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### Editorial – On The Road Again

By Tony Storey

After a twenty month separation from important friends in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia and with a forty-three hour playlist on my Spotify account, I journeyed to the Near East.

I departed Peterborough on Sept 11 with a 1000 km drive to Edmundston NB. This allowed for a much easier second day to Fredericton. I enjoyed a walk across the St John River on a converted train bridge and enjoyed a beer at the very interesting Picaroons Brewery. They have a large site on the river (including a converted locomotive roundhouse) looking across to downtown Fredericton with the UNB and St Thomas University buildings nicely arrayed on a hillside.

On my third day I successfully entered the province of Nova Scotia. There is still a border crossing in place but I had completed all the Safe Traveller Check In paperwork online. I was excited and a bit emotional and persuaded the border agent to join me in a quick Hip Hip Hooray.

My next destination was Smith's Cove close to Digby and the Bay of Fundy where I stayed in an Airbnb barn apartment over a small craft brewery. This was the most interesting vacation rental property I have ever stayed at. I had two levels of 1200 square feet each with a private deck (from which I could watch the 5 pm ferry depart for St. John New Brunswick) overlooking the seven acre property complete with gazebo, pond, vineyard and wandering chickens. A trail led down to the Digby Rail Trail and from there through the grounds of a resort to the cove beach.

My first supper was pan fried haddock at a Digby restaurant. As I walked back to my car I counted five Ontario license plates in a row. A woman in a gift store said that the term Little Ontario is commonly used in

the area. It is a blend of tourists and people who have sold up and moved to the area. I also visited Bear River (a tidal river village dominated by artists and their shops and studios) and drove along Digby Neck, a narrow finger of land sandwiched between St Mary's Bay and the Bay of Fundy. I got as far as East Ferry but realized I had not allowed enough time to enjoy the two ferry rides to the adjacent islands. Instead I explored Bay of Fundy Beach at Sandy Cove.



Smith's Cove, Nova Scotia, seen from the Lazy Bear Barn apartment.





Bay of Fundy Beach, Sandy Cove, Nova Scotia



The Lookoff, Minas Basin, near Canning, Nova Scotia

While exploring a pub in Digby, I had one of those small world moments that crop up while traveling. I sat at the bar talking to the server and a couple who had landed at the far end of the bar. The subject of Peterborough came up which prompted the server to exclaim she had once lived there and her brother played for the Petes. Meanwhile it emerged that the couple were from Pickering and he had played lacrosse for Peterborough's James Gang. They were touring the Maritimes searching for a property to relocate to.

I arrived at my friend's home in Dartmouth for a highly welcome reunion after a twenty month hiatus. Across the street is Penhorn Lake. Dartmouth is riddled with these small lakes with lovely walkways leading from one to another.

I logged two nights in the Garden Suite at the Stella Rose B & B in Wolfville run by Robyn Wilson and Neil Harvey, the daughter and son-in-law of Paul and Gillian Wilson. I was treated to a surprise pub outing, followed by a gourmet roast beef and Yorkshire pudding supper with four other Ontarians on an outdoor deck on a warm evening under clear skies.

Any visit to Wolfville includes a stop at The Odd Book, a high quality used and rare bookstore. I was pleased to acquire a Folio Society edition of Ulysses by James Joyce.

Another warm sunny day set the stage for a walk to nearby Port Williams where good beers were enjoyed with Acadia professor of Arthurian literature Kevin Whetter, a Trent graduate taught by my brother Professor Ian Storey.





Garden Suite, Stella Rose B+B, Wolfville, Nova Scotia



Bill Thorpe Walking Bridge, Fredericton, New Brunswick

The Wayfarers Ale Society overlooks the tidal Cornwallis River. I was told that Acadia students will slide in the mud there before returning to downtown Wolfville with free hugs on offer.

I departed Wolfville for downtown Halifax for two nights in a very attractive and beautifully located Airbnb apartment on Lower Water Street. I had left my car with my Dartmouth friends, so lots of walking under sunny blue skies and mild temperatures. I was treated to an excellent birthday dinner at Ristorante a Mano, followed by a nightcap at the Brown Hound.

The apartment had a courtyard balcony and the warm evenings allowed me to take full advantage. This was a real taste of modern urban density for me. My building was four stories. To my right was a eight storey structure and opposite was

seven floors. Through a gap in the urban landscape I could see a twelve storey complex.

Downtown Halifax is ablaze with development, although heritage buildings are preserved, even if repurposed.

I conducted a solo pub crawl with lots of walking and

visits to the Split Crow (possibly the oldest licensed establishment in North America), East of Grafton and a long time favorite, the Henry House.

During the time I spent in NS, the province of New Brunswick introduced border control measures. I had to complete an online form to secure a temporary multi-use pass. I fully expected to have to present it at the New Brunswick border but this was not the case.

