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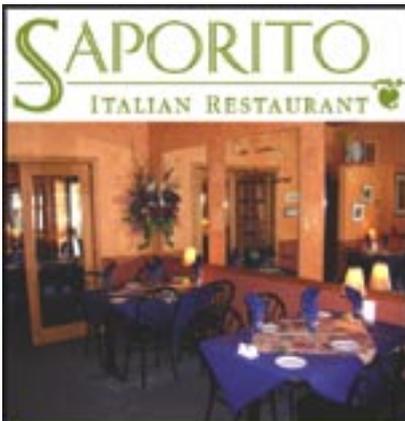
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LIZ FLEMING '77

## Self-awareness...starting with the left elbow

I want you to think," said the yoga instructor, "about how your left elbow is feeling right now."

My left elbow?! When, if ever, have I given any serious thought to my left elbow? Or my right one, for that matter?

In fact, I realized, as I stretched myself into the warrior position and thought seriously... for perhaps the first time...about my elbows, I hardly ever pay any attention to how the various parts of me are feeling. I'm always too caught up in the work of the moment.

It's not uncommon for me to be typing madly away, vaguely aware of a headache coming on...when I suddenly realize that the cramp in my shoulder/neck/arm is being caused by the awkward way I'm holding my upper body. So caught up in the project at hand, I'm frighteningly able to ignore the screeching of my own stressed-out muscles.

I suspect I'm not the only one who does this. In fact, I'm quite sure I'm one of a very large group of busy and highly focused workies who need to slow down a bit from time to time and listen to...well...their left and right elbows.

It's a process that yoga instructor refers to as 'being in the moment', by which she means never allowing yourself to be so captivated by what you're reading, writing, thinking or talking about that you lose

your sense of self...of how you're feeling.

It's an interesting concept, and one I've been playing with ever since.

I can't say that I've completely mended my ways. There's still a lot more zip than zen in the way I tackle life, but I am trying to tap in to my physical self more often to see how I'm feeling about what's going on around and within me. It doesn't take long to do a quick check-in and it's a great, quick way to clear your mind of whatever difficulties the project at hand is presenting.

Try it...and then let me know what you think. Start by asking yourself, "So...how IS my left elbow feeling?" **T**

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MATT GRIEM '97

## The Commoner Spirit

In the last issue of *Trent Magazine*, we asked for alumni feedback regarding a possible "Commoner Reunion" to be hosted by the Association. The purpose of the reunion was not only to mourn the loss of an old friend, but also to celebrate the history and good times of this institution.

While we knew that the passions regarding The Commoner were strong, I don't think anything could have prepared us for the response. Over the past few months we received dozens of phone calls and emails from the "friends of the Commoner."

Some were alumni from Trent's early history, who fondly remember post-exam (or in some cases, pre-exam) nights out at the old farmhouse on the East Bank.

Others were former managers and staff of the Commoner, who told us about the music and watching bands like the "Tallboys" playing late into the night. We even received comments from current students, who were curious about the history of a building that meant so much to so many.

To an outside observer, it may seem odd that a campus pub would garner so much affection from students and alumni, years after they left the University. However, to those who passed through its doorway, the Commoner was much more than a campus pub. As any Trent student (past or present) will tell you, at least half of what you learn in university happens beyond the walls of the classroom. For many, the Commoner played a large role in their Trent education.

Despite the difference in backgrounds of the respondents, we received one overarching message: while they expressed their sadness about the loss of the building, a

reunion would be most welcome and both alumni and members of the Trent Community would be willing to help in any way they could.

As we now prepare for the reunion, to be held on September 30, 2006 in conjunction with Head of the Trent—alumni are donating their time, advice, and professional services to this event.

In many ways, the response we received regarding the Commoner demonstrated some of the classic elements of the spirit of Trent: caring, understanding, volunteerism, and commitment. These are qualities I've often seen demonstrated by alumni, but they never cease to impress. It is this spirit which the Alumni Association will seek to foster.

This April, we honoured a number of alumni with the Association's Distinguished Achievement Award. This year's recipients came from many diverse backgrounds, from business and finance to performing arts and humanitarianism. However, they all have one thing in common: they have striven for excellence in their respective fields and have bettered their communities for it.

As the University prepares for the largest convocation in its history, graduating over 1,700 students, it is heartening to know that we will also be sending more of the "Trent Spirit" into communities across the world. I look forward to welcoming these graduates to the Association and being a part of the future that they will no doubt help to shape. [T](mailto:mattgriem@trentu.ca)

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PRESIDENT BONNIE M. PATTERSON

# Looking to the Future

Convocation is upon us once again and, as we mark this occasion and welcome Trent's largest graduating class into the ranks of alumni, it is only fitting that we also take the time to reflect on where we've been and where we are heading, both as individuals and as an institution.

In this edition of *Trent Magazine* you will find several stories about alumni, like yourself, who are leading successful and engaging lives, all the while keeping a special place in their hearts for their times here at Trent. You'll read about **Darren Huston '85**, a B.Sc. Honours graduate and current CEO of Microsoft in Japan, who can track his current career path back to his time and studies at Trent. You will also read about **Mark Collins '81**, who reminisced about running along River Road and writing for the *Arthur* during a recent interview at his current post as a CBC Radio Producer in Toronto.

In addition to these successful alumni, you will also meet an alumna who has recently returned to Trent in a new high-profile leadership capacity that will help guide the University into an exciting and prosperous future. As a former student and, now, as Trent's new Vice-President External Relations and Advancement, **Dianne Lister '71** remembers well the learning experience at Trent and is excited about how we can build on our

past experiences to help shape new future directions. With children in university, she's also aware of just how much has changed in the expectations of young people today for their university experience.

Guiding Trent into its preferred future is "Strategy 2010"—a strategic directions document developed three years ago and approved by the University's Senate and Board of Governors. But, once on paper, that strategy needs to be continually reassessed and continuously evolving as a living document. And so, too, must our future path be reflective of changes in the external environment whether they are characterized in new government policy and funding requirements, legislation, expectations of our many stakeholders or the competition.

It is exciting to have one of Trent's own graduates as a member of the executive team leading the evolution of our Philanthropic objectives and creating the new External Relations portfolio. Additionally, several projects are underway to help ensure Trent's future prosperity, building on the recently approved Endowment Lands Master Plan. That plan maps out a long-term strategy for the development of the University's Endowment Lands and outlines an integrated approach to future land use.

While this plan represents potential for change, it also fully takes into consideration the long-term implications of many proposals that would be compatible and complementary to the University's core campus—including campus architecture. The plan also outlines relationships to protected Nature Areas and creates green buffer zones ensuring that, while change may occur, the Trent Symons campus that we all know and love will

not be compromised by incompatible developments. To view a complete copy of the Plan, please visit [www.trentu.ca/endowmentlands](http://www.trentu.ca/endowmentlands).

As we look to the future, I would like to thank those of you who recently took the time to provide feedback to another planning process under way that is examining Trent's facilities renewal and expansion needs. Your comments and recommendations for both the Symons Campus and for Trill College will be carefully considered as we make strategic decisions about space needs in the decade ahead.

Aside from looking to the future, we also want to pause and celebrate the present and all that Trent University is achieving on a day-to-day basis. In this spirit, on Saturday, April 29, 2006, we were able to honour 21 of Trent University's most accomplished alumni presenting each of them with the Distinguished Alumni Award during an historic dinner organized by the Alumni Association. A full list of the recipients is on page 27 of this issue of *Trent Magazine*. It was a wonderful evening, a demonstration of how the Trent experience is a jumping off point for truly great accomplishments.

This year's convocation is another great example of how our University is flourishing. With 1,700 students graduating, we are sending more Trent grads out into the world than we ever have before. We will celebrate four great Canadians this year at convocation with honorary doctorates, two of whom are Trent graduates. If the success of our existing alumni is any indication, we will without a doubt, have many more stories to look forward to. **T**

# An Old Fort and a New University

BY PAUL DELANEY '64

**N**ot long ago Trent alumna **Paula Drew '83** was defending her Master's thesis in Kerr House at Traill College. The external examiner was retired Professor Alan Wilson, and her thesis had to do with archaeological interpretations of Sainte-Marie among the Hurons as carried out by Wilfrid Jury and Kenneth Kidd more than half a century ago. Taking part in the process were Professors Susan Jamieson, **Ray Dart '82**, Bruce Hodgins, John Wadland and watching with great interest, along with her mother and her partner, were friends **Dr. Martha Ann Kidd (Hon.)**, Professor Dale Standen and this writer. It got me thinking.

Almost sixty years ago some men in suits showed up at an archaeological dig near Midland and one of them started chatting with the man who held the trowel. The archaeologist was Wilfrid Jury and the questioner was Leslie Frost. Jury, working for the University of Western Ontario, was excavating 17<sup>th</sup> century Jesuit mission sites, and Frost was anxious to ensure that school children of Ontario learn the story of Huronia. Both were convinced that a reconstruction would not only bring history to life for kids, but tourist dollars to the region. Jury was not the first archaeologist to spend summers in Huronia. A few years earlier a younger man from the Royal Ontario Museum had excavated the known remains of old Fort Ste-Marie near the Martyrs' Shrine and written a book about it; his name was Kenneth Kidd. Many readers of Trent know that Leslie Frost became Trent's first Chancellor and that Kenneth Kidd became Trent's first Professor of



*Kenneth Kidd at Sainte-Marie among the Hurons*



*Paula Drew with her MA thesis*

Anthropology and Founder of the Native Studies Department. These links between Sainte-Marie among the Hurons (commonly known to many as Fort Ste-Marie) and Trent University are not isolated. There are, in fact, many connections between the two.

