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## Editorial – A Stroll Through 51 Years of Symons Campus Development

*By Tony Storey*

It's mid-October and I am conducting a walk-about of the Symons Campus with a neighbour.

When I arrived as a first year student in 1971 the west Bank of the Nassau Campus consisted of Lady Eaton and Champlain Colleges, the Bata Library, the Athletics Field and Air Hall (known as the Bubble) and the Staging Building. The Faryon Bridge connected us to a lone building on the east Bank, the Science Complex. Further south you would find two old red brick build-

ings, the Mackenzie Gallery and the Commoner, an art gallery and student pub respectively and the Archeaology Centre.

What we now call the Symons Campus has experienced transformational physical development in the time I have gone from bring a first year student to a retiree of some eleven years.

Please join me for this photo chronicle of those changes.



**1972-73: Otonabee College**



**1977: Athletics Complex**  
*(Now known as the PSB Wilson Building)*



**1991: Environmental Sciences Centre**



**1993: Trent Childcare Centre**



**1999: Physics Building**



**2004: Chemical Sciences Building**



**2004: Gzowski College**



**2004: DNA Building**



**2009: Camp Kawartha Environment Centre**



**2010: Athletics and Recreation Extension**



**2010: Justin Chiu Stadium**



**2016: Trent/City of Peterborough Sports Fields**



**2017: Student Centre**



**2021: Forensic Science Crime Scene House**

## Remembering An Inspiring Professor, Alumnus and Friend

By Tony Storey

The Trent, Fleming and Peterborough communities were deeply saddened to learn of the sudden death of Dr. Tom Phillips.

A palpable shock wave of disbelief and distress quickly spread throughout the city and beyond.

I first met Tom at an alumni event. I immediately liked his lively sense of humour, wide grin and his talent and skill were evident. One moment he was attending events, the next he was hosting them in the modern home he shared with his mother. Tom took a strong interest in the Alumni Association, joining the Peterborough Chapter, the Alumni Council and served on the university's Board of Governors.

His physical condition since birth (Tom introduced himself to his new chiropractor by stating, "I am your worst nightmare.") was never an obstacle for Tom as he piled up one accomplishment after another; a Ph.D at the New School of Social Research, a secondment to the Cayman Islands to help plan the emerging university, a senior academic role at Fleming College, teaching and special assignments at Trent.

His arrival in the Cayman Islands gave him a front row seat for a devastating hurricane. None of us were surprised he was recruited to serve on the Prime Minister's recovery team. He was tasked with replacing every stop sign on the island.

He had a deep understanding of Peterborough and Trent's founding era. He enriched both Fleming College and Trent University through his teaching finesse and administrative moxie.

Lacrosse and golf were important passions. He did not play golf, he would point out to me "I exercise ball management."

Bumping into Tom was often like walking into a comedy sketch. You had to have your wits about you to lob the one-liners back and forth. One of our favourite exchanges upon spotting each other at a function was to assert that we had, through our attendance, significantly lowered the average height of attendees.

Tom attended my 70th birthday party in September. He very generously gave me a gift card for his favourite pub, the Crook and Coffey on Hunter Street West. I invited a neighbour to join me at the pub. Tom was at a table at the back with golfing friends. Upon seeing us enter he smilingly exclaimed, "Oh No!" I had hoped to buy him a drink with his gift card, but I saw that the group had paid their bill. We kibbutzed briefly as he departed. I said that it was unlikely we could use the whole card in one session. He leaned over our table with the ear to ear grin and said, "I highly recommend you use it all today."

And so we did.



## Co-Chair's Remarks

By Gina Collins

Greetings fellow retirees. We hope this edition of the TUARP Times finds you well and able to resume some normal activities.

We were able to meet in person at the May meeting and will once again meet in person this October. We are hoping to arrange for those unable to attend in person to participate via Zoom. More details on this will be sent soon. If you know of a retiree that isn't receiving notifications about TUARP events, please have them send an email to [alumni@trentu.ca](mailto:alumni@trentu.ca)

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the General Meeting on October 26th and the Christmas Get Together on November 30th.

## A Nova Scotia Visit

The Editor and former colleague Sherry Booth had the pleasure of a delightful visit in August with Professor Michael and Cara Peterman at their seasonal home near Lunenburg Nova Scotia.



Left to right: Tony Storey, Cara Peterman, Michael Peterman, and Sherry Booth.

## Trent in High Autumn: A University Fall Reminiscence

By Sean Kane

To help celebrate a new school year and Fall on Symons campus, Sean Kane has shared an essay looking back at the early years of the university.

"I wrote Trent in High Autumn for Founding President Tom Symons a month before he died," recalls Sean. "Tom phoned me to tell me how much he was moved by it. He said the thing about Trent is that it has an indestructible soul. If people could remind the community every so often of its visionary spirit, Trent will continue to offer students what's essential in the experience of a university."

Trent in High Autumn features a cast of academic characters and uniquely Trent moments that are both poignant and comedic. It is a literary scrapbook of woolly snapshots that could only have occurred on the burgeoning Trent campus.

We are honoured to help Sean, and the late THB Symons, remind us all of the University's unique beginnings, outlook, and ideals as a community of scholars.

Sean Kane is a Professor Emeritus in English Literature and Cultural Studies. His second novel *Racoon: A Wondertale* will be published by Guernica Editions in March, 2023.

