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Celebrating a Century – 100 years of Red & Grey

By Nicole Dowling

May 10th to 13th, 2012

Only two years left until our beloved NT celebrates a century of community life and quality education... and it's going to be great!

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend NT's 100th Anniversary Celebrations. This will be a chance to connect with old friends, make some new ones, and get to know the newest generation of students.

With loads of exciting events over four days, there will be something for everyone:

- Athletic Night at Spirale (Thursday, May 10th)
- Golf Tournament (Friday, May 11th)
- Alumni Maytime Melodies at Roy Thomson Hall (Friday, May 11th)
- Staff Breakfast, followed by tours of the NEW North Toronto and student talent show (Saturday, May 12th)
- Centennial Gala at the Liberty Grand (Saturday, May 12th)
- Closing Ceremonies at NT (Sunday, May 13th)

...and much, much more!

If you would like to be a part of the Centennial planning team, please contact the Chair of the 100th Anniversary Committee, Nicole Dowling, at nt100th@gmail.com. We are still recruiting volunteers for our committees (including Memorabilia, Registration and the Gala), as well as alumni with specialized skills and talents who would be interested in volunteering their services (photographers, DJs, bands, etc.).

The Music Committee is also looking for alumni musicians to perform in Maytime Melodies. If you are interested in doing so, please contact Cat Cunningham, Co-Chair of the Music Committee, at nt100thmusic@gmail.com.

You can keep up to date with the Centennial plans by joining our Facebook group (NTCI 100th Anniversary – May 2012) or by following us on Twitter (NT100th).

We've traveled a long way since our years at NT... let's come together to celebrate the spirit that put us on the road.

This is OUR piece of history, this is OUR celebration, this is OUR 100 years. Be There!

The New School is Nearing Completion

By Desmond Brett



It's almost finished and the exterior of the new NT is virtually complete. While much work remains on the interior, great progress has been made in this area, too.

Many features of the Heritage Court are installed, including the preserved entrances from the old school and walls of brick from the original school, paving stones inscribed with the names of important school staff and NTCI accomplishments as well as a large, handsome piece of stone on which the school motto will be engraved.

Your Alumni Association board members have been preparing feverishly for the impending school opening, especially with respect to furnishing the Heritage Room as well as the transfer of the pictures, banners, lists and paintings that now adorn the walls of the present school.

Many events and activities have been planned to commemorate the final year in the old NT building, and preparations are underway to celebrate the school's centennial, coming up in 2012.

We enthusiastically welcome any of you who wish to become involved, even in some small way. Contact details are provided on the opposing page.

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Make Your Mark on the New NTCI

By Neal Irwin

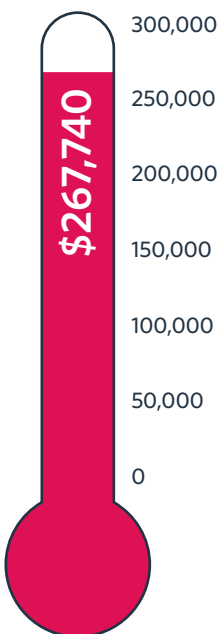
Red & Grey Spirit Campaign on Track

Since last May's Foundation Newsletter, the Red & Grey Spirit Campaign has continued to grow. Gifts and pledges now (March 2010) total \$267,740, but we still have a way to go to reach our campaign target of \$300,000!

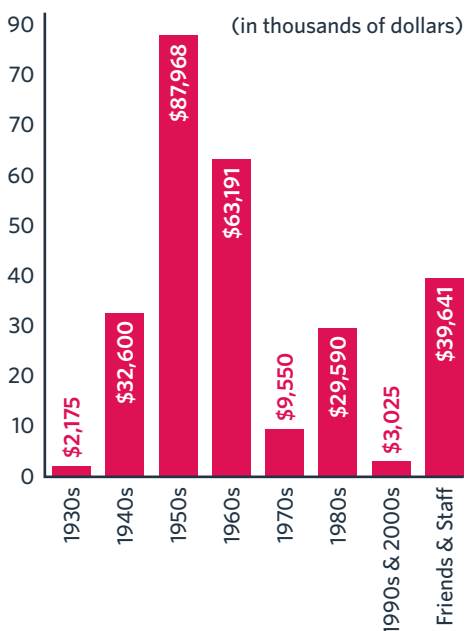
NT graduates from all decades have given generously, led by the 1950s and 1960s and there is still time for other decades to catch up. The school's first century will not be forgotten, thanks to the generosity and enthusiasm of our alumni.

Your continuing support will take us over the top. The campaign runs until December 31, 2010 and the names of all who donate \$100 or more by that date will be permanently recognized in the new building (more on this below).

**Red & Grey
Spirit Campaign**
As of March 2010



Donations by Decade
As of December 2009



Heritage Program Taking Shape

Funds from the Campaign will bring NTCI's distinguished history and rich heritage into the new building with architectural features from the existing building, special rooms and heritage displays.