Trent's first students graduated on June 2, 1967—the year of Canada's centenary. Only a few days earlier the fully reconstructed Sainte-Marie among the

Hurons admitted its first visitors. The Prime Minister of Ontario was now John Robarts, and he took an active interest in the establishment of both. Ontario's Minister of Education was the young William Davis, and Davis was present for the opening of both. (Incidentally Bill Davis was the first Ontario leader to style himself as Premier.) The person who brought the key players together and persuaded the Government of Ontario to fund the reconstructed Sainte-Marie was a Midland businessman named Bill Cranston; Cranston was an early Trent honorary graduate, and his son **John Cranston '67**, who worked on the reconstruction, is a Trent alumnus.

In the early years it was hoped that Sainte-Marie among the Hurons would play a key role in the education of students at primary, secondary and post-secondary institutions, both here in Ontario and beyond - particularly in Quebec. It was felt that because Sainte-Marie had historically been part of *La Nouvelle France* modern Sainte-Marie could play a role in bringing English-speaking and French-speaking Canadians closer together. Many Trent students who worked at Sainte-Marie not surprisingly became teachers - individuals such as **Celia Dyer '83**, **Fred Sutherland '69**, **Trish (Powell) Hartman '71**, **Bruce Abel '64** and this writer.

The first three managers of Sainte-Marie were associated with Trent. The first two, **Paul Delaney '64** and **Doug Cole '67**, were Trent graduates, and the third was Bill Byrick, Trent's current Director of

*Sainte Marie continued on page 6*

Athletics. Bill hired many Trent students because they often seemed so suited to play the role of a bearded 17<sup>th</sup> century priest or carpenter! (During the '80s they were known as the "granola heads"—decidedly closer to the earth.) Bill's wife JoAnne worked at Trent, and his brother-in-law **John Henry '78** and his daughter **Kaitlin Byrick '99** graduated from Trent. Doug's wife **JoAnne (Anderson) Cole '68** is an alumna, and Paul's two sisters **Anne (Delaney) Wilkes '67** and **Mary Delaney '72** and a niece **Jessica Wilkes '96** are all alumnae.

A number of archaeologists were connected with both. Well known Peterborough teacher/politician **Paul Rexe '64**, Midland museum curator **Jamie Hunter '73** and retired Professor Romas Vastokas come easily to mind. Similarly, many Trent graduates who worked at Sainte-Marie have gone on to become successful in the heritage field: **June Creelman '73**, **Jocelyn Daw '73**, **Mary Delaney '73** and **Cathy (Shaw) Gunn '72**.

One of Trent's most celebrated graduates is **Richard Johnston '64**; Richard worked at Sainte-Marie briefly (between other jobs) so briefly that no one is quite sure what he did! **Bob (Sully) Sullivan '66** became the Mayor of Penetanguishene. Some have become university professors, such as **Duncan Matheson '66** and **Eric Helleiner**. **Paul Davidson '83** is now the Executive Director of WUSC.

Aboriginal history was not well served generally by museums or universities in Ontario until the 1960s. A good start was made both at Sainte-Marie and at Trent to address the historical imbalance. Much of the history of the Huron (Ouendat) people had been told through contemporary Jesuit diarists and focused on negative themes such as war and martyrdom. As Sainte-Marie opened its doors to students and



*Left to right: Paul Delaney, Doug Cole, and Bill Byrick*

other visitors there was a genuine attempt made to interpret the site as a place where two very different peoples came together, shared, and learned. Some of the Trent Native Studies personnel who helped in those early years were **Harvey McCue '66** and Walter Currie, and a number of Trent native students worked at Sainte-Marie—such as **Boyd Jamieson '74**, **Priscilla Settee '71**, **Greg Nadjiwon '72** and **Sylvia Norton '92**.

There are many other Trent alumni who have been associated with Sainte-Marie, and it would be interesting to know who they are and when they worked there—please contact the Alumni Office. In the meantime here is a partial list of others who studied at Trent and worked at Sainte-Marie: **Trish (Hornsby) Harquail '67**, **Maureen Robinson '67**, **Larry Ford '92**, **Dave Saunders '80**, **Robyn Mooney '80**, **Leslie Graham '99**, **Nedd German '79**, **John Lawrence '80**, **Marty Crapper '80**, **Nanci Graydon '88**, **Gary Heuvel '85**, **Tim Braund '82**, **John Letts '81**, **Glen Dingle '79**, **Basil Buffin**, **Sandy Prentice '80** and **Brendan Main '01**.

About twenty years ago **Celia Dyer '83** was a new student at Trent and her tiny room was on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Langton House at Traill College. Her father, Ed,

felt that she needed a proper fire escape. Ed Dyer had served in the Royal Navy in WW II and was a skilled rope-maker, so he made her a very thick rope and tied one end to her bed ... and then, relieved, drove back to his place of employment, Sainte-Marie.

Forty years ago a wooden plaque was made in the shop at Sainte-Marie by teenager Paddy Hall. (Paddy's father was Ed Hall, President of Western. Not long before Dr. Hall had asked one of his bright young History professors, Alan Wilson, to head up a new committee charged with the responsibility of advising on the reconstruction of Sainte-Marie.) The sign read: **H. HOBBS MEMORIAL LIBRARY** and it was placed on the door of the Peter Robinson College Library in Sadleir House.

The rope in Langton House may have disappeared, but the Hobbs sign (crafted to recognize the first student librarian at Peter Robinson College) is still with us. So too is **Harry Hobbs '64**, in Flin Flon, Manitoba. But that, dear reader, is another story. **T**

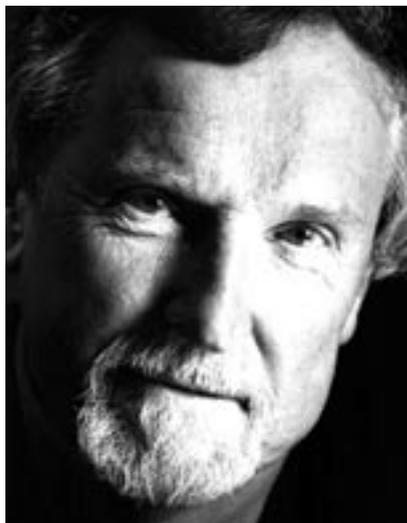
# Honorary Degrees for Trent Alumni Richard Wright and Don Tapscott

BY TROY B. HAMMOND, '90

As this year's graduating classes sit on the library podium awaiting their degrees they will have the opportunity to look ahead to what the future holds in store for them. Of the four honorary degrees to be presented this year two will be bestowed upon two of Trent's notable alum: **Don Tapscott '66** and **Richard Wright '70**. Both men will join the list of other distinguished past recipients including, Margaret Atwood, Matthew Coon Come, General Romeo Dallaire (Ret'd.), Maureen Forrester, Nelson Mandela, and Dr. David Suzuki, just to name a few. Also named as honorary graduates this year are Charles Coffey and Roberta Jamieson.

Don Tapscott attended Trent starting in 1966 and earned his Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Statistics. Richard Wright began studying Trent in 1968 as a mature student, earning his Bachelor of Arts in English.

Tapscott and Wright have made a significant impact upon society in their respective fields and have reached international acclaim. Tapscott is a renowned authority on the application of technology in business and has authored several books on the subject including, *Paradigm Shift: The New Promise of Information Technology* (1992) and *Growing Up Digital: The Rise of the Net Generation* (1998). Wright is an award-winning novelist. His national best-seller, *Clara Callan* (2001) received the Governor General's Award for



Richard Wright '70

Fiction, The Giller Prize, Ontario's Trillium Book Award and fiction book of the year honours from the Canadian Booksellers' Association.

In addition to his role as CEO of New Paradigm, an international think tank, Tapscott has offered unwavering support of issues related to mental health. Tapscott was also the chair of the university's 1996-2001 Beyond Our Walls Capital Campaign. As such, an endowed lecture series was created at Trent, the Don Tapscott & Ana Lopes Business & Society Lecture. The annual lectures addresses issues of values and ethics in business and society.

Prior to his outstanding accomplishments as a novelist, Wright worked at both newspaper and radio outlets. He also worked in editing and sales at Macmillan Canada, which is part of the international publishing house. For over two decades Wright dedicated himself to his students at Ridley College in St. Catherines as an English teacher until his retirement in 2001.



Don Tapscott '66

Don Tapscott and his wife, Ana Lopes, reside in Toronto. Richard Wright and his wife, Phyllis, reside in St. Catherines. For a listing of previous recipients of honorary degrees visit [www.trentu.ca/secretariat/honorary-present-to-1967.html](http://www.trentu.ca/secretariat/honorary-present-to-1967.html). **T**



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# CBC Radio's Mark Collins

## On "Hearing Deeply" and Connecting with Radio Listeners

BY MARILYN BURNS '00

"I'm not used to people asking me questions," says CBC radio producer Mark Collins '81, looking every bit the self-effacing producer in the small CBC interview room where it's unlikely the tables are often turned in this direction. "My job is to ask the questions, really," Mark Collins says. "This is the first time anyone has wanted to interview me. It feels—peculiar."

