



Kawartha World Issues Centre

Fall/Winter Newsletter and Annual Report 2005

The **KWIC AGM** is Wednesday, **November 16th**, from 7-9pm at the Peterborough Public Library (downstairs) with a special one-woman performance of *Oscaretta and the Lady in Pink* by Hermione Rivison. New Board Members will be presented. ~ KWIC will also bid sad farewell to Jim Abel and Joan Smith, who between them share KWIC's history! We hope you will join us.

A Word from KWIC Chair ~ Jim Abel

The KWIC AGM is a time of balanced looking, both to the past and to the future. Even though the future of KWIC is bright and exciting, please forgive my focusing more on the past. I have a good reason: after close to 10 years on the KWIC Board, the last 2 and a half as chair, I am taking my leave, at least for a time.

My association with KWIC has afforded me the opportunity to work with a wonderful group of Board members who live, every day, the values that KWIC represents. Their dedication and enthusiasm never flag. During my time at KWIC, three program directors, Marisa Kaczmarczyk, Adel Finney and currently Julie Cosgrove, have repeatedly been inspirational catalysts for the Board and broader Community. I humbly thank all of them.

Although KWIC has staged many events over the years, I would like to recall a few events which had a particularly strong impact on me. When North America was still reeling from the 9/11 tragedy, KWIC mounted a day-long series of panels and small group discussions, thus providing a forum for many segments of society to grieve together and to find some hope through conversation and planning. Even earlier, before Walkerton, before the Peterborough flood, KWIC prophetically held 3 sessions entitled, "Water: who owns it, who controls it?" We explored local, national and international aspects of this topic, which has since become a hot-button issue. In January 2005, I attended a workshop co-sponsored with the Trent Women's Centre entitled Basic Concepts of Anti-Oppression work. Ann Bishop demonstrated, with gentle good humour, what inordinate power white, Anglo-Saxon, middle class males (like me!) continue to wield in Canadian society.

Looking ahead, KWIC is now collaborating with community groups to focus on HIV/AIDS leading up to the international HIV/AIDS conference in Toronto next year. I am convinced that KWIC will continue to play a vital role bringing world issues to the Kawarthas, and I hope you will continue to support KWIC and its work in our community.

Check out KWIC's community calendar at www.trentu.ca/kwic and click on the revolving globe. Submit your community events to kwic@trentu.ca.

KWIC's Mandate:

KWIC is a community-based, non-profit, charitable global education and resource centre, serving the Peterborough and surrounding communities.

KWIC promotes dialogue and understanding of world issues to enable people to engage in positive social and environmental change.

Board of Directors (2004/2005):

Jim Abel, Chair
Kate Eales
Daniel Bastien
Hassan Gardezi
Sheila Nabigon-Howlett
Rick Lambert, Treasurer
Deb Morales, Secretary
Joan Smith
Hermione Rivison

KWIC Office will be closed December 15th, 2004 to January 3rd, 2005.

Happy Holiday!

KWIC Highlights: The Year at a Glance

by Julie Cosgrove, KWIC Coordinator

Two thousand and five has been an invigorating year at KWIC, thanks to your **financial support** in membership and donations, **participation** in KWIC events, and **donations-in-kind**, most significantly the **numerous volunteer hours** donated by KWIC Board of Directors, Trent students and community members each year.

This year KWIC created numerous spaces for community to gather together to discuss world issues and how these impact our local lives. Most recently, we invited **Gregory Greene** to present and discuss his award-winning documentary, **EndOfSuburbia** at the Wenjack Theatre. The screening and discussion illustrated the interconnectedness of the global and local, as the minority of our world

population consumes the majority of non-renewable energy resources ~ with devastating consequences for everyone.

You'll notice in this newsletter mention of new KWIC events and programmes, such as the **November World Issues Discussion Series** and **KWIC News on Trent Radio**. We invite you to check them out! An important element of KWIC's work is collaborating with other community groups. Once again we participated in annual Peterborough events, such as Person's Day Breakfast, the Traveling World Community Film Festival and the One World Dinner: The World's Largest Vegetarian Potluck!

KWIC-TIP Community Liaison, **Zahra Murad** took the lead to coordinate a cohesive **International Development Week** in partnership with the Trent Student Association for International Development (SAID). The result was an exciting variety of activities: **The Theory and Practice of Fair Trade**~ a panel discussion with Trent International Students and OXFAM; **The Intersection of Art & Social Justice** with local Indian artist, dancer and activist, Bhavana Shah; **An Introduction to Theatre of the Oppressed: "Anti-Globalization & Anti-Oppression"** with visiting actor and writer, Tristan Castro-Pozo.

KWIC collaborated with Trent International Programme (TIP) to engage new international students in **cross-cultural communication workshops** at TIP Camp, with Trent International Development Studies to provide trained facilitators at the **Trent Food Conference: Food and**

Rural Development, and with the Concurrent Education Programme to provide **work placements** for two education students. With KWIC **sponsorship**, Trent student, Pat Clark, attended the **United Students for Fair Trade and the Convergence Conference 2005** in Chicago, gathering and later sharing pertinent information with Trent and community groups.