You can read the essay online, here:

<https://mycommunity.trentu.ca/trentnews150>



## Quiz – Dining and Entertainment in Peterborough and Area

*Answers on next page.*

1. This restaurant and jazz club on Charlotte Street was a popular destination between 1978 and 1983 that featured the music of pianist Bryan Browne.

2. These side by side pub/restaurant/live music venues on George Street near Sherbrooke were founded by John Greco and Ray Kapoor.

3. What small revue cinema operated in an upstairs location in Charlotte Mews on Simcoe Street in the late 1970s and screened Rocky Horror Picture Show?

4. How many downtown locations did the Trent University bookstore have before moving to the Symons Campus?

5. This reliable and affordable coffee shop was located across the street from the former Peterborough Examiner building at Hunter and Queen.

6. What major construction initiative in the late 1960s caused the relocation of the city bus depot on Water Street between Simcoe and Charlotte?

7. What were the names of the two movie theaters on George Street located on the same block?

8. What was the name of an old fashioned hotel, popular with students, on Clear Lake in Young's Point?

9. What was the name of the large main floor beverage room in the Empress Hotel?

10. This very popular restaurant was in Market Plaza and was always busy just before a Peterborough Petes game.

11. What were the names of the two now-demolished hotels in Lakefield?

12. This large restaurant and nightclub complex at the corner of Water and Simcoe featured a restaurant, a dinner theatre and a nightclub. Can you name all three?

13. This family business on Hunter Street East combined a butcher and a grocery store.

14. The Peterborough Club at Water and Simcoe later became a night club popular with students.

15. This legendary Brock Street watering hole was the subject of a film screened at the Reframe Festival.

16. This month marks the fifth anniversary of the closure of this George St venue, loved by students and community members alike for its anything-goes creative atmosphere.

### A Fall Supper

It was a true privilege for the Editor to host a supper for former president John Stubbs, Mayling Stubbs and Paul and Gillian Wilson in October.



*Left to right: John Stubbs, Mayling Stubbs, Paul Wilson, Gillian Wilson.*

## Quiz Answers

1. Pepper's
2. Falstaff's and Rockwell's
3. Festival Screening Room
4. The bookstore had two locations. Hunter and Charlotte Streets
5. Kent's Coffee Shop
6. The construction of Peterborough Square
7. Odeon and Paramount
8. South Beach Hotel
9. Gold Rush Room
10. Miss Diana's
11. The Commercial and the Ship and Shore
12. The Coach Stop, Freight Shed and Whispers
13. Welch's
14. Trasheteria
15. The Pig's Ear
16. The Spill

## An Update From the University Pension Plan

UPP celebrated its first anniversary on July 1st. As part of that important milestone, UPP recently released its first Annual Report and Climate Action Plan. [Building a Bright Future: UPP's 2021 Annual Report](#) provides a snapshot of UPP's first six operating months from July 1 to December 31, 2021, as well as key financial statements and other important disclosures. The [Climate Action Plan](#) is our formal commitment and pathway for achieving a net-zero greenhouse gas emissions portfolio by 2040 or sooner.

## 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

## Annual Dues Notice

Voluntary TUARP dues payment of \$10 is invited. Members may pay at the meeting or by Interac banking transfer.

Add TUARP to your banking app list of payees and send to [tuarp@trentu.ca](mailto:tuarp@trentu.ca).

## 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)

## Contribute to the next issue!

The Editor warmly invites submissions for the next issue by March 1, 2023. They may be sent to [tonystorey71@gmail.com](mailto:tonystorey71@gmail.com).

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

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Trent University is pleased to announce the 2022 Community Speaker Series, with free admission and open to all with advance registration. Unless otherwise stipulated, lectures will take place in person at Trent University.

Visit [trentu.ca/communityspeakerseries](https://trentu.ca/communityspeakerseries) for more information and to register to attend.



**November 10**

John Fekete Distinguished Lecture

**Dr. Lisa Parks**

Mixed Signals: Media Infrastructures and Globalization



**November 23**

Harry Kitchen Lecture in Public Policy

**William Watson**

What goes around comes around – or does it? Reflections of a 70s guy



*Past lecture recording available:*

Elaine Stavro Distinguished Visiting Scholar in Theory, Politics and Gender

**Dr. Bonnie Honig**

Toward a Democratic Theory of Contagion

## Notice of General Meeting

The next General Meeting of TUARP will be held:

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

10 am to 12 Noon

AJM Smith Room, Bata Library, Symons Campus

Guest Speaker: Amber Colibaba, Trent Centre for Aging & Society

Amber Colibaba is the coordinator for the Trent Centre for Aging and Society and the Rural Aging Research Program at Trent University. She is a proud Trent alum, having graduated with a B.A. Geography in 2014, and M.A. Sustainability Studies with the Collaborative Specialization in Aging Studies in 2018. Amber's research interests focus on rural aging and community development, specifically in reference to older voluntarism.

## TUARP Christmas Reception

The annual TUARP Reception will be held:

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

2pm to 4pm

Ashburnham Ale House

128 Hunter Street East, Peterborough

Hosted by President Leo Groarke.

Appetizers and soft beverages generously provided by the President's Office.

Cash bar.

Donations to local food banks welcome.

RSVP to Julie Crook: [jcrook@trentu.ca](mailto:jcrook@trentu.ca)



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