Perhaps it's a Trent characteristic, this polite reserve—or maybe it's just a quality given to those drawn to the painstaking, detailed detective work of radio production. One might even call it humility. Mark Collins, who graduated from Trent in 1985, is definitely not comfortable in the spotlight.

So then, why has this self-described "behind-the-scenes" guy agreed, for about five minutes three mornings per week, to move from the background work of being a CBC producer since 1992 to being, not just the author, but the voice of a new music feature called *Heard Deeply*? The segment is part of a CBC radio program called *Ontario Morning* which broadcasts to the southern Ontario region outside of Toronto.

"I'm not a natural speaker," Mark continues, straying from his notes for a moment and pulling his fingers through the sandy-coloured hair that doesn't appear to have changed its hue since his days at Trent two decades ago. "Partly, I was prodded onto the air by (CBC senior producer) Ron McKean. I think he asked me to do it because I have an interest in music and because we were looking at expanding the type of music on the show."

But clearly his colleague honed in on what's more than just a pass-



*Mark Collins won the LEC award for outstanding contribution to college community when he was a Trent undergrad.*

ing interest for Mark Collins. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning, Mark spins some of the most interesting, off-the-beaten track music you could hope to glean from the World Wide Web. This isn't your average easy-listening material; these are songs that must be, well, "heard deeply." But more on that later.

Mark's interest in music, it seems, came at a young age when his mother would bring home records of musical artists who were popular during the late 1960s. He made attempts to play piano, drums, trumpet and accordion. "My musical tastes were deep-rooted, but developed more so from my university days at Trent. Music was part of my social activity there."

He fondly remembers Reverend Ken and The Lost Followers, regulars at time at the Red Dog in Peterborough—and the Red Dog Howl when people would get on stage and just howl. "Pretty funny," Mark says with a smile. Also "a cool record store"—Moondance Records. He's glad to hear that it's still there on George Street in

Peterborough. It's a place he used to visit in first year to find out what was different and new—and he remembers discovering a band called U2 there. "Bono and early U2 were so different from everything else in the 80s," he reminisces. "The 80s were full of really bad music. I remember hearing this new band called U2 and Under the Blood Red Sky. . . . Music was an important part of my life back then. Music became a hobby—and a passion. You listened to inform yourself."

While Mark was listening for the latest in music to feed his soul, he was busy with other pursuits at Trent as well. He started his degree in English Literature, then switched over to History where it's likely he gained much of his grounding in research. "I was interested in women's history," he shares. "So I worked with Professor Joan Sangster and did a thesis on women domestic servants in Peterborough from the 1800s to 1920. It was fun, like being a journalist in a sense, trying to figure out what women went through."

Among Mark's favourite professors were **Joan Sangster '70** (who is now a member of the Royal Society of Canada and a recent winner of the Killam Fellowship), the late John Syrett, whom Mark describes as "one of my favourite professors of all time," and history professor Elwood Jones who retires from Trent this year.

A resident at Lady Eaton College (LEC), Mark fully embraced college life at Trent, winning the LEC award for outstanding contribution to college community. "I was involved," he says. "I ran the Magpie, a coffee shop at LEC at the time and later I worked at the pub. I was involved in student life



*This isn't your average easy-listening material; these are songs that must be, well, "heard deeply."*

behind the scenes." He helped to run Introductory Seminar Week activities and got involved in intramural volleyball and cross country running. "I wasn't good," he confesses. "But I love to run. I fondly remember running up River Road."

Naturally, Trent was the road to another destination for Mark as well. "I knew I wanted to be a journalist. I worked for the *Arthur*. I was a reporter there."

So after graduating from Trent, Mark pursued a Masters degree in Journalism from the University of Western Ontario. Not long after, he landed a job at the CBC which he describes as "the top place in Canada to do journalism." It's

refreshing to see that, despite a more than ten year career with Canada's broadcasting institution, Mark still holds a certain reverence for the CBC. Like many of us weaned on CBC radio, he continues to believe in its core mission. "It's the role of CBC to reflect Canada," he says sincerely. "It's a privilege to work for CBC. It's the type of job where you learn something new every day."

Perhaps that's why he did agree to emerge, if briefly each day, from the shadows of his producer's cubby and engage with CBC listeners on a whole new level. "People have a difficult time understanding the meaning of life and everyday

existence," he muses. "But there are moments of half-noticed grace. What we try to do on the column is to feature music that evokes an emotional response—new or recently released songs that I feel I'd like to share with as many listeners as possible."

It's clear Mark's new segment is an attempt to connect to those Ontarians who tune in every day. "I'm hoping that when people hear the column, they can relate to what I'm feeling. Some people will say, 'that's a cool song' —or 'what in heaven's earth is he playing? I don't get it.' That's fine too."

As for the name of the segment "Heard Deeply," its origins, as might be expected, reflect the deep learning of a liberal undergraduate education. "It's from a T.S. Eliot poem," says Mark as he hands me an excerpt from "The Dry Salvages," the third poem from the *Four Quartets*.

*For most of us, there is only the unattended  
Moment, the moment in and out of time,  
The distraction fit, lost in a shaft of sunlight,  
The wild thyme unseen, or the winter lightning  
Or the waterfall, or music heard so deeply  
That it is not heard at all, but you are the music  
While the music lasts.*

And where does Mark find the musical content for his daily column? "I read a lot on the Internet – read reviews to find out what's out there," he says. "I play stuff that's not on the rack. I follow music blogs very closely. What's important for me is to let the music do the talking. It's about the music and that's key to me."

Coming back to the listeners again and their experience, Mark says, "I'd be absolutely happy if the listeners were dancing".

To find out more about Mark Collins' new music column Heard Deeply, visit [www.cbc.ca/ontariomorning/heard-deeply.html](http://www.cbc.ca/ontariomorning/heard-deeply.html). **T**

# Believing in the Trent Experience

BY KATHRYN VERHULST

**I**t has been 30 years since Dianne Lister '71 graduated from Trent University but the experiences and values she gained through her time here have stayed with her. For Dianne, who has recently returned to Trent as the new VP, External Relations and Advancement, her undergrad experience at Trent has played an important role in shaping the woman she has become.

"I believe very strongly in the Trent experience...in my personal experience here," Dianne said during a recent interview in her new Mackenzie House office. "It was a very profound time in my life."

The Trent values of "space and place," of commitment to the environment, of community, self-awareness, and mentoring are values that have resonated with Ms. Lister throughout her life and career. From Osgoode Hall Law School to her position as President and CEO of The Hospital for Sick Children Foundation, Dianne says she has always made choices reflective of her key values.

"There is a reason why I am not a Bay Street lawyer," Dianne said with a smile, describing her interest in social justice and civil society and citing her 20 years of experience working with the non-profit sector as an example.

Dianne also credits her Trent experience with developing her critical thinking skills, her creativity, and building a sense of confidence. Aside from the academic experiences, Dianne also remembers clearly the beauty of the Trent campus. In fact, it is the natural landscape of the University that forms Dianne's most vivid memories of her time here.

"I remember my first fall [at Trent]...all the trees on the drumlin," she said, noting that it was all quite different from her experiences growing up in the suburbs



Dianne Lister

of Toronto. "It was so spectacularly beautiful. You could smell the apples, the colours were so vibrant, and the river was so close."

It is not surprising then that Dianne has returned to Trent and taken on the new and challenging position of Vice-President, External Relations and Advancement. "It is a combination of déjà vu and a huge new opportunity," she says on her return to Trent. She describes it as not so much coming full circle, but rather travelling along an outward spiral, arriving back at the same place but as a different person with more experience.

It is Dianne's hope that her years of experience, combined with her fondness for the University, will translate into success in this new role which she describes as being "all about relationship building." The portfolio of External Relations will include advancement (fundraising), alumni affairs, reputation management, marketing, strategic communications, and community relations. Working together with Trent's leaders, Dianne looks forward to envisaging Trent at its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

"Once we crystallize this vision—only eight years out—and rearticulate the core values that define Trent, we can ensure our academic priorities and business plans are well communicated," she said. "This, in turn, will be the launching pad to create a bold new

campaign for private support for Trent—a plan to ensure its vibrancy and sustainability."

In her first six months, Dianne plans on meeting with as many university constituents as possible, including faculty, staff, alumni, students, donors, volunteers and members of the community, in order to gain a 360 degree view of how the University is seen.

"Trent was built by the community with an outpouring of vision, love, and hard work," Dianne said. "This is still at the core of the University and we need to understand the various relationships and learn how to deepen them."

Asked about what she is looking forward to the most in terms of implementing her plans, Dianne replied that talking to as many students and alumni as possible will be key. "It is going to be a lot of fun...there are hundreds and hundreds of interesting stories and I can't wait to hear them," she said.

The opportunity to frame and renew the "Trent experience" was a big draw that brought Dianne to Trent. "It is exciting to be both an alum and one of the architects of the *Trent at 50* plan," she said. "It's a lot of responsibility but it is also an opportunity to make a big impact. I want to leave a mark."

Landscape photography is a passion Dianne pursues in time away from the office. Inspired by the rolling countryside of Dufferin County, north of Toronto, she started taking pictures in 1991. Since then she has photographed the landscapes of Gaspé, Newfoundland, Quebec, and Ireland.

