the opening ceremonies of Trent University on October 17, 1964. He was exhorting the university's leaders, and indeed all who would participate in the founding era, to take advantage of this historic opportunity to begin and shape a unique place of learning. His words were heeded and embedded in the culture of our university.

These three words were also chosen as the birthday cake inscription at the TUARP Tea for Founding President Tom Symons this summer. No event is complete without a glitch. The cake inscription was ordered by telephone. Upon delivery of the cake we discovered ‘Creative, **Adventurist**, Courageous!’ But in no way did this diminish the quality of our celebration.

When I told a friend this anecdote, he commented that the troika could also apply to the retired persons themselves as they took up art or music or literary practices or travelled to new destinations in new ways or simply conducted their day to day affairs and took on challenges in the form of mobility or vision or hearing or health. I have seen for myself the effort involved by some of our retired colleagues to attend our meeting and events. This striving to participate is deeply appreciated and makes it an honour to be involved with TUARP.

Greetings from Faculty Co-Chair

Currently the Faculty Co-Chair position is vacant. If you would be willing to serve a two-year term in this important role, please contact a member of the TUARP executive.

Greetings from Staff Co-Chair Tony Storey

The TUARP Summer Tea with special guest Founding President and Vanier Professor Emeritus was held on July 5 at the home of President Leo Groarke. Thirty-five retirees attended an enjoyable, successful and memorable gathering. A belated 90th birthday celebration for Tom Symons was part of the proceedings. The Pin Catering delivered a sublime afternoon tea with scones and sandwiches and squares. Glen Easson performed a greatly appreciated Canadian song trilogy in Professor Symons honour. And a lovely written contribution by Fergus O'Brien, "My Opportunity to Meet a Special Person" adorned each place setting. This one page recollection captured life at Peter Robinson College when Vanier Professor Symons had his office in a building known as The Cottage.

Thanks to the team who planned and executed this event: Joanne Sokolowski and Julie Ellis from Alumni Affairs; Julie Crook who identified the excellent caterer. Brian Thackeray who oversaw transportation for the guest of honour and my colleagues from the Executive Janice Millard and John Casserly. In true TUARP style, members Janice Matthews pitched in and our eminent volunteer Gillian Stamp joined the clean-up effort. If I have overlooked anyone, please let me know. Volunteerism lies at the heart of TUARP.

Our next meeting is an opportunity to contribute the annual TUARP dues of \$10. Last year we had 65 dues-paying members, about 15% of our overall population. Our bank balance benefits from these dues payments. That gave us the confidence to launch a new initiative in the form of last July's Summer Tea. Whether in person at the meeting or by

mail, we welcome your endorsement by dues payment.

56th General Meeting
Wednesday October 23, 2019
10 am to 12 Noon
Bagnani Hall, Trail College
Dues of \$10 are payable at this meeting or by mail.

Guest Speaker Dianne Lister
VP Advancement & External Relations
2006-2011

**Founding Director of the
Kawartha Lakes Arts Council**

**"Investing in Culture in
Kawartha Lakes: A case study
in community development"**

50 Years Ago-1969

The following is an excerpt from TRENT UNIVERSITY LIBRARY-THE FIRST TEN YEARS by Bruce Cossar (July 31, 2017)

THE BATA LIBRARY

Moving to the new building began on May 12, 1969. A commercial company provided trucks, equipment, boxes and supervisory manpower. Thirty students were hired for the week: some packed boxes and shifted them onto conveyor belts out the windows to the trucks; others unpacked them at the

designated spots in the new facility and sent the empties back for another load. There were now well over 100,000 volumes in the collection, plus many other items in various storage sites. With boxes, equipment and existing furniture all carefully labelled at source, delivery to destination went off almost without a hitch. It was a week of real sloggng, but the careful planning clearly paid off.

The Main Floor contained the Circulation Desk and workroom, the Reference, Acquisitions and Cataloguing Departments, current periodicals, the card catalogue and varied reader spaces. The third floor housed the main book collection and over 300 reader spaces; the fourth floor was initially occupied by other University departments, but would eventually match the third floor.