As I made the return journey I had hoped to stay overnight in Grand Falls but the downtown road construction project (I am pleased to award Grand Falls with the most disruptive and bewildering detour medal) chased me out of town.

My eighteen day excursion featured daytime rain just twice. Local citizens encouraged me to take the credit for this. The word putrid was used to describe earlier summer weather. I did have one taste of high wind and sideways rain on the Halifax boardwalk. I had left my souvenir shopping to the last minute so I ventured forth. Every part of me got wet and at one point I sheltered under a building canopy dodging outdoor furniture and watching





The Boardwalk on the Halifax Waterfront

water pour upwards out of the drains.

I was very well served by my Spotify playlist. I had selected lots of Atlantic Canadian music. It was a particular pleasure when I had successfully entered Nova Scotia, assuring that I would be reuniting with my friends, that I had back to back songs featuring Ashley MacIsaac and then the Barra MacNeills.

I treated myself to an overnight stay in Kingston which was my first exposure to the requirement to provide proof of double vaccination.

“Oh the places you’ll go! There is fun to be done! There are points to be scored. There are games to be won.”

Dr. Seuss, Oh, The Places You’ll Go!

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## Co-Chair’s Remarks

By Gina Collins (Co-Chair, Staff)

As pandemic waves come and go, we remain diligent. We will continue to meet via Zoom for the time being. Hopefully we will be able to get together soon and have social events.

I really enjoyed the Tom Symons memories in the Fall 2020 newsletter. He was a wonderful person and is truly missed by all. I have many fond memories of my time at Trent but my favourite memory is before I even started working there. My brother, Barry Godin, graduated from Trent in 1972. I remember it was a very hot day and this is my favourite picture of my Mom and I sitting in the shade at Champlain College. Little did I know then that

25 years later I would be working at the university. I volunteered at every convocation to gown students until the pandemic hit. My hope is that this year it will be held on campus once again.

Back in the spring of 2020 when we first started

meeting via zoom, a member added some memories of

their time at Trent.

We have made it a regular part of our annual meetings and invite everyone to share items before we adjourn.



Gina Collins and her mom at Trent University in 1972.

## QUIZ – Presidents and Chancellors

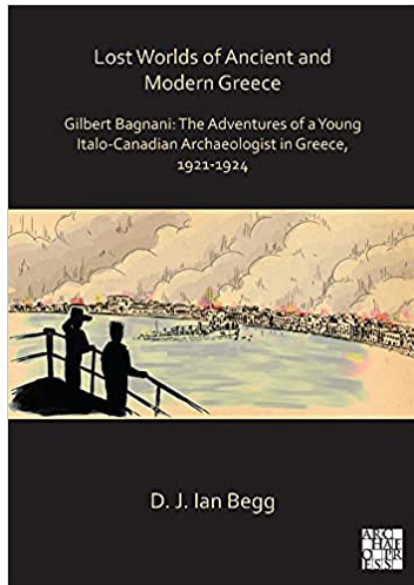
(Answers on final page of newsletter)

- 1) Name the president who performed A Little Help With My Friends (in the foyer of the Ministry of Natural Resources building) along with the band Shame On The Moon and guest Don Tapscott.
- 2) This chancellor presided over the presidential installation of John Stubbs and declared that a trial lawyer should be able to offer a summation of the proceedings: John Stubbs is back at Trent University, where he belongs, and there is great happiness.
- 3) In the presidential portrait by the late Richard Hayman, this president is shown with a Chinese scroll in the background.
- 4) This president stated that he had accepted the position because Trent was distinctive and distinguished.
- 5) This chancellor accepted an honorary degree from Trent and described one of the pivotal moments of his life as attending the Beatles concert in Toronto.
- 6) While presiding over Convocation this chancellor responded to an international student who danced her way across the podium by joining her halfway in a moment of delight for the audience.
- 7) This president went on to chair the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada.
- 8) If you encountered this president on campus with a request, he would tie a knot in his handkerchief to remind himself later in the day.
- 9) This chancellor drew on his environmental background to describe the clouds overhead at Convocation.
- 10) Which chancellor was considered one of Canada's foremost constitutional experts?
- 11) This president agreed to be hoisted at the end of a crane to publicize the campaign to support the construction of the Environmental Sciences Centre.
- 12) Which chancellor expressed her concerns about a proposed university reorganization and later commented to her son, "Kid, if they wanted a silent Chancellor, they shouldn't have chosen me."
- 13) Name the acting and interim presidents. There are at least five.
- 14) This president was an accomplished researcher who used remote sensing methods to learn about grizzly bears.
- 15) This chancellor spoke movingly at Convocation about the dark days of his life and exhorted the new graduates to reach out a hand to someone who had fallen behind.
- 16) This president's installation address opened with "Do you believe in magic?"
- 17) This chancellor presided over Convocation attached to his oxygen supply and told the audience it was a direct feed to the CBC.
- 18) Which chancellor presented the university with a photograph she took in Canada's far north, a place she stated had fewer visitors than people in space?
- 19) This chancellor and accompanying band rocked Showplace Peterborough during Trent's 50th Anniversary celebrations.
- 20) Which president recited Dr. Seuss at a public event?
- 21) Which president's favourite pint was a Boddington Cream Ale, served at room temperature?