Learning of Dianne's past career successes and personal interests, it is clear to see that she approaches everything in life with a great passion, dedication, and confidence; her new role here at Trent is sure to be undertaken with nothing less. **T**

# A Question of Sustainability

According to John Elkington the world “is moving into a period of significant discontinuity” and although this means there may be some tough times ahead, the forecasted bumps in the road may be just what are needed to get things back on track. This notion of heading for a period of change and our inability as citizens of the world to do anything to stop it were key themes addressed throughout this year’s annual Tapscott-Lopes Business and Society Lecture delivered on February 15 by John Elkington.

Described as a “campaigner in the boardroom,” Mr. Elkington is the founder and current Chief Entrepreneur of SustainAbility, an independent think tank and strategy consultancy based out of London, Zurich, Washington, and San Francisco. He is an internationally recognized expert in the fields of business and the environment and has spent the past 25 years working with major corporations and organizations, such as Greenpeace International, the World Wildlife Fund, Ford, and Unilever, teaching them about sustainability and working with them to implement actions in an attempt to ensure they stand the test of time. Throughout the years, however, and in spite of the changes the business world has adopted to become more corporately and socially “responsible,” Mr. Elkington has observed that it just will not be enough to alter the trajectory/path the world is now on.

“If you added up all the positive things companies are doing, it still doesn’t add up to enough,” Mr. Elkington stated during a pre-lecture talk to students of a fourth year Sustainability class. He went on to explain that the economic bubble the world is currently



*John Elkington, Ana Lopes, and Don Tapscott*

experiencing will inevitably pop and, although he is optimistic the human spirit will get us through the tough times, he is also certain that we are going to come out of it having to adjust to a very different world. “The 21st Century might turn out to be a much more complicated time than any of us imagine,” he said.

Mr. Elkington followed up on this idea of change throughout his lecture later that evening. Using the title “Harnessing our Better Instincts: The New Role of Business in a Sustainable World”, Mr. Elkington first made it clear that, in his personal and professional opinion, the world is far from being sustainable. In fact, citing trends outlining the world’s over consumption and the rise of global average temperatures, Mr. Elkington observed, “We are not even headed in that direction. We’re like people sitting down and having a nice cup of tea on the deck of the Titanic.”

Throughout his lecture, Mr. Elkington delved into discussion on sustainability “waves” and

issues with various terms such as “corporate social responsibility”. In addition, he explored the “Triple Bottom Line” and the move businesses have seemingly taken to approach everything from three perspectives—economic, social, and environmental—in an attempt to follow a path to sustainability.

The role of business in sustainable development was the main focus of the lecture as Mr. Elkington examined the “four B’s of blended values”—brands, balance sheets, boards, and business models—and the inherent aspects of corporations that make it difficult for them to be truly responsible. Overall though, it was the notion that, despite what business may appear to be doing, it won’t be enough to make a considerable difference that Mr. Elkington kept coming back to.

“Business can’t do what is necessary,” he said, going on to explain that governments around the world need to get involved and take the lead on a variety of

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# Opening up the world at Trent in Oshawa

BY NANCY (EATOCK) STEPHEN '97

I was sitting in a photography class one afternoon, surrounded by other students but talking with a young man who was struggling to figure out the next step in his future. He was from China but had come to Canada four years before to finish high school and then enrolled in this course. He felt that something was missing from his life and his learning. The bond was instantaneous—I'd lived that most of my life. Go to university I told him, you owe it to yourself. It will bring things out in you that you don't even know exist, open up a world to you that isn't possible any other way, broaden your perspective and your ability to see clearly, and challenge every assumption you hold right now. You will be a better person because of your journey. I saw that familiar spark in his eyes; I knew he understood.

At 36, and after having four children, it was a little daunting going back to university but something wasn't quite right in my world. That intangible "thing" that I later argued to my friend was missing from his life, was missing from mine. I needed to find it, and thankfully, I was at an age where trying and failing was a better alternative to not trying at all. I was fortunate enough to have Trent in Oshawa nearby and the first person I encountered there helped me navigate through my entire degree. Joan Milovick '77, Coordinator & Academic Advisor for Julian Blackburn College is part of the team in Oshawa that has grown in size and experience in handling the balancing act of mature students.

Whether that's a student coming back for upgrading after an ailment, she says, or one nervously taking that first step, "after taking one or two classes they're experts showing others around". She's also

## One course at a time my confidence grew; with each course my hunger grew.

quick to brag about the high rate of JBC graduates on the Deans List at Convocation.

Intro Psych was my first course and I still have the photo my kids insisted be taken as I walked to my van, backpack casually slung over one shoulder (trying to look nonchalant). The first-day-of-school picture is a tradition in our house and apparently that applied to me too. I think everyone assumed it was just a hobby for me at that point, and looking back, I may have thought so too. I didn't have a specific job in mind I just wanted to do something that I loved, and honestly, needed to prove to myself that I was smart enough. I'd met enough people in my life with degrees but no common sense to speak of so I reasoned that I could probably do it, and then hoped I was right. As excited as I was by the opportunity, I was also plagued by self-doubt. What if I couldn't do it all? What if I looked like a fool, out of place with a bunch of twenty-somethings? Suddenly my succeed-or-die-trying bravado didn't seem quite so sound.

Luckily, because of JBC Oshawa's large proportion of mature students, the staff is well aware of the ebbs and flows that accompany this kind of life transition. They see it every day: the struggles, the doubts, and the self-recriminations that come from feeling like your blessing came at someone else's expense. Not exactly the heady stuff that academic success should be breeding, but it is real life for a mature student with family and work obligations. Balancing school and home is tough, finding time to study is tough, feeling past your prime or that every other (younger) student is just plain smarter, is tough.

But it's not about being smarter

and it has absolutely nothing to do with being young. Someone close to me offered this advice: "study something you love and worry about the job later, there will always be a job but you won't be successful if you don't have passion." I think that's key and I saw it every day at Trent. It's a drive that seems almost primal among mature students—it needs to be—when you feel like life is going off the rails at times you need something in your back pocket to get you through. I'd waited a long time to get there and I wasn't going to let a little thing like embarrassment or pride stand in my way of getting what I wanted out of my classes. Everything was treated like my academic life and reputation depended on it.

One course at a time my confidence grew; with each course my hunger grew. I could feel myself getting mentally stronger—I got turned on by the process. I hated to miss classes because I couldn't wait to see what new piece of the puzzle fit in next. I'd sit transfixed, eating it up. It became who I was. It became who my friends were, both younger and older. We were partners in our quest and learned from each other. Once over the initial observation, my younger classmates just saw me as a fellow-student, not a "mature" student. Our lasting friendships are evidence that there were more commonalities between us than differences.

I stopped just listening and started participating, debating, disagreeing, challenging. It wasn't enough just to sit there "getting a degree"—I started fighting to get every morsel out of each course. For the first time in my life, I felt like I fit in. It's the kind of dedication and enthusiasm that Dr. Jocelyn Aubrey, Psychology

Professor and Acting Principal & Assoc. Dean of JBC, embraces in her classes. "It adds depth and richness," she says. "Even those out of school a couple of years come back with a different perspective." Because mature students often come back with a goal or purpose they are generally much more focused on coursework, they're frequently more engaged in the content, and they're in tune with the bigger picture and how their education fits into it. Although once a mature student herself, Aubrey says she's constantly amazed at the success of students to juggle school and home-life, and with little complaint. They know what they have to do, and they just do it.

After all the hard work, the highs and the lows, graduation day seemed to come far too quickly. The thought that it was over was exciting but tinged with sadness. While I knew in my heart that this was not the end of my academic journey, it was the end of the most important stage—the beginning. My life, and me, had changed in every possible way since I started at Trent. At first unsure of myself and my ability to hold everything together, let alone do well, I finished weary yet strong, confident that no matter what happened, I could handle it and succeed. As I strode across the stage, cheered on by my family and friends, I searched for the faces that had given me such a gift. Many of my professors were there. I wondered if they knew just how special it was to have them present. I accepted my degree for all those people because their passion and encouragement had given me something beyond a piece of paper.

I'm often asked, and continue to be asked when I talk about hopes for graduate school, why I do it, what it's going to get me now. It's not really about that. Somewhere along the line it became less about what I was getting and more about how I was growing. It became my breath, and the best thing I ever did for myself. **T**

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important issues including, HIV/AIDS, pandemics, bribery and corruption, and climate change. Increasing government's role, however, has its complications as well, as Mr. Elkington explained.

In fact, although he advocates for government to take on more responsibility, he also emphasizes that the creation of more standards and regulations is not the way to go. So, what does Mr. Elkington suggest? "We need to destabilize things rather than stabilize them," Mr. Elkington said, alluding to the notion that real change comes in the face of major upheaval and from true innovation. And if history has taught us anything, it is

that times of upheaval and change are inevitable—we just have to wait and see what the next wave will bring.

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*Since its inception in 2003, the annual lecture has featured many prominent speakers, including Mr. Tapscott himself who is an international authority on the application of technology in business. **T***



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# From the Commoner to CEO...

BY MARILYN BURNS '00

“Hello from Trent,” I say. It’s late January and, talking to a Trent alum who’s working abroad, I figure I can jog a few memories and start a conversation by adding: “It’s going to negative 16 degrees tonight. Do you recall those chilly walks across the wind-whipped Faryon Bridge?”

