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Editorial

Loss and Remembrance

Since the last newsletter in May, there have been several deaths among our retired colleagues. My career at Trent spanned 1978 to 2011 and I was greatly saddened to count some favorite colleagues among the recent passings.

Jim English was Director of Information and Director of Student Affairs. I wrote in **TUARP Times Vol. 22** how important his mentorship and example were to me as a young and ‘green’ administrator. The excellent work he did at Trent was characterized with common sense and gentle humour and he was a contributor to both local and national organizations.

I got to know and respect **Bruce Shearer** in his role as Assistant Porter at Otonabee College in 1978. He went on to become the College Porter and was immensely popular with the students for his sense of fun and individual kindnesses. If I am not mistaken, Otonabee College alumni followed ‘Bruce the Porter’ on Facebook, long after graduation. I was asked to speak at a retirement party for Bruce at the legendary

Pig’s Ear tavern. This was an opportunity to recount a favorite memory from my early career which involved Bruce, the late **Irma Adams** (Head Housekeeper), a hand cart and a College housekeepers Christmas party. **Vera Moher** was a housekeeper at that time and succeeded Irma Adams as Head Housekeeper. She had the complete respect of the College staff and Fellows, bringing a gentle and unflappable demeanour to all her duties.

Bill Bowers oversaw the Print Shop for many years. Along with Sharon English, they ensured a ‘Swiss watch’ standard of operational efficiency. Bill could tell by your body language if your printing requirements were ‘urgent’. By the time you departed the Print Shop, your heartbeat was slowing and you knew you were in good hands.

The TUARP Executive was shocked to learn of the death our Secretary, **Eunice Lund Lucas**. Although our career activities were quite distinct, I appreciated Eunice’s energy and ‘find-a way-to-get-it done’ determination as a retired colleague.

It was a privilege and a delight to have been influenced by these fine colleagues. I learned something important and lasting

from each one of them, and they shall not be forgotten.

Greetings from Co-Chair Janice Millard

There are many changes going on at Trent this year. Traill College has undergone renovation to some buildings. On the Symons Campus road repairs are taking place along Pioneer Road and changes are being made on both sides of the bridge over the Otonabee River on Nassau Mills Road. Riders of the bus to the East bank Campus have had the bus route changed. Getting around can take longer than the past. The Bata Library is undergoing renovation and all the staff and departments in that building (both Library and non-Library) have been relocated for a year. Many are on Symons Campus but the library print collection is off campus and individual items are retrievable upon request. The Archives and MADGIC departments are in downtown Peterborough and accessible by appointment. A service point for Library assistance and services remains on the Symons Campus. And of course there was the completion and opening of the wonderful new Student Centre. It is between the Athletics Centre and the Library where a parking lot was formerly located. So before you come to the Symons Campus please check and confirm where the department you intend to visit is now located. It could have moved!

With regard to our email list, I want to thank Sylvia Hennessey for her assistance to TUARP. She has moved to work in the library and now Julie Ellis will be handling our emails. Julie works out of the Alumni affairs office and may be contacted through them.

With regard to our correspondence with you, please consider having things sent via email. It saves us the cost of paper, printing, envelopes and postage.

Greetings from Co-Chair Wayne Wilson

Fall greetings to all TUARP members and I hope that you had a good summer, short as it was. TUARP continues to be an active association of over 400 retirees but we lost a number of well-known retired staff this past year, in particular, a good friend Bill Bowers. I will be concluding my two year term this December and hope you will continue to support TUARP. It was an honour to be the staff co-chair and a pleasure to work with the Executive committee members.

General Meeting Wednesday October 25, 2017 Bagnani Hall, Traill College- 10 am to 12 pm

Guest Speaker Professor Emeritus John Marsh

Local Historical Barns

Accessible parking or drop-off is available for those who desire the shortest possible walk directly off Dublin Street. Follow the laneway to Bagnani Hall. On-street parking is available on both London and

Dublin Street, along with Traill College parking lots accessible from Dublin Street.

50 Years Ago-1967

- Peter Robinson College became co-educational.
- Scott House opened at Traill College.
- All of Champlain College was ready for occupancy in September 1967.
- The Joint Committee of the Arts and Sciences passed a resolution in December 1967 urging the construction of a large lecture theatre on campus along with a stand-alone social sciences building. This was incorporated into the planning for College V, later christened Otonabee College.
- A new government funding formula was brought into effect. It did not serve Trent or other small, new universities well.
- Honorary Degrees were presented to Major James Coldwell, Edwin Mirvish, Bora Laskin, Charles Ashley and Alex Colville.

Names of Honour

Fry Lodge, Traill College Dedicated 2017

Professor Emeritus **Marion Fry** has been honoured this year by the college she served as its Founding Principal. The Principal's lodge was re-named Fry Lodge in her honour. Current principal Michael Eamon

made the announcement at a ceremony on May 15, 2017.

“From the very beginning she was a ground breaker as a woman in higher education and an inspiration for young women at a time when universities were male dominated...The naming of Fry Lodge honours the college's first principal and marks a return to the tradition for Traill buildings of naming them after notable women.”

Dr. Marion Fry, a Philosophy professor, started as the principal of Traill College in 1963 and held the position at Trent's first all-women's college for five years. She was also the associate professor of Philosophy from 1964 to 1986, winning the Symons Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1986-87.

During the Introductory Seminar Week of the late 1970s and early 1980s, it was customary to stage a faculty debate known as The Raft, in which the three or four faculty recruited from various disciplines would defend the validity of their discipline. Dr. Marion Fry agreed to participate, bringing with her a stuffed owl, Minerva, goddess of wisdom. Despite the electrifying rhetoric from the historian, the late **John Syrett** (it was not unusual for him to stand on a table delivering an impassioned revivalist- preacher style oration) Professor Fry emerged as the people's choice for her carefully argued defence of the importance and value of philosophical thinking. The University of King's College-Halifax marked the honouring of their alumna and former president Dr. Fry in a special announcement.

Retiree Sketches

Associate Professor Emeritus **Jocelyn Aubrey** is the owner and creative force behind Jocelyn Jewellery. She is a self-taught jewellery artisan who makes jewellery at her country home in the Cavan Hills near Peterborough. She works with precious metals, semi-precious gemstones and organic materials like pearls, amber and coral. Her creations are elegant and generally traditional in style. Her work can be viewed at: www.jocelynjewellery.com

Professor Emeritus **Dr. Ian C. Storey** has been presented with the Classical Association of Canada Award of Merit for the year 2017. The award “recognizes a member’s longstanding and meritorious efforts in excellent or innovative teaching, mentoring of students and faculty colleagues, promoting knowledge of the ancient Greek and Roman world among the general public, and service to the association.”

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