## Recent Publications of Interest

### **Lost Worlds of Ancient and Modern Greece: Gilbert Bagnani: The Adventures of a Young Italo-Canadian Archeologist in Greece, 1921-24**

By Dr. Ian Begg



Dr. Ian Begg has written the first volume of a proposed trilogy concerning the life and career of Gilbert Bagnani, a classics scholar, author and professor of ancient history at Trent University from 1965 to 1975. He joined the faculty at Trent at the invitation of a former pupil, founding president Tom Symons.

Gilbert and his wife Stewart Bagnani greatly enriched the intellectual life of the early years at Trent, and were generous benefactors. Bagnani Hall at Trill College is named in their honour.

Lost Worlds explores the earliest years of Gilbert's career against the tumultuous backdrop of post-war Greece and Turkey.

The late Professor Symons contributed the foreword to the book and Ian Begg's dedication reads, "To Professor Thomas H.B.Symons, for his steadfast support and humanism par excellence."

### **Proper Names and Improper Theories, A Tribute to J.L. Austin (1911-1960)**

By Professor David Gallop

...sentences contain words or verbal devices to serve both descriptive and demonstrative purposes...often both at once. In philosophy we mistake the descriptive for the demonstrative (theory of universals) or the demonstrative for the descriptive (theory of monads).

As Professor Gallop writes, "The year 2020 marks the sixteenth anniversary of J.L. Austin's death. In tribute to him as the dominant Oxford philosopher of his day, this article will develop the above remarks from his much-studied 1950 paper on Truth."

### **Gordon Johnston pens playful and attentive portraits of the non-human world**

By Will Pearson

The May 27th 2021 edition of Peterborough Currents features an interview by Trent graduate Will Pearson with Professor Gordon Johnston about Gordon's new poetry chapbook, Natural Prayers.

Johnston's book collects 24 poems written over the past few years, each one of them from the perspective of a different plant or animal.

Natural Prayers was published in an edition of 100 copies earlier this year by Jackson Creek Press.

You can read the full interview here:

[www.peterboroughcurrents.ca/arts/gordon-johnston-natural-prayers](http://www.peterboroughcurrents.ca/arts/gordon-johnston-natural-prayers)



Natural Prayers, a new poetry chapbook by Gordon Johnston



## 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

## Reminder to update contact information

Don't miss TUARP newsletters or meeting notices – remember to keep your contact information up to date!

If you have moved, changed phone numbers or email addresses, be sure to update your profile by visiting <http://www.mycommunity.trentu.ca/myprofile> or emailing [advancementservices@trentu.ca](mailto:advancementservices@trentu.ca)

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## Notice of General Meeting

Wednesday October 27, 2021

10 am to 12 Noon

By Zoom

Guest Speaker: A Conversation with Provost and VP Academic Dr. Michael Khan

Dr. Khan was appointed as the new Provost on August 1, 2020 for a five-year term. He had been the dean of Human Kinetics and Athletics & Recreational Services at the University of Windsor since 2011. Professor Khan brings a diverse background and an international perspective to his role at Trent. He grew up in Trinidad and Tobago; attended university in three different provinces in Canada and worked in the United Kingdom for 12 years.

## Call for submissions

The Editor warmly invites submissions by March 15, 2022 from retirees on two themes:

Arrivals...Do you recall your first days at Trent? Co-Chair Gina Collins will be remembering her arrival at the Physics department and the Editor will turn the clock back to November 1978 when he arrived at the Otonabee College office with a raging cold.

Quintessential Trent Moments...Do you have a favourite memory of your time at the university? I recently had the pleasure of remembering the retirement party for Genie McKeiver, hosted by Paul Wilson at Athletics. Founding President Tom Symons was in attendance as was a fiddler from Douro.

Submissions of any length are welcome. Please email to [tonystorey71@gmail.com](mailto:tonystorey71@gmail.com).

## Quiz Solutions

1. Bonnie Patterson
  2. J.J. Robinette
  3. Donald Theall
  4. Leonard Conolly
  5. Stephen Stohn
  6. Roberta Bondar
  7. Tom Symons
  8. Tom Nind
  9. Kenneth Hare
  10. Eugene Forsey
  11. John Stubbs
  12. Margaret Laurence
13. Richard Sadleir, Marion Fry, Roy Edwards, David Morrison, David Smith
  14. Steven Franklin
  15. Tom Jackson
  16. John Stubbs
  17. Peter Gzowski
  18. Roberta Bondar
  19. Don Tapscott
  20. Leo Groarke
  21. Leonard Conolly