Darren Huston '85 chuckles with instant recognition and replies, “It doesn’t get that cold in Tokyo. It’s five degrees celsius here.”

From his office in the heart of Tokyo on a Thursday morning, the president and CEO of Microsoft Japan is showing his Canadian roots. Darren Huston, the Trent grad with an honours B.A. in economics, isn’t just comfortable talking about the weather; he’s also about as gracious and self-effacing as an all-round Canadian guy can get. And, oddly enough, he uses similar terms to describe the new culture in which he finds himself immersed.

“Japan is a wonderful place and almost Canadian in many respects,” he says over the phone more than 10,000 kilometres and several time zones away. “Individuals in Japan are polite, understated, and self-critical. They see themselves as being in one boat more than in North American society. Everyone’s lives here are very symbiotic. If anyone fails, it feels like they’re failing family. As a foreigner, you can never really be a part of that.”

This might seem like pretty deep talk at 9 a.m. for the North American businessman guiding the destiny of Japan’s number one brand and its 2500 employees. But there’s an easy-going quality to conversation with Darren Huston.

He’s not delivering corporate lines. He’s reflecting—intellectually, emotionally, philosophically. You feel like you’re connecting with a real person. And it becomes apparent, the more you talk with him, that Darren is a uniquely intelligent individual modestly wrapped in an everyman persona. It’s very, very Trent. And he’d be the first to admit that’s true.

Darren Huston became the president and CEO of Microsoft Japan in July 2005, moving to Japan with his wife Clarissa (who graduated from Trent in 1990) and their children Erinne (six) and Owen (three). Before joining Microsoft, Darren was a senior vice president at Starbucks Coffee Company where, among other things, he led the rollout of the Starbucks Card and Wi-Fi to Starbucks stores around the world. A graduate of the United World College in Trieste, Italy, he earned his Honours B.Sc. Honours in economics at Trent, his Masters in economics at UBC, and an MBA from Harvard University.

Despite these remarkable accomplishments, it’s surprisingly easy for Darren to connect who he is today with his experiences at Trent University. He tracks the origins of his successful managerial style and the human quality he brings to the most senior levels of business back to a job he had early on at Trent University. “You know, I was manager of The Commoner (a former Trent pub). I still think that was the best job I’ve ever had,” he recalls. “I was given a lot of responsibility at a young age: running a business, leading a group of people. I got real managerial experience from that. It was eye-opening—very pivotal.”

# Darren Huston

The job Darren landed managing the pub also changed his course of study. Rethinking academic and career goals is common—almost encouraged—as a part of the undergraduate experience at Trent.

“I thought I’d go into politics, be a diplomat, but I gained a love for doing business,” he says. “I came out of Trent feeling proficient in economics. And, ultimately, I did my MBA at Harvard.”

Comparing his university experiences, he recalls fondly, “there was a sense of community at Trent. Peterborough’s not a big city like Boston or Vancouver. Peterborough is Trent. In bars, in places everywhere, you’re bumping into people you know.”

Admitting that it’s difficult to call to mind the names of the many people who had an influence on him during his time at Trent (“it’s horrible that names can be so fleeting”), Darren does manage to remember economics professor Harry Kitchen and former athletics director Paul Wilson as examples of people who were very supportive.





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Harkening back to the 80s, Trent Economics Professor Mak Arvin remembers Darren as his best student. "I wrote his letters of reference for grad school, and over the years we have kept in touch," said Mak. "Darren wrote a letter to me in 1992 (while working at the Department of Finance in Ottawa) telling me about how he saw the differences between the world as portrayed by the academics versus the world of an economic policy maker. He also talked about a number of promotions he received at Finance within a short span—indicative of how talented he was even as a junior civil servant."

Professor Torben Drewes, the head of the Economics Department today at Trent, shared that "those of us who were around at the time have general memories of an entirely pleasant and mature student who was at the top of his class."

As for his current role, Darren shares that his goals at Microsoft include "a project called 'Plan J' which covers a range of investments that Microsoft will be making in Japan, innovations which it will bring to the marketplace and partnerships which it will seek out." As if this weren't enough, he adds; "on top of this, we hope to continue growing an already large business by double digits."

Not a bad to-do list for someone who just turned 40 this year – a fact casually revealed where others might fear to tread. According to Darren, his age does come as a surprise to many in Japan. Most business people at the CEO level would be older than his own father. "Yeah, they're very surprised," he says, but is quick to add, modestly, "But because it's such a large corporation and you're a foreigner, they assume someone has thought this through."

The thought shakes loose an old memory from graduation back in 1989, a story which clearly shows that Darren has made it a lifetime habit not to boast of his abilities. Back at Trent, he had won the Bagnani Medal one year and the Symons Medal at his final convocation, both for outstanding academic achievement. "I did quite well," he says humbly, then adds with a laugh, "When my name was called out, I got up to receive the awards and I remember hearing someone behind me in the crowd say 'Hey! Isn't that the manager of The Commoner?'"

Little did that person know what valuable experience comes of studying economics and running a small business unit at a liberal arts and science university.

When asked about stories that he saved a beautiful piece of stained glass from The Commoner and helped to have it installed at Blackburn Hall, he remembers it well. "Dial back in the alumni magazine ten or so years and there's a picture of us sitting in front of it," he says.

It's clear as we begin to wind up our interview that these memories of Trent mean a lot to Darren. And, though one might imagine that someone at the helm of a corporation of this size might want to wrap things up and get on to the next important task, Darren has a way of operating in the present. Without so much as saying so, his tone and manner reassure you that this discussion is important to him.

Thoughtfully, he considers how formative years direct the person we become. "I often tell people, 'do your undergrad at a place where you can grow academically and socially,'" he says, then reflects once again on the close connection between past, present and future.

"It's so interesting how life is a random walk. If I had it to do all over again, I wouldn't do it any differently. I honestly wouldn't." **T**

# Team Trend

## “It’s About Friendship...”

BY JOHN MULLIN '03

**V**al Taylor '75 watched her husband **Keith Taylor '75** on the ice with keen interest as Team Trend alumni hockey players met at the Kinsmen Arena on Friday, March 30, 2006 for the kick-off game of the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Team Trend Alumni Reunion Weekend.

“He just loves to come back and play—it is a real highlight of the year for us!” Val exclaims.

“As much as the weekend is based on hockey, it is really about friendship”, says **Danielle Ambrose '76**. “Friendship is what brings us back!”

**Morley Monroe '72** and **Al Creighton-Kelly '74** made the trip to Trent from Vancouver, **Matt Fitzpatrick '76** from Edmonton, **Kevin Gross '87** and **Dan Topolinsky '73** from Calgary and **Pietro DeBastiani '77** from Yellowknife.

**John Kennedy '85**, who is one of the event organizers explains “I have the distinction of living in Peterborough so I get to book the ice!” John made note of the significance of having Team LEC here as well—“It really adds a nice new element to the weekend—it provides a sort of renewal, since there is obviously no more Team Trend [although intramural hockey is still very popular, there has not been a Traill team with the Team Trend identity for a few years.]” he explained “And who knows – in a couple years, we may be able to add a few more teams!”

Traill Principal **Michael Peterman** and the Trent’s new Vice President of External Relations and Advancement, **Dianne Lister '71** were warmly welcomed by the Team Trend group to the Reunion dinner at Scott House on Saturday



*Team Trend meets again on the ice and off*

night. In keeping with the tradition of “Honouring Our Own,” **Bill Fields '71** received special recognition. Despite the pokes at his baldness and hockey ‘prowess’, Bill did not take the jokes lying down—in fact, he gave as good as he got. “**Bryan [Carruthers '71]**—you were a great coach for Team Trend back in your day—going 0-11 wasn’t your fault!” Bill exclaimed at one point. “Then again, in 1971, I was the worst player on the ice, and I still am, but at least I’m still on the ice!” Bill said.

“I think it is great you guys were silly enough to fly in for this weekend,” Bill continued, citing the visitors from afar. “Then again, we always were a silly group!” At this point, his friend **Dan Topolinsky '73** shouted, “Well, you embarrassed us into coming, Bill!” Morley followed up with, “For the slowest player on the ice, I don’t know how you got two goals!”

As much as Bill entertained the crowd, so too did he have some serious comments. “I am embarrassed to be up here” he said at one point, “because that is not why I do this—it’s not why I stayed involved or got involved in the first place.” As a key part of the creation

of the Trend, Bill has left an indelible mark on Trent – and is too humble to feel proud.

Traill Principal **Michael Peterman** may have put it best, when he said simply, “These folks have been coming back for years—it is an incredibly impressive thing to watch happen”.

As Val Taylor put it, “Everyone here is passionate about Traill.” Val went on to say that, “It is amazing to see how many people’s kids, who end up going to Trent, decide to come to Traill. It is a terrific college. I remember when I was a student there, and how supportive our college Principal was. It was great” As though to prove the point, Val’s daughter **Andrea**, who just started at Trent this fall, told me that “I knew I wanted to come to Trent from day one—and I knew I wanted to be a part of Traill!”