Library administration offices were down on the ground floor, along with a conference room (later named after Professor A.J.M. Smith), government documents, microfilms, a new Archives facility and a staff lounge. Also on this level, but not part of the Library operation, were the University's Audio-Visual Department and Recording Studio, and a small lecture theatre...

For the staff, having so much space was a joy after the severe crowding of Rubidge Hall. It also meant service opportunities which could never be considered before. Book circulation rose over 40% in one year. Community usage increased. Sunday opening was instituted. Even with the appointment of Reference Librarian Doug Robinson, the Reference staff were constantly on the go. A University Archives was established, with Patricia Johnson as Junior Archivist. David Wesimiller was appointed Map Librarian, his unit remaining in Rubidge Hall until the Geography Department was able to move to the campus. Bill Avis was appointed Circulation

Supervisor. More clerical assistants, many with BAs, took the Library staff up to 51 by January, 1971. Eighteen of them had been with the Library for at least three years...

SECURITY

During the Rubidge Hall days no effort had been made to check patron's bags or bundles as they left the premises, but a thorough inventory in the summer of 1969 indicated that several thousand volumes were missing, presumably stolen. Beginning that winter a security desk was installed at the exit and all bags and belongings were checked as people went by. Another inventory two years later found the loss rate had decreased but it had not stopped. Other libraries had the same problem and electronic security systems were being developed by various companies. In 1972 such a system was installed in the Bata Library...at the time no system was foolproof, the theft problem was largely solved.

Remembering Bruce Hodgins

The following are excerpts from Professor Emeritus Elwood Jones from the Peterborough Examiner and Professor Emeritus John Jennings from the Globe and Mail.

"Bruce Hodgins had an academic career that culminated at Trent University, where he was one of the founders, with Alan Wilson, of the department of history. Over his years there, he was active in Canadian studies and environmental studies....He was best known for his courses on Canadian federalism, which were enriched by his intensive study of Australian politics and history. He served some years as the chair of the history

department, and had a long-time engagement with the Frost Centre, the home for graduate work in Canadian Studies...

Bruce's other major historical interests were tied to the Temagami region. Bruce and Jamie Benidickson researched the history of the region and published the very influential "Temagami Experience" in 1989...

Bruce and Alan Wilson had introduced many important features to the teaching of history. Most teaching was done in faculty offices, which tended to be larger than those at other universities. There was great emphasis on reading and research, and the use of local resources was a trademark....

Bruce's legacy will be with canoeing Wanapitei, Trent University and the Canadian history of federalism and the North. His was a life well lived, several times."

Elwood Jones, the Peterborough Examiner
August 23, 2019

"For Bruce Hodgins, a historian, author and master paddler who spent more than half a century canoe-tripping throughout Canada's 10 provinces and three territories, the canoe was far more than a means of transportation. He once wrote that this "almost perfect vessel" represents our country's heritage and is imbued with symbolic significance....

He taught many students in the classroom and on canoe trips at Camp Wanapitei, a summer camp near Temagami, Ontario that his family purchased in 1956. The historian also wrote and co-edited a number of books on canoeing and Canadian history, and taught his students and peers to appreciate the environment and understand history from the perspective of Indigenous communities....

Despite his vast knowledge about Canada and its history, Dr. Hodgins had a profound

love of small things. On canoe trips, he would also want to stop and talk about the beauty of wild places and the peace he found there, Dr. Wadland said."

Professor John Jennings, The Globe and Mail, August 28, 2019

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

Names of Honour will return next issue.

Upcoming Event Christmas Tea

At time of publication, the Christmas Tea is scheduled for Friday December 13, 2019 at the Lady Eaton College dining room. The tea will offer an original entertainment by

President Leo Groarke, Professor Emeritus
Gordon Johnston and Associate Vice
President Marilyn Burns.

The Tea will be held from 2 to 4 pm and
include refreshments and appetizers.

We are currently working with the
President's Office to determine if a date
earlier in December is feasible, but for now
December 13 is the scheduled date.
Donations to the Food Bank are welcome.

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is available at www.trentu.ca/alumni and
news and events at Trent is available at
www.trentu.ca/newsevents/.

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