The walls of the new building's interior courtyard, to be called the Heritage Court, are built with bricks from the original building. The gothic arch that was over the school's original main (north) entrance, and the two flanking bay windows have been reclaimed and are built into the Court's south wall, and the two arches that were over the original south entrances, placed back-to-back, will frame the entrance from the new school's lobby into the Court. Sixteen of the paving stones in the Court's floor will be inscribed in honour of former teachers, students, activities and teams, and a historic plaque will describe these features of the Court and list the school's nine principals, from 1912 to the present.

The NTCI Heritage Room will be a special place thanks to upgraded furniture and audio-visual features funded by the campaign. The adjacent Archive Room will preserve NTCI's history in the form of key documents, photos and digital records.

Special computer equipment and display screens in the Heritage room and the new building's main lobby, also funded by the campaign, will help communicate images from the past, including Mr. Farmer's movies of the 20s, 30s, 40s and 50s which are now preserved in digital form. Permanent display cases and panels will honour generations of NT grads: scholars, athletes, musicians, and soldiers who gave their lives for Canada.

Commemorative Group Donations are Popular

Many donors have dedicated their gifts to group donations, in memory of past teachers, students, teams or activities, thereby securing their permanent recognition in the new building.

The “Wall of Spirit” will record the name of everyone who donates \$100 or more to the Campaign by size category of gift:

Champions	\$20,000 and above
Builders	\$10,000–19,999
Partners	\$5,000–9,999
Supporters	\$1,000–4,999
Friends	\$100–999

It will similarly record the total received for each group donation and the names of persons or groups so honoured, showing also the donors who dedicated their gift to each group donation (see Donor List inserted in this newsletter).

Individual or group donations totaling \$10,000 or more will also be marked by inscriptions of up to 25 words on paving stones in the new building’s Heritage Court, permanently commemorating people and groups honoured.

Current (March 2010) totals of donations received for group donations, and those honoured by each, are listed on the right. Additional pledges are expected to take the first six of these over the \$10,000 threshold so that their inscribed paving stones will be placed in the Heritage Court by opening day in September, 2010, along with ten stones with inscriptions from individual donors.

R.R.H “Bud” and Dorothy Page. Bud was a NT teacher (1928-50) and Principal (1959-70). Total donations to date: \$5,000

Jean (Hunnisett) Hayhurst. Award-winning NT student (1925-30). Total donations to date: \$3,000

Betty Bealey. NT teacher and mentor (1941-72). Total donations to date: \$6,566

1944 Senior Football Team. City Champions (who still meet annually). Total donations to date: \$5,000

Jack Dow. NT music teacher (1946-58) and creator of Maytime Melodies. Total donations to date: \$3,250

Hal Brown. NT teacher and track coach (1946-2001). Total donations to date: \$4,085

Ray Clemo. NT student who died in 1984 while attending NTCI. Total donations to date: \$1,070

Supper Club of ‘46. Have regularly met since 1946. Total donations to date: \$1,000

Twelve Friends of ‘55. Have met annually since 1955. Total donations to date: \$1,000

It's Not Too Late to Donate

Please help us move these totals to \$10,000 and beyond to meet our overall objective, and ensure that your name will be recognized in the new building, by making a secure online donation, at the following Canada Helps website: <http://www.canadahelps.org/CharityProfilePage.aspx?CharityID=s24539>

Alternatively, you can make an online donation by going to the Foundation’s website (<http://www.ntcifoundation.ca>) or through Canada Post by mailing your cheque and/or pledge with a copy of the enclosed donation form. Be sure to specify Red & Grey Spirit Campaign in the indicated section and, if you wish to dedicate your donation, the name of the person or group to be honoured. **Momentum is growing thanks to many like you!**

Alumni Update

By Desmond Brett

Spread the Word

Please forward this newsletter to other NT friends, siblings or colleagues, and share your, and their, e-mail addresses with us at ntcifoundation@ntci.on.ca, at redgreyspirit@ntci.on.ca, or by leaving a voice message at **416-393-8585 ext. 20145**.

We need your e-mail address for you to continue receiving the Foundation's annual newsletter in a timely fashion next year and beyond (see "We're Going Green!" on page 8).

Patrons of the Red & Grey Spirit Campaign:

Hugh Alexander ('49)
Ken Barclay ('59)
Peter Cork ('83)
Al Crawford ('46)
Andy Filipiuk ('81)
John Fowler ('51)
Norm Fraser ('61)
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Ben Hawkins ('81)
Neal Irwin ('50) (Chair)
Stan Pearl ('62)
Paul Raff ('86)
Allison Stockton-Aird (Campaign Manager)
Ron Wakelin ('64)

Amanda Tapping ('84) has been very busy recently, her latest sci-fi TV show, *Sanctuary*, just finished airing its second season in January. Tapping not only stars in the show, she is also one of the producers. This follows a hugely successful run starring in another sci-fi series: *Stargate SG-1*. The show encompasses ten regular seasons and three feature length movies, and spawned into two sequels, also starring Tapping, called *Stargate Atlantis* and *Stargate Universe*. She is now shooting a fourth Stargate movie. Interestingly, the stage was her first passion. After excelling in drama at NT (she won the Dramatic Arts Award), she took an MA in drama at the University of Windsor and spent several years in theatre. She is a co-founder of the improvisational Canadian comedy troupe *Random Acts*. Lured into television, Tapping has also starred in several movies. Amanda lives in Vancouver where her shows are produced.

Alex Dean ('74), a master of the tenor sax, is a composer/arranger and musical director. His day job is teaching. Dean is on the faculty at both the University of Toronto and Humber College, and is artistic director for the *Kincardine Summer Music Festival Jazz Camp*. Dean has recorded with many well-known jazz artists, had a long career with the *Boss Brass*, and has his own band: *Tenor Madness, The Alex Dean Quintet*. He was also a member of Rob McConnell's *Tentet* (see next page). Dean continues to call Toronto home.

Image courtesy Tridel.



In Memoriam

By Desmond Brett (McConnell, Gladish) and Mike Filey (Pole)

Robert Gladish passed away November 7, age 91. A graduate of NT, and the University of Western Ontario, Robert taught phys ed at NT from 1942 to 1960, coaching countless teams during his tenure. He also taught at Central Tech and served as secretary to the Toronto Secondary School Athletic Association for many years. He was then promoted to Coordinator of Physical Education for the Toronto School Board, a post he held through the 1970s until his retirement.

Rob McConnell ('53), Canadian jazz icon and founder of the **Boss Brass**, passed away on May 3 at the age of 75. McConnell, winner of three Grammy Awards, seven Junos and numerous additional honours, was known among his fellow musicians primarily for his arrangements, many of which are still taught today. After semi-retiring in the late '90s, following 30 albums and performing with most of this era's jazz greats, McConnell put together another ensemble called **Tentet**. They recorded three more albums before McConnell fell ill and stepped out of the limelight for good. McConnell got his career start at NT, where he took up the valve trombone. In 1968 he founded the **Boss Brass** with 16 members, expanding the band to 22 in later years.

Howard Pole was born in Toronto in 1906 and was educated at Brown school on Avenue Road and North Toronto Collegiate from which he graduated in 1924. He volunteered for service in WWII, but was not accepted on medical grounds. Always having an artistic bent he went into the graphic arts business, became a consultant in communication techniques and, later, made short films, one of which won a Canadian Film Award in 1966. In the mid-1950s he took up and became an accomplished painter and a fixture on the Toronto arts scene. A 1959 review in the *Globe and Mail* said of one of his shows (the appeal) "...of the paintings, in the hands of a thoughtful painter like Pole, is its essential truth as presented by an artist capable of sympathetic understanding."

But his first love was music and music composition.

"The few musical works I have written are intended to be an expansion of traditional music's esthetic capability with some small acknowledgment to contemporary ideas," he wrote in 1987. "I write with the conviction that there will continue to be an almost limitless flow of fresh ideas stemming from the roots of our traditional music." Among his compositions were scores for cello, wind instruments, organ and voice.



Howard Pole, nattily attired in the 1920s. (Courtesy the Pole family)

Even though he was losing his sight and hearing, Howard continued to compose well into his 90s, strictly for his own enjoyment. Throughout his life North Toronto Collegiate held an important place in his heart. Although, in his last years, he became something of a recluse, he made provision for an endowment to the music department of his alma mater. Howard died on December 2, 2009, weeks short of his 104th birthday.

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We're Going Green!

Please e-mail us at ntcifoundation@ntci.on.ca with "Going Green" in the subject line if you are prepared to receive future copies of the newsletter electronically, e-mailed to you in PDF format. This may help reduce depletion of Canada's forests and will enable the Foundation to use more of your annual donations for student awards and activities rather than for postage.

Your Skills and Interests — just what we're looking for!

The NTCI Foundation has an Advisory Board of up to 25 members which meets at the school about five times each year. In addition to providing general guidance at Board meetings, our members bring a variety of skills in helping with many different Foundation-related activities. In the coming year, we need to replenish our Board with about five new members. We would like to hear from you if can:

- Be creative in helping us plan for NTCI's 100th
- Write copy for the annual newsletter
- Help us maintain our membership database/ mailing list
- Help maintain our Web site, to make it a compelling and up-to-date source of information
- Lend a hand with the School Archives
- Think outside the box in considering what else we might do to serve the school and our alumni.

Interested in helping out? Please let us know:

E-mail us at ntcifoundation@ntci.on.ca and put "Board Membership" in the subject line.

Scholarship Winners

In addition to funding worthwhile projects that cannot be financed from normal school resources, the NTCI foundation also funds several scholarships that are awarded at commencement to reward academic and extra curricular achievement. Here are the award winners from last fall's commencement ceremony:

The R.R.H. (Bud) Page Valedictory Prize: **Daniel Jacobs**

The Sifton Trophy for Young Men: **Daniel Jacobs**

The Kerr Trophy for Young Women: **Lori Nemoj**

The Hal Brown "Triple A" Award: **Michelle Mayer**

The Betty Bealey Laureateship in English Award: **Daniel Jacobs**

The Senator Keith Davey Award: **Jessie Peng**

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