The Team Trend Alumni reunion weekend was a tremendous success – it featured fun, old friends, spirited hockey games, good food and lots of memories. As **Bill Fields** said “This is something that is totally amazing, and goes to the heart, when we think of the memories we have—and that is a precious thing.” **T**



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# The Making of a Global Citizen

BY BRITTANY CADENCE '89

**I**t doesn't take long to realize that a conversation with Trent alumnus **Dr. Anthony Miller '91** is the next best thing to traveling around the globe yourself. Describing the adventures that led him to work for the United Nations from his flat in Geneva, Switzerland, one quickly loses count of the number of countries he has visited. Tony learned early how to shed the identity of "tourist" and used his travel and education to achieve a bigger purpose. Driven by a need to understand why conflict exists in the world today, he discovered the importance of transforming himself into a truly global citizen. This perspective has helped him understand how to be an agent for positive social change in the world, without becoming disillusioned.

Hailing from Norfolk, Virginia, Tony credits his undergraduate studies at Trent as an important step in reaching his goal. Tony began his post-secondary studies at Ferrum College in Virginia, where he heard a guest lecturer from the United Nations speak about international politics. This galvanized Tony's academic focus on political science. "After that, I knew I wanted to work for the UN, and I also knew that pursuing my undergrad outside of the US would lend a different perspective," recalls Tony.

## Discovering Trent

A friend gave him an American university guide, and in the back was a thin section on Canadian universities. Only the larger institutions were included (Trent wasn't listed), so he decided to

try Carleton University in Ottawa. After studying there for a few months, Tony found the environment too large and impersonal, so he continued investigating other schools. This time, he picked up a Canadian university guide, in which an article on Trent caught his eye. Trent was profiled as a left-leaning school, with small class sizes where professors have good relationships with their students. These attributes strongly appealed to him, as did the opportunity to live in a downtown campus. "My undergrad experience is really a version of the Goldilocks story," laughs Tony. "The school in Virginia was too small, Carleton was too big, but Trent suited me just right!"

Tony arrived at Trent in 1991 and continued working on his Political Science degree, with a double minor in History and Philosophy. Tony fully immersed himself in "the Trent experience": getting involved with Trent Radio, hanging out with his profs, and developing close friendships with his fellow students. In this close-knit environment, Tony deepened his understanding of various political ideologies and learned how to articulate his own political values. He especially valued tutorials for the opportunity to interact with the other students as well as with the professors, and he used these discussions to explore his interests in fringe movements, such as anarchism.

"I remember an exchange once with Professor Doug Torgerson about spontaneous social order, and he asked, 'Where does it come

from?' He challenged us with some really good questions that moved me from an ideological approach to a more analytical framework to understanding politics." Some of Tony's favourite classes were with Professor Eric Helleiner, who helped him understand how global economics shaped the world's political landscape. These foundations were integral in guiding Tony's post-graduate work at Cambridge University in England. Upon graduation, Tony reflected that "the Trent experience not only lived up to its description in the guidebook, but prepared me very well for my later studies."

With his expanded knowledge of the international historical and political context, Tony set out in 1994 to see the world for himself. His travels took him on a year-long circuit of the Mediterranean Sea, making his way through several European countries and the Middle East. He even managed to visit Syria – not a typical destination for someone carrying an American passport. He sent copies of his travelogue to friends and family, revealing Tony's remarkable ability to combine first-hand experiences with his academic knowledge to produce astute insights into the workings of different countries. While staying in Cairo, Tony received word of his acceptance into Cambridge University. So after a brief visit back to North America he moved to England to continue his studies.

## Following the Facts

Tony quickly adapted to academic life at Cambridge, having

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experienced the classic ‘Oxbridge’ style college system at Trent where autonomous colleges provide the social and administrative focal-point for the student community. Tony also found he was quite comfortable with the combined lecture/tutorial format used at Cambridge thanks to his years at Trent. “Students who were new to this system were naturally a bit confused at first,” he remembers, “but given my Trent experience, it seemed perfectly normal to me.”

On the advice of several Cambridge professors, Tony considered shifting his academic focus from Political Science to Development Studies. This was a very competitive program, with students around the world vying to get in. Tony decided to apply, and succeeded in being offered one of only 35 spots in the program. On his first day of class, he discovered that he was one of two Trent grads who had been accepted. “I was surprised to see a familiar face, and thought this spoke very well of Trent’s undergraduate program,” he recalls.

While studying at Cambridge, Tony’s professors encouraged him to “follow the facts” and let the evidence guide him to new conclusions. He knew that by deepening his knowledge of current economic policies and development practices, Tony could develop better ideas that supported political and social change. “Trent helped give me the tools to express my ideological perspective; Cambridge sharpened my research and analysis skills.”

## Asia bound

After receiving a Master’s degree in 1995, Tony was eager to experience more of the world and to see first-hand the situation in developing countries. While staying with family in Germany, Tony landed a position as a Marketing Executive with Bosch, one of the world’s largest suppliers of automotive and industrial technology. Bosch has operations in more than 100 countries worldwide, but Tony set his sights on India and successfully negotiated a posting to Bangalore, a city of 6.5 million people in the south central part of that country.

“Bangalore is a strange mix of modernity and underdevelopment,” recalls Tony when describing his one-year assignment there. Known as the ‘silicon-valley of India’, the region still contends with daily power cuts and a poorly developed infrastructure. Factories must generate their own electricity to ensure consistent supply, and technology companies thrive despite poor roads and ports because they mostly use the internet to import and export products. Tony observed that the high-tech industry does well in Bangalore “because it requires almost nothing from the government to operate.” In his view however, the fast growing software and service sectors in India are insufficient for long term sustainable growth. Ultimately the economic development of the two-thirds of that country’s population still living in rural poverty requires more effective government policies. Despite the improved quality of life that the high-tech sector

permits for many urban dwellers, India’s institutional deficiencies are contributing to rising inequality in income levels. “Many of my Indian friends enjoy a first-world standard of living inside their home, but outside it’s still third-world conditions. When it comes to good roads and potable water, there is no substitute for effective government.”

Following his stay in India, Tony went on to spend two years with Bosch in Singapore where the company’s office serviced all of South East Asia. This provided a whole new set of experiences in Thailand, Malaysia, and the Philippines—the markets for which he was responsible. “South East Asia is an amazing development story,” Tony observes, “they have really moved from very poor to reasonably well off in just the last two generations. Singapore especially is probably the most developed country I’ve ever seen in the world.”

## One More Degree

After his stay in Singapore, Tony returned to Cambridge in 1999 and began working on a PhD. He focused his research on business ethics and corporate social responsibility in global enterprises. When asked about how he came to choose this subject, Tony is quick to give the credit to his former mentor at Bosch, Dr. Marcus Bierich, and the late Chairman of the Supervisory Board. “I told him that I wanted to do a PhD and that I wanted to study some aspect of

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the company's work in developing countries. I had a rough idea about a study of value chain development, but Dr. Bierich said the subject should be business ethics – that, he said, was one of the most important subjects facing global companies going forward."

Tony studied the development of corporate codes of conduct, which had gone from being relatively rare in the 1980s to being commonplace in major companies by the end of the 1990s. During this time he rejoined Bosch as a researcher in their legal department and was again sent to Asia for a year to review issues of legal compliance at the company's factories in India and China. His research pointed to some of the positive impacts of globalization, whereby multi-national companies were being influenced by a range of actors (consumers, labour, home country governments) to try to promote better standards in their operations in developing countries. This was significant in Tony's opinion, primarily because of the consolidation of global market share by leading companies and the corresponding power this was giving those companies. As Tony observes, "There are several hundred thousand workers employed by Nike suppliers in China. If you don't like the way things are done in those factories, you can boycott Nike and try to pressure that company to change the behaviour of its suppliers. But without a large company consolidating market share, we would be left with hundreds, perhaps thousands of smaller brands. How do you effectively boycott all of them? How do you influence them?"

### **Influencing the Influencers**

Upon completing his PhD in 2002, Tony left Bosch and began consulting for the United Nations, writing research papers for the International Labour Organization and the Office of

the High Commission on Human Rights. In 2003 he was hired on as an Economic Affairs Officer with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). There he works as a specialist on issues of corporate responsibility and corporate governance in support of UNCTAD's mission to help integrate developing countries into the global economy. His work is largely focused on drafting research papers and organizing international conferences in order to share policy advice and build consensus among senior government officials. Tony is committed to the mission of the United Nations, and believes that international cooperation is the only way to achieve social and economic development on a global scale. He sees his role as helping to provide better information to government representatives because "you can't expect them to be knowledgeable on all the issues, especially representatives from developing countries whose national governments do not have the same capacity for research and analysis as the governments of more developed countries."

Tony's global experiences remind him that he's part of a bigger picture, and this keeps him from becoming disillusioned with working in a large organisation can present. When thinking about this, Tony recalls something he learned at Trent while working on a documentary about the White Rose student movement for Trent Radio. During an interview with Professor Andreas Pickel for that documentary, Professor Pickel explained that the world typically only sees major events, like the Berlin Wall falling, but fails to appreciate the multitude of tiny incremental steps that lay the foundations for major changes. Tony sees each conference and research paper he helps produce as tiny events that are similarly contributing toward significant changes in the future. "Development is a marathon," he remarks, "not a sprint." 

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The J.J. Robinette Prize is awarded to an outstanding graduating student from 2006, who enrolls in law school at any Canadian university.

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*Paul Moore '80, Legacy Society Member*

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TONY STOREY '71

**I**t may have been the beautiful spring evening weather on April 29th. Or perhaps it was the spirit of Trent's former chancellor, the late Peter Gzowski, at work. Yet again, the legacy of Peter Robinson College is hoped to infuse Robinson Hall at Peter Gzowski College, the site of this year's Distinguished Alumni Dinner. Whatever force was in effect, there was magic in the air as 175 people gathered to salute the 2006 recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Award.

The award is presented "based on a person's achievement and leadership in their field. Recipients will have shown leadership in business, industry, a profession or public life. They will have brought honour to Trent University through endeavours which have brought them prominence within their field. Their vision, commitment, creativity and leadership will have been recognized within their field or beyond it."

The Distinguished Alumni Award is a recent program introduced by the Alumni Association's Recognition committee. It was presented once before, to Canadian rower **Phil Graham '89**.

The recognition committee opted to present the award to twenty-one accomplished alumni this year after learning of the grow-

# Magic in the Air

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ing scope of alumni leadership in diverse fields and endeavours. Fifteen of the recipients were able to attend, along with their families, friends, alumni, faculty and staff.

Peterborough Mayor **Sylvia Sutherland '68** spoke at the dinner on behalf of all the recipients.

"We are a diverse lot, those of us here this evening. The one point at which we touch, the one thing we have in common, is this place, this institution, this university....I thought we might take a few minutes to ponder the nature and meaning of higher education, and to think of those in terms of this particular university. Otto Kleppner said the purpose of higher education is..." to make men and women aware of what was and what is; and to invite them to probe into what may be." I would suggest that we received at this university an education deeply rooted in the pursuit of knowledge and truth; that, when we left this beautiful place...we left here having been made excited by the possibilities of what was ahead because we had been taught so well and so generously.

I had a note recently from one of our number, **Susan Drain '66**, now a distinguished professor at Mount Saint Vincent University. She wrote, "If I have achieved anything distinguished, it's because I was trying to pass forward the kind of attentive, individualized interest, challenge and support that characterized my experience as an undergraduate at Trent."

Given the foundation upon which Trent was established and upon which it continues to grow,

I have every confidence that this university, at least, will continue to be a source of knowledge creation and talent, even as it develops its role as a catalyst for regional economic growth...

This young university, of which we here tonight are so fortunate to be a part, does already bear an honourable name. It has kept, and is keeping faith with the great humanist tradition of which Governor Adlai Stevenson spoke; it continues to search for and communicate the truth. Our role, as alumni of Trent University, is to support it as it seeks and furthers those ends."

One guest of honour, **Andrew Ignatieff '69** nicely captured the spirit of the evening.

"I was so pleased with the event, the company of old friends and welcoming strangers, the charm with which I was received and handled by the people organizing the event, even the weather cooperated right up to my late night walk home from Saint Veronus [Belgian café and taproom] through the lively partying streets of Peterborough under a spring crescent moon. A perfect evening in every way."

The Alumni Association's Recognition Committee hopes that the range of the 2006 honoured alumni will inspire alumni at large to nominate other deserving alumni. Plans are already underway for the 2007 celebration. Please visit the alumni web site at [www.trentu.ca/alumni/distinguished.html](http://www.trentu.ca/alumni/distinguished.html) for general information about the Association's awards program. **T**

# Distinguished Alumni Award to 21 Alumni



**Kofi Barnes '84**  
Champlain College is an Ontario Provincial Judge. As the former Deputy Director of the Federal Prosecution

Service and a former Senior Crown Counsel for the Toronto Drug Treatment Court Program, Kofi received the Commemorative Medal for the Queen's Golden Jubilee, awarded to those who make "a significant contribution to their fellow citizens, their community, or to Canada."



**Maggie Helwig '79**  
Catharine Parr Traill College has enjoyed a prolific career as a poet and writer. She has written eight books

of poetry, two books of essays, a collection of short stories and two novels, *Where She Was Standing* and *Between Mountains*. Maggie won the Canadian Church Press Award for fiction or non-fiction narrative in 2000 and was named by Blue Nose Press as Poet of the Year in 1995.



**Rob Marland '83**  
Peter Robinson College is one of Canada's most successful realtors; he is among the top ten percent

of all realtors in Canada when it comes to total sales. In 1992, Rob competed as part of the Canadian national rowing team Men's Heavy Eight, where he and his fellow team mates defeated Romania and Germany in the final race to bring home the gold from Barcelona, Spain.



**Bill Corcoran '70**  
Champlain College is an award winning director of theatrical and movies and television. He has directed

over 20 movies and 150 episodes of series television for almost every network in the United States and Canada. Turning his hand to writing and developing in the past year, Bill is currently preparing a feature screenplay and two other teleplays for future production.



**Andrew Ignatieff '69**  
Champlain College is passionately devoted to peace-building and to improving the quality of life

for those less fortunate. Andrew has served as Executive Director of the Primate's World Relief Development Fund, as Program Manager for UNICEF Canada, and for the Canadian Save the Children's Fund in a variety of capacities.



**Robert Morgan '70**  
Champlain College is a dominant force in helping establish Canada as one of the world's leading producers of

theatre for young audiences. As the founding artistic director of the Children's Peace Theatre, he is dedicated to bringing the Theatre to the global stage where children can create and deliver the message of peace. Robert has written more than 20 professionally produced plays, directed and acted in over 40 productions and has won the prestigious Chalmers Award for outstanding playwriting six times.



**Susan Drain '68**  
Lady Eaton College has established a reputation as a professor dedicated to excellence in teaching. She has

spent the last two decades of her career promoting and supporting the improvement of university teaching and learning. Susan was recognized with the 2002 Mount Saint Vincent's University Award for Instructional Leadership in the field of writing, and the 2003 Association of Atlantic Universities Instructional Leadership Award.



**Dianne Lister '71**  
Peter Robinson College is a certified professional fundraising executive who served for ten years as

President & Chief Executive Officer of The Hospital for Sick Children Foundation. She has received several honors including being the first and only Canadian to receive the "International Outstanding Fundraising Executive of the Year" Award given by the USA-based Association of Professional Fundraisers organization. In 2006 Dianne was appointed VP, Advancement and External Relations at Trent University.



**Suresh Narine '91**  
Peter Robinson College is a world class scientist who currently teaches and conducts his

research at the University of Alberta. He has been presented with numerous awards and merits, including a "Growing Alberta Leadership Award" for Innovation, and in 2005 the University of Alberta Students' Union Award for Leadership & Undergraduate Teaching.



**David Patterson '66** Peter Robinson College is a leader in the world of finance and investment. His company, Northwater

Capital Management Inc., manages billions of dollars for large pension funds in Canada and the U.S., as well as the endowment funds of some of Canada's top universities and major mutual fund sponsors. Northwater, which is wholly owned by its employees, is one of the largest privately owned investment management firms in Canada.



**Robert Stephenson '68** Champlain College has been a distinguished corporate and commercial lawyer for over 30

years. A specialist in corporate finance, Robert played a major role in a foreign project financing that, at the time, ranked as the world's largest of its type. Robert is currently co-chair of McCarthy Tétrault's National Precedents and Opinions Committee and is the first alumnus to chair the Board of Governors of Trent. The Alumni Association's Award for Excellence in Student Governance bears his name.



**Sylvia Sutherland '68** Julian Blackburn College served as Mayor of Peterborough from 1986-1991 and 1998 to the present

time. On her watch, a number of major new businesses chose to call Peterborough home. Sylvia has been a Canadian delegate to the United Nations, and was appointed by the Provincial Government to the Ontario Roundtable on the Environment and the Economy and the Macdonald Committee Reviewing Ontario Hydro.



**Don Tapscott '66** Champlain College, is a renowned author, futurist, and consultant to business and government.

He has built a global profile examining the relationships between modern information technologies and a traditional liberal arts education, while maintaining the importance of the human element to technology. He is the bestselling author of *Growing Up Digital* and *Paradigm Shift*. Don served as Chair of Trent's Beyond our Walls Campaign. He will be receiving an Honorary Degree from Trent on Friday, June 2, 2006.



**Shirley Williams '79** Catharine Parr Traill College is Professor Emeritus, retired from Trent's Native Studies Department and

is a member of the Bird Clan of the Ojibway and Odawa First Nations of Canada. Shirley has tirelessly lectured across Ontario promoting Nishnaabe language and culture. Shirley is a consultant and sat as an Elder at Sweetgrass First Nation Language Council for the Woodland Cultural Centre in Brantford.



**Janet Wright '67** Catharine Parr Traill College is a national leader in executive recruitment in Canada. Her company,

Janet Wright and Associates Inc., specializes in assisting public-sector and not-for-profit clients across Canada with senior-level searches and has set the standard in executive recruitment services for universities. In 1999, she received an Honorary degree from the University of Waterloo. Janet served as Vice Chair, Alumni Division, for Trent's Campaign for Tomorrow.

*These following alumni recipients were unable to the ceremony dinner but extended their appreciation and best wishes.*

**Richard Johnston '64** Peter Robinson College was elected to the Ontario Legislature in 1979 where he served 11 years and became well known for his work on social issues. Richard was Chair of the Council of Regents for the Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology in Ontario and served as Centennial College President for five and a half years. He was the first winner of the Ontario Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities Lifetime Achievement Award. Richard operates By Chadsey's Cairns Winery and Vineyard, is Vice Chair of the Ontario Wine Producers Association and a member of Trent's Board of Governors.

**Yann Martel '81** Peter Robinson College has written two major novels, *Self* and *Life of Pi*, which have both been critical and commercial successes. *Life of Pi* won the Man Booker Prize and the Hugh MacLennan Prize for Fiction. To write *Life of Pi*, Yann spent six months in India studying religious texts and another year reading stories about castaways. Only then did he begin his writing, which took another two years. The Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to Yann on March 31, during a visit to Traill College.

**James Orbinski '80** Catharine Parr Traill College is the past president of Doctors Without Borders (MSF). This veteran of many of the world's most disturbing and complex humanitarian emergencies accepted the Nobel Peace Prize on behalf of MSF in 1999. James was Head of Mission both in Zaire during the refugee crisis of 1996-97 and in Rwanda, during the civil war and genocide in 1994. He was also medical co-ordinator in

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# *In Memoriam*

The Trent community was saddened to learn of the passing of retired Trent professor, **Magnus Gunther** on Tuesday, March 7 after a brief illness. Professor Gunther who began at Trent in 1975, retired from the Political Studies department, July 1, 1998.



It is with great sadness that the family announced the passing of **Peter John Gruer '64**, dear brother to Jennifer and Gwen and son of Bernice and the late Ross Gruer on Wednesday, March 22, 2006. Peter was born in Montreal, January 14, 1946 and grew up in Lindsay, Ontario. He completed a B.Sc. at Trent University in Peterborough and worked in the travel industry most of his life in Ottawa and Toronto, being a prolific traveller himself. His passion was reading and sharing his time and sardonic wit with family and friends who will miss his gentle, caring and unassuming ways. The family extends thanks to the doctors and nurses at Toronto East General Hospital and the Peterborough Regional Health Centre as well as his many caring and supportive friends who greatly helped him with his difficult and valiant struggle with cancer. As Peter wished, a celebration of his life was held for family and friends Saturday, April 1 at Scruffy Murphy's in Toronto.

The Trent community was saddened to learn of the passing on Tuesday, February 28 of well-known retiree and Trent graduate **Vivienne (Viv) Hall '86**. Ms. Hall, who retired from Trent in 1997, worked in several different positions since starting at the University in 1982 including Secretary to the Director of Communications, Receptionist for the President's Office, Secretary to the Associate Vice President (Faculty Relations and Research) and finally the position for which she is best remembered, Academic Secretary to the Canadian Studies Program.



**Catherine Burgoyne '97** died March 29, 2006 in Sudbury, Ontario after a long and courageous battle against cancer. A wonderful daughter and a dear sister, Catherine is lovingly remembered as a wife to Paul Falmenmaki.

On January 23rd, 2006 the adventurous life lived by **John Mathew Rymes '82** came to its end. The last few years were maybe not worldly exciting, but they were certainly an adventure - an adventure that an extremely healthy thirty seven year old would never expect to take. Being diagnosed with ALS certainly curtailed a beautiful lifestyle which was being carefully cultivated by Cindy and John. Together they had climbed mountains and skied down them, forded many rivers in many ways, participated in all sorts of community activities and drew great pleasure from the wonderful people they were fortunate enough to befriend. The exposure of an entirely new community of people and activities came with the diagnosis of ALS. The people who dedicate so much time to help with the quality of life for those less fortunate are truly special. Those involved with Quinte Sailability and Quinte Adaptive Aquatics deserve honourable mention. I cannot fathom the depths of sacrifice and suffering that my families have willingly endured for my benefit. The numerous trips made to share special occasions, when it became too difficult for me to travel. A chance to see young nephews and nieces grow from little boys to young men and babies into boisterous urchins. Time did not permit him to finish this. Donations received at wake went to the Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory, earmarked for trail improvements.



# Sunshine Sketches

1975

**Bruce McEachern** married Wendy Hansen of Stratford, Ontario in Etobicoke on June 11, 2005. Among the guests were Wendy's niece, **Erin Appelman '03** of Cavan, Ontario, who is currently enrolled in Trent's nursing programme, and **Valentine Russell Lovekin '84** and his wife Zsuzsi Lovekin. Bruce and Valentine are lawyers in Toronto (photo 1).

1984

**Brian Edwards** travelled to Rajasthan Atomic Power Station in March to teach the Advanced Simulator Instructor's Training course to employees of the Nuclear Power Corporation of India. He and two Technical Managers from the World Association of Nuclear Operators stayed at the guest house constructed to accommodate the 21 Canadians who helped build the first nuclear power station in India 34 years ago. Brian is currently a Control Room Simulator Instructor at Darlington Nuclear Generating Station where he has been a licensed Nuclear Operator. He lives in Cavan with his wife Kathleen and their eleven-year-old daughter, Sarah. He can be reached at [brian.edwards@opg.com](mailto:brian.edwards@opg.com).

1986

**Steve Accette** was married to TJ Hunter on Sept 30, 2004 in Toronto. A number of Trent Alum were in attendance including best man **Jim Rebstock '85**; **Mary Jane (Evans) Clelland '85**; **Gavin Clelland '85**; and **Christine Whelton '87**. The wedding was followed by a three week Mediterranean cruise aboard the QE2! (Photo 2.)

1988

**Yvette Scrivener and Alan Barnfield '91** are thrilled to announce the safe arrival of Jae Briar, a sister for two year old Laine.

1990

**Troy Hammond and Natalie Coulter** are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Maeve Isabel Coulter Hammond. Maeve's safe arrival occurred on December 21, 2005 in Toronto (photo 3).

1992

**Rumi (Okazawa) Farmus and Mils Farmus** are thrilled to announce the birth of their first child, Thomas, born May 3, 2005 in Owen Sound. He is a bundle of joy and brings sunshine to our lives (photo 4).

1993

**Patrick and Marcia (Quinn) Steeves** would like to announce the arrival of Kennedy Grace, who joined the family on February 10, 2006, weighing in at 6lbs 15.6oz (photo 5).

Reece and **Katrina (Fegan) Keeler** are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Hadyn Keeler on March 4, 2005 in Georgetown, Ontario. Katrina has been working in the pharmaceutical industry for several years and is currently enjoying maternity leave (photo 6).

**Theresa (Waggoner) Bickle and Jason Bickle '94** were married back in April 2003 with many Trent Alumni in attendance. They are thrilled to announce the birth of their daughter, Isabella Rose, born on August 17, 2005. The Bickles are currently residing in Whitby, Ontario (photo 7).

1994

**Janice Djetvay-Bradshaw and Scott Bradshaw** would like to announce the birth of our son September 18, 2005 Future Trent Student: Aaron John Djetvay-Bradshaw (photo 8).

1995

**Alexandria Thom and Ryan Durrell '97** were married on October 22, 2005 and joined by many of their Trent friends! They are also happy to announce their pending arrival—a baby due September 1st, 2006. They'd love to hear from anyone they've lost touch with! Contact them at [alexandriadurrell@gmail.com](mailto:alexandriadurrell@gmail.com) or [ryand@dion-durrell.com](mailto:ryand@dion-durrell.com) (photo 9).



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Somalia during the 1992-93 famine and civil war. James received an Honorary Degree from Trent in 2001 and the Alumni Association's Spirit of Trent Award in 1992.

**Ian Tamblyn '67** Catharine Parr Traill College has been a musician, songwriter, playwright and producer for many years. He has recorded several albums and countless soundtracks for theatre and film. In recent years, Ian has had a close association with adventure travel and scientific expeditions. These travels have taken him from Greenland to Antarctica. He was nominated for a Juno award in 1990. The *Victoria Times* called Tamblyn, 'a national treasure.' Ian holds an Honorary Degree from Lakehead University.

**Jane Stewart '75** Peter Robinson College has served as Canada's Minister of Human Resources Development from 1999 to 2003, Minister of National Revenue, and Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. She also served on the House of Commons Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs. Jane is currently the Chief of Staff to Bill Graham, Canada's Interim Leader of the Opposition.

**Richard Wright '70** (Catharine Parr Traill College) is a novelist whose internationally published work includes *Clara Callan*, winner of the Governor General's Award for Fiction and the Giller Prize. Richard is the author of seven other novels, including *The Age of Longing*, nominated for a Governor General's Award and the Giller Prize. He has won the Trillium Book Award, the CBA Libris Award for Author of the Year, the CBA Libris Award for Fiction Book of the Year and the Pearson Canada Readers' Choice Award. Richard will receive an Honorary Degree from Trent on the afternoon of Thursday, June 1, 2006.

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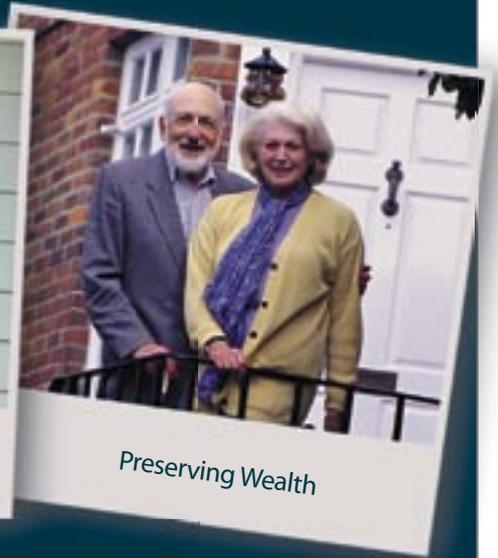
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