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the man who started it all



Top: George Reed, third from left, with a group of NTCI teachers.

Above Left: George Reed, standing in front of the Broadway Ave. entrance.

Above Right: NTCI, circa 1922.

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Left: George Reed, far left, poses with other staff members in the 1920s. (Courtesy of the Reed family and NTCI Archives)

George Reed, Founder and First Principal

By Desmond Brett, with files from Mike Filey and the Reed family

This year marks the 100th anniversary of George Reed's re-arrival in Toronto. Reed was born in 1859 in Belleville and moved with his family to Kincardine a few years later. It was here, in a one room school five miles outside town, that Reed began his teaching career at the age of 16.

As he continued to live with his parents, he must have had quite the commute (on foot) during the winter. After accumulating the necessary funds, Reed enrolled at U of T in 1884, obtaining an honours bachelor's degree in classics. A well rounded student, he also played Association Football (soccer) and participated in many activities at the university.

He then went to the Teacher's Training College in Hamilton to complete his teaching certificate. While he was studying there, he was asked by the university to take over for the Classics instructor, who had fallen ill. Since he

was short of funds, this windfall enabled him to complete his training but must have presented quite a challenge in terms of time and effort.

After short teaching stints in Napanee and Bradford, Reed was asked to become principal of the high school in Markham. According to reports, the school was subject to internal strife and political difficulties with the town, but Reed managed to ignore these distractions and turned the institution into one of the top schools in the province. His efforts did not go unrecognised and, in 1909, he was made superintendent of schools for

Ontario, necessitating his return to Toronto. During his years in Markham, he married Clarcie Mastin, also from Kincardine, and they had three children by the time his appointment came.

Once he moved to the city, he was asked to become principal and teacher at a new high school proposed for the town of North Toronto. At the time, the closest high school was Jarvis Collegiate, a long streetcar ride south. Starting with just five students in rooms at the town hall at Yonge St. and Montgomery Ave., Reed began putting the town's dream into reality.

Right: A class photo from 1922. Reed is at the top left. (Courtesy of the Reed family and NTCI Archives)



NTCI Grads and Staff Remembered

As principal at Markham, he had received the handsome salary of \$1,000 a year, and so he was able to buy a large house at 48 Broadway Ave. across from his new school, enabling him to go home for lunch every day.

While building the large new facility from the ground up must have presented many challenges, it provided its new principal with many opportunities. He could hire staff and set the curriculum to his standards, as well as put in place the kinds of sporting and other extra-curricular activities he knew were essential to a vital high school experience.

Once again, his efforts paid off and, as well as being the largest high school in Canada when it was built, NTCI soon became one of the best, renowned for the quality and accomplishments of its students. The cornerstone of the new building was laid in 1912 and later that year, the town was annexed by the City of Toronto. While this may have curtailed some of his authority, it would have given him access to more resources and financial support for the new school.

While busy with running NTCI and raising a family, Reed stayed true to his early work ethic, serving as secretary-treasurer to the principal's section of the Ontario Educational Association for a decade and was a member of the board and superintendent of the Sunday School at Glebe Rd. United Church for most of his time in Toronto.

Affable and approachable, Reed was well liked by both students and staff. He remained at NT for the remainder of his career, retiring in 1927. He died in December, 1931, survived by Clarcie and all three children.

Jean (Hunnisett) Hayhurst — 1912-1999

If anyone was a model student, it was Jean Hunnisett from the class of '30. During her years at North Toronto, she excelled at her studies, did well in sports, and participated in various extra-curricular activities such as drama and the Literary Society.

Her achievements in academics, and her passion for the school, were recognized by the fact she was selected as valedictorian in 1930, and was one of the first women awarded the coveted Kerr Cup. To top off all this, "she was quite modest about everything she did," said her son George Hayhurst.

She clearly loved her years at NTCI — she kept her yearbooks for more than 60 years, and continued some friendships from high school. After her passing in 1999, George is now steward of those precious yearbooks. Jean continued on to university where she studied English and excelled there too. For a short while she worked at a publishing company, leaving after she got married.

Her passion for NTCI is evident in the last line of her valedictory speech: "Remember that only your own work can take you through your examination, that only your zeal and good sporting spirit can put championship cups in the that cabinet in the hall, that only you can keep North Toronto the finest school in Toronto, in Canada, in the world.

In Memoriam...

Julie Pierce worked in the guidance department at NT from January 1979 to January 2001. She had a keen eye for detail and was a great help to many students who were having difficulties balancing school, home life and social involvement. She was an active participant in many school activities, as well as being a key support for career days at NT. She also coached tennis and downhill skiing.

Jane Kennedy taught Latin and Classical studies at NT from September 1968 until June, 2001. Over that time, she served on many staff committees and helped in Maytime Melodies and other school events. Her escort on trips to Italy and Greece brought a good deal of delight to the many students who were lucky enough to go with her over the years.

Jim Hogarth passed away on August 1, 2008. He served as principal at NT for five years, from September 1977 until his retirement in June 1989. A teacher for many years, Jim also served as principal at Malvern.

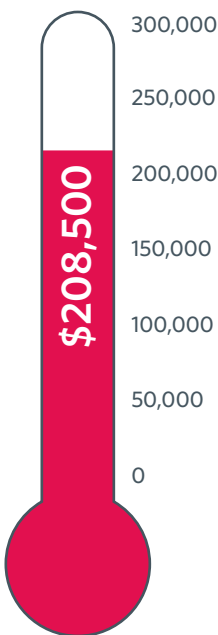
Bruce Snell passed away on December 16, 2008. Bruce was teaching at Humberside when he was promoted to Vice Principal and arrived at NT in September 1964. He was with us for several years before being promoted to principal in 1970, whereupon he returned to Humberside.

Red & Grey Spirit Campaign On Track

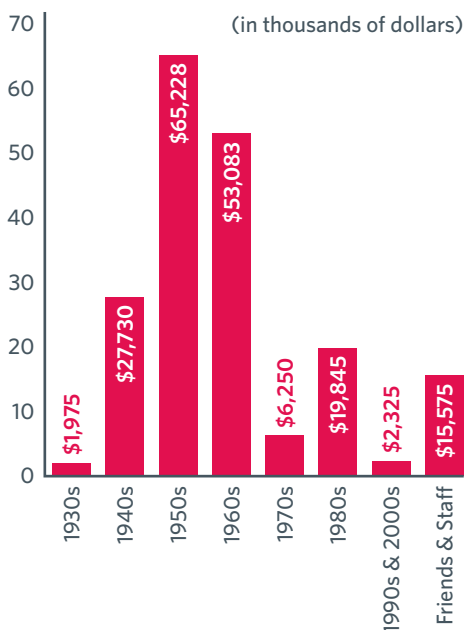
By Neal Irwin

Launched last year for funding to enhance NTCI's distinguished history and rich heritage in the new building, the Red & Grey Spirit Campaign has raised over two-thirds of its \$300,000 target.

Red & Grey Spirit Campaign
As of March 31, 2009



Donations by Decade
As of December 1, 2008



NT graduates from all decades have given generously, led by the 1950s and 1960s, but there is still time for other decades to catch up! The campaign continues through 2009 and 2010.

Donors in the following categories will have their names permanently displayed on the “Wall of Spirit” in the new NTCI building:

\$20,000 and above	Champions (new category)
\$10,000-19,999	Builders
\$5,000-9,999	Partners
\$1,000-4,999	Supporters
\$100-999	Friends

Champions and Builders – whether individual or a group – can choose a commemorative inscription of up to 25 words on a paving stone in the “Heritage Court” within the new building. Donations can be made in two or three instalments during 2009 and 2010.

Group or individual donations can be made to commemorate a specific person(s) or a group, as described in the accompanying article on Commemorative Group Donations, and purchases of school portrait prints and hasti-notes will also support the campaign (see enclosed order form).

The campaign will fund a number of projects to bring our collective heritage to life in the new NTCI. These include:

Heritage room: Meeting room (illustrated at the bottom left) for up to 20 people, featuring heritage and media displays.

Custom heritage displays: Permanent display panels and cases honouring generations of NT grads: scholars, athletes, musicians, and soldiers who gave their lives for Canada.

Media displays: Computer-controlled monitors showing short, looped historical presentations including movies of school activities over the past 80 years, now preserved in digital form.

Archive room: A secure room next to the Heritage room to preserve NTCI's history.

Your donation can help make it happen!
See enclosed donation form.

Left: Conceptual rendering of the Heritage Room.



Commemorative Group Donations

By Neal Irwin

Group donations are a way of supporting the Red & Grey Spirit Campaign that also adds directly to the school's heritage by commemorating a much loved teacher, family member or classmate. Groups or individuals raising \$10,000 or more have the opportunity to have a paving stone inscribed in the new building's "Heritage Court" to honour a person or persons, their class, team or group.

To date we have received multiple donations in memory of several individuals or groups:

Hal Brown. 35 years on NTCI's staff as teacher, track coach and mentor to two generations of students and athletes. Mary Nishio ('77) mnishio@sympatico.ca launched this group, which is just getting started. Total donations to date: \$350.

Ray Clemo. Former NT student who died before he was able to graduate. Group launched by Mark Trenton ('83). Total donations to date: \$530.

Jean (Hunnisett) Hayhurst ('30). Former student, Kerr Trophy winner, and valedictorian in 1930 (see article on page 3). Group donations from the Hayhurst family. Total donations to date: \$3,000.

NTCI 1944 Senior Champions football team. Group launched by Al Crawford, who has helped keep the team together through annual luncheons for the past 64 years! Most of the team has donated. Total donations to date: \$4,200.

R.R.H. "Bud" and Dorothy Page. Bud Page taught Latin for many years at NTCI and was the school's much loved principal from 1959 to 1970. He coached numerous NT football teams, including the 1944 Senior Champs. The Page family has made an initial donation of \$5,000.

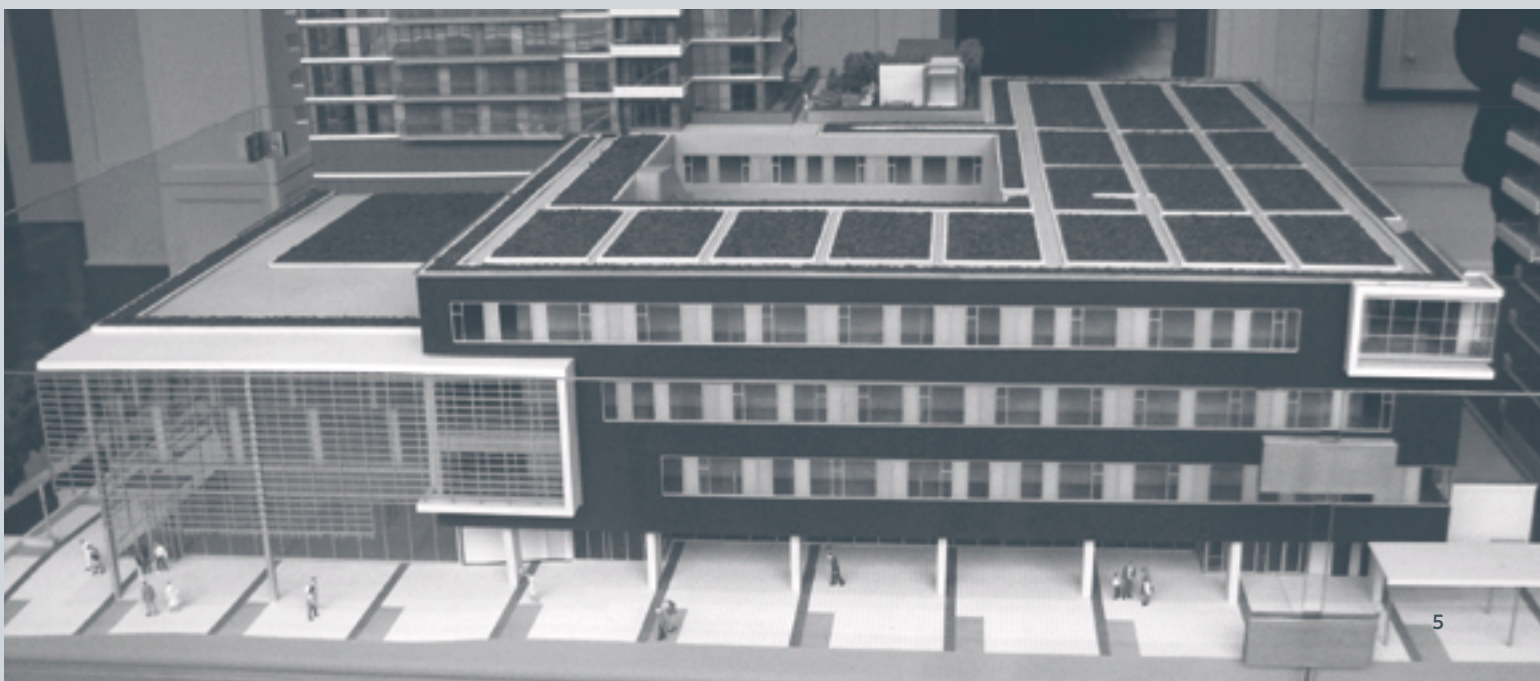
Betty Bealey. Legendary English teacher at NT for 31 years, department head for 16 years and a founding member of the NTCI Foundation. Group donations invited by the Beasley family. Total donations to date: \$5,916.

Examples of former teachers, now deceased, who could be similarly honoured include **Jack Dow**, founder of NTCI's renowned music program, and **Jane Kennedy**, who taught Latin at NT for 32 years.

Regardless of whether or not the \$10,000 threshold for an inscribed paving stone is reached, the names of persons or groups commemorated will be permanently displayed on the "Wall of Spirit" in the new NTCI.

If you wish to make a group donation in memory of any of the above or of another person or group, please specify this on the enclosed Red & Grey Spirit Campaign donation form along with your donation.

Below: West view of the new school showing the "green roof".



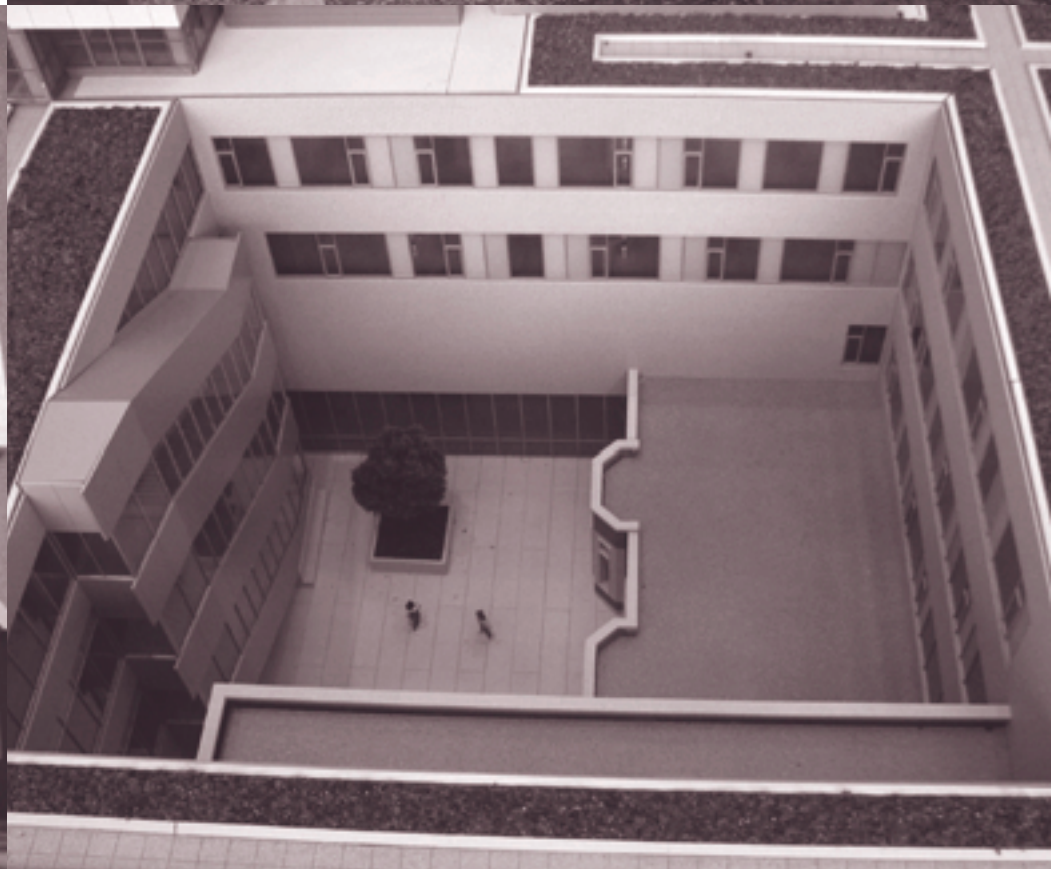
New School Building Update

Article and photos by Desmond Brett

The building of the new school is on schedule and the foundation and below grade structures have been completed (right).

Sales of the condo units have been brisk and the new building is still on track to receive students in the fall of 2010.

The pictures below focus on the courtyard with the historic facade saved from the original building. Tridel has already set about preserving sections of the original NT.



NTCI Centennial Celebrations

By Pippa Wysong

TORONTO — It's time to mark May 10-12, 2012 on your calendar. That's when big things will happen to celebrate not only the opening of the new school, but NTCI's 100th anniversary. It promises to be a bigger, more spectacular bash than the 75th anniversary was.

Organizers are active, with ten committees already formed working on everything from sporting events to entertainment. Events will include a gala concert at Roy Thomson Hall (similar to the one during the 75th), a big dinner-dance for 2,000 alumni, a golf tournament, a special open-house at the new building, BBQs, smaller parties around the city, and much more. There will even be a limited edition yearbook in recognition of 100 years at NTCI.

The centennial celebrations will be a chance to meet old friends, meet people from other years, make new friends, see NT alumni perform (such as members from pop and rock bands, various classical, vocal and jazz musicians), and just plain have fun.

To help get us there, organizers need more help. We need help in everything from organizing ticket sales and registration, to picking venues for some of the events, finding ways to contact lost alumni, musical talent, accounting, website help, and figuring out menus for meals. If you have energy, but aren't sure what you can help with, contact us anyway.

We have our own dedicated Web site for the cause — www.NT100th.ca — as well as a Facebook group (NTCI 100th Anniversary 2012). Both are places where you can be kept up-to-date or find out more ways you can get involved.

Be part of the excitement. After all, a centennial celebration happens only once in a lifetime!

Lost Alumni

Are you in touch with other NTCI alumni? If so, ask if they receive our newsletters. If they're out of touch, get them to send us their contact information.

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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 that meets at the school about five times each school year. In addition to providing general guidance at Board meetings, our members bring a variety of skills to help 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 you 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?

E-mail us at ntcifoundation@ntci.on.ca with "Board Membership" in the subject line or call us at 416-393-8585 ext. 20145 and leave a voice-mail message.

Scholarship Winners

In addition to finding 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: **Xing Chiu**

The Sifton Trophy for Young Men: **Greg Cohen**

The Kerr Trophy for Young Women: **Xing Chiu**

The Hal Brown "Triple A" Award: **Gideon Kalman-Lamb**

The Betty Bealey Laureateship in English Award: **Genevieve Neal-Ellis**

The Senator Keith Davey Award: **Dorijan Najdovski**

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