



# *The Pursuit of Excellence*

Teaching, Research and Student Life Projects  
at Trent University, 2006-2007



# Trent at a Glance

## Mission

- Founded in 1964, Trent University is known for its commitment to liberal undergraduate education in the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences and to the centrality of the individual student.
- Within a collegial setting, Trent offers undergraduate and graduate programs, both traditional and interdisciplinary, which seek to advance learning through the creative interaction of teaching and research of the highest quality.

## 2005-2006 Enrollment

- 6,566 full-time and 1,396 part-time undergraduates
- 265 graduate students

## A National Reputation For Excellence

- #1 in Canada for **Quality of Education**, two years in a row  
*(Globe and Mail, University Report Card, 2003 & 2004; received 'A' grade in 2005)*
- Research **University of the Year** among Canadian undergraduate universities, three years in a row  
*(Research InfoSource rankings as published in The National Post 2003, 2004, 2005)*
- #1 in Ontario - **Overall Ranking** of Undergraduate Universities  
*(Maclean's 2005 Annual Ranking of primarily undergraduate Canadian universities)*
- #1 in Ontario – Students who have won **national awards**  
*(Maclean's 2004 five-year tally [1999-2003] of students per 1,000 who have won national awards)*



# Philanthropy – Key to Trent’s Success



Scholarship recipient Amy Simoneau (left) and Amy Milburn (right), donor.

## *From Trent’s Inception...*

- Trent was established through the leadership of community volunteers and organizations.
- For example, between 1962-76 GE Canada donated the core 250 acres of Trent’s 1450-acre campus as well as the Stanley Adamson Powerhouse, which provides 75 to 85 per cent of Trent’s needs.

## *... to the Present*

- Recent provincial post-secondary investments and tuition frameworks do *not* keep pace with inflation. This means external philanthropy is essential to sustaining innovation and excellence at Trent.
- Generous individual, corporate and foundation donors provide greatly-needed bursaries, scholarship and prizes, research labs and grants, classroom space, and buildings.

## *2006-2007 Priority Funding Opportunities*

- The following are key areas where donors can make a significant impact through their philanthropy:
  - **Student Support**
  - **Athletics**
  - **Nozhem** (First Peoples Performance Space)
  - **Alumni House**
  - **Research and Youth Exploring Science**

# Student Support Opportunities

## Matching Opportunities to Assist Students

The average annual student loan at Trent is over \$8,000. This leaves many students with a debt burden greater than \$32,000 upon graduation. Trent is a leader in providing student support, but cannot do more without additional help.



### Ontario Trust for Student Support (OTSS)

Graduate or Undergraduate

Give to greatest need  
OR  
Create a Bursary  
(starting at \$6,250)  
or Award  
(starting at \$12,500)  
in your name or  
that of a loved one.

Ontario Government  
Matching Funds  
1:1

### Ontario Graduate Scholarships (OGS)

Graduate Students  
High academic  
Achievement

An expendable gift or  
endowment producing  
\$5,000 annually  
will be matched for  
a total OGS of \$15,000.  
Can be in your name or  
that of a loved one.

Ontario Government  
Matching Funds  
2:1

### Trent University Graduate Fellowships

Graduate Students  
Sciences or Arts

A new fellowship program  
provides 1:1 matching plus  
top-up on a named  
endowment of \$50,000,  
so as to produce \$5,000  
annually for a  
graduate student.

Trent Matching 1:1  
and  
Top-Up Funds

# Athletics – Investing in Excellence

## Building on a Rich Tradition

- For the 4th consecutive year, Trent has garnered the Outstanding Intramural Achievement Award (Canadian Intramural Recreation Association-Ontario).
- While Trent's intra-mural and varsity programs are gaining momentum, its facilities are straining under intensive usage by a growing student body.
- Philanthropic support will enable new playing fields and growing outdoor recreation opportunities to build on Trent's tradition of athletic excellence and balanced lifestyles for both students and the community.



## A New Foundation for Sport and Recreation

- High quality artificial turf field and 1,000-seat stadium with lighting on the west bank (field, track and lighting completed in 2005 – stadium seating, press box and scoreboard coming in 2007)
- Natural turf field on the east bank, sized for international rugby and soccer, ready for use in 2007

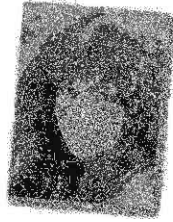


## Outdoor Recreation Opportunities

- *Access to Activity Initiative:* Ensuring a variety of outdoor equipment and programs are available to students and the community
- *Elementary School Outdoor Program:* Developing children's outdoor skills, knowledge and appreciation
- *Outdoor Pavilion:* To be the home of Trent's outdoor recreation and education activities and programs



# Nozhem: First Peoples Performance Space



## *The Place of the Bear*

- *Nozhem* is the Anishnaabe name given to the First Peoples Performance Space at Trent University. It means “the place of the bear” and reflects the bear’s nurturing role.

## *A Living Laboratory*

- Unlike traditional Western theatre, *Nozhem* primarily nurtures, develops and transmits Aboriginal oral tradition, language, knowledge and culture.
- The performance space is a living laboratory for the work of Canada Research Chair in Aboriginal Arts and Literature, Prof. Marrie Mumford. Her research ensures that skills from experienced Aboriginal performers are transferred to future generations, enhancing the cultural life of Canada.
- This Trent program is unique in Canada, and one of few worldwide. This is partly why the Toronto-based Centre for Indigenous Theatre chose *Nozhem* as its summer home.

## *Providing the Tools to Achieve Excellence*

- This unique multi-purpose teaching and theatre space has flexible seating for 100 people and enables high quality teaching, programming and research around Aboriginal culture to take place.
- However, essential behind-the-scenes infrastructure is not yet in place. Current infrastructure needs include dressing room construction, washroom facilities, dressing room fixtures, costume and props storage, and miscellaneous theatre needs and outfitting.

# Alumni House

## *An Exciting Strategic Alumni Initiative*

- The Alumni Association will establish “Alumni House” at the Champlain College Master’s Lodge. The multipurpose facility will provide social and meeting space for the Trent community, high quality accommodation for university visitors, and offices for Alumni Affairs.

## *Why Does Trent Need an Alumni House?*

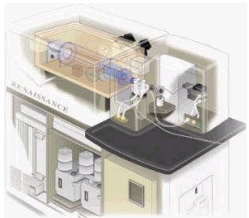
- Enhanced undergraduate and university community awareness of the Alumni Association and its programs of support for the university and its students
- New opportunities for alumni outreach through receptions, meetings & special events with students, staff, faculty & alumni
- A positive environment for alumni affairs staff and leaders, alumni and visitors
- A main campus “destination” and improved space where alumni will be welcomed and assisted with their visit to the university
- A permanent home for the Alumni Association’s Hall of Fame and heritage collections
- A showcase for the care and celebration of Trent Master Architect Ron Thom’s legacy

## *Making a House a Home*

- The Campaign for Alumni House will raise a total of \$250,000:
  - \$150,000 for improvements and furnishings
  - \$100,000 to establish the Alumni House endowment fund



# Trent Research and Youth Exploring Science



## Excellence in Research

- Trent named Research University of the Year, three years in a row, among Canadian undergraduate universities (*Research InfoSource rankings*)
- Trent has distinguished itself in a number of research areas in the humanities and the natural and social sciences.
- Philanthropic investments in research at Trent are essential to drive innovation that impacts on regional, national and global levels, improving quality of life for all.

## Research Highlights at Trent

- The Worsfold Water Quality Centre brings together a range of scientists and equipment unparalleled in North America for organic and inorganic research capacity.
- Internationally acclaimed M.Sc. and Ph.D. programs in Watershed Ecosystems
- DNA & Forensics program moving into new \$19 million facility in June 2006
- The University holds eight Canada Research Chairs in Environmental Modeling, Archeological Studies, Aboriginal Arts and Literature, Terrestrial Ecology, Canadian Studies, Cultural Studies, Emotion and Health, and Conservation Genetics and Biodiversity.

## Youth Exploring Science (High-School Age)

- Trent is one of eleven campuses hosting the annual Shad Valley program for exceptional high school students, blending science and entrepreneurship.
- Trent will host the 2010 Canada-Wide Science Fair, drawing 500 top students from across Canada.



## *Thank You for Your Time and Consideration*

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