Presently, KWIC is hosting two **Canada World Youth Volunteers** ~ **Dylan Sherlock**, all the way from Victoria, BC and **Cynthia Margaret Ndung'u** from Nairobi, Kenya. Cynthia and Dylan's placement with KWIC is shared by the Seasoned Spoon- Trent's Fair Trade Cooperative Café.

KWIC is also sharing space with **Ryan Sisson** and the **Trent Sustainable Campuses Project**, who are planning a regional conference to held at Trent University in January.

Global Youth Connect!

Global Youth Day 2005 was a day-long celebration of youth volunteerism in Peterborough held at Market Hall in April. **The Barbershop Show**, a hip hop musical presentation, kicked-off the day exploring themes, such as **Appreciating Diversity Through Music, Youth Empowerment** and **Self-Awareness**. Local youth once again participated in afternoon **workshops** on a variety of topics: Giant Puppet Making, Volunteering Abroad, Zine Making, Starting a Small Business and Percussion. The **Global Youth Day Concert** concluded the day with an energizing youth band concert co-sponsored by KAOS Radio Station.

Youth Research Project: With funding from Laidlaw Foundation, **Lynn Bowser interviewed 300 local youth** about their interests in world issues. The results are being used to guide KWIC youth programming and are available at KWIC if you'd like to take a look!

Global Youth Connect! (GYC!) completed its' third and final year of Trillium Funding this spring. Without funding to hire a Global Youth Connect! Coordinator, we are optimistic for a successful Global Youth Day 2006 organized with the **GYD! volunteer working group**, and with financial assistance from the **City of Peterborough** and other local sponsors.

Thank YOU again to our numerous & extraordinary volunteers who serve on the KWIC Board of Directors, Programme and Fundraising Committees, the GYC! Working Group, assist with daily tasks, programmes and events. *KWIC would not be possible without you!*



American War Resisters in Canada

By Hassan Gardezi, KWIC Board



Jeremy Hinzman was the featured speaker at a public forum on American War Resisters in Canada held at the Peterborough Public Library on 11 October from 7 to 9 PM. The well attended forum, chaired by Professor Alan Slavin, was organized by Kawartha World Issues Center and co-sponsored by Kawartha Ploughshares, Council of Canadians, New Canadians' Center, Development and Peace and the Quakers.

Jeremy, a soldier in the elite 82nd airborne unit of the U. S. army told the audience that he was recruited in 2001. He had been impressed by promises of an economically secure job, opportunities for further education and travel, which are prominently featured in slick and aggressive recruitment campaigns targeted at young Americans. But having joined the army, he found the reality quite different, as the training and socialization exclusively focused on combat and killing. His first tour of duty was in Afghanistan where he requested and was assigned a non-combat position.

In 2002, Jeremy applied for the Conscientious Objector status, but his application was rejected by his army commanders. Later in 2003 his unit was ordered to go to fight in Iraq. While his unit was being drilled in the chants of "kill, Kill, kill we will," in preparation for the invasion of Iraq Jeremy decided to leave the U. S. army and arrived in Canada in January 2004 with his wife and child to seek asylum.

During the question-answer period many in the audience wondered aloud why Jeremy's claim for refugee status in Canada was turned down by the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) last March. Jeremy explained that when his case for refugee status came up for hearing in Toronto, the Attorney General of Canada took the unprecedented step of intervening to advise IRB that the issue of illegality of Iraq War should not be considered relevant. The Board's decision is now under appeal. Even the Geneva Convention recognizes validity of conscientious objection, especially in case of an illegal war.

Lee Zaflosky, a representative of the Toronto-based War Resisters Support Campaign, who also spoke at the forum, said that the policy of the government of Canada has much to do with determining the status of Iraq War resisters in this country. He pointed out that when the Vietnam War resisters were coming to Canada in search for asylum, Prime Minister Trudeau openly stated that Canada is a refuge against militarism. Thousands of American youth who refused to go to war in Vietnam and took refuge in Canada were treated simply as immigrants and allowed to remain. There is no reason why we should not welcome the Iraq war resisters now on the same principle.

Those interested in helping the War Resisters Campaign can address their inquiries to: resisters@sympatico.ca. See also the Oct.-Dec. 2005 edition of *Peace Magazine*; *An American Deserter in Canada*, by Jeremy Hinzman.

KWIC's Global Education & Resource Centre

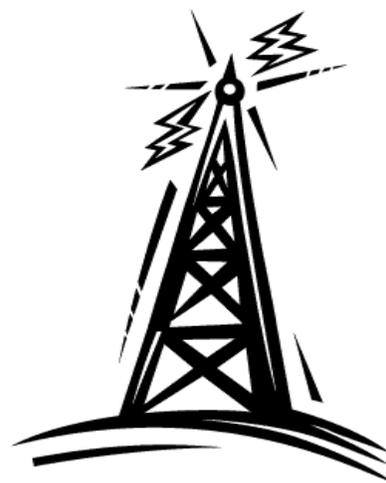
Resource Spotlight: Ode Magazine is KWIC's newest subscription. Ode "offers readers the chance to link up with an international network of inspiration and cooperation, strengthening the forces devoted to respect, justice and equality." We think you'll enjoy Ode's fresh, positive coverage of world issues. Come on in for a read and let us know what you think.

KWIC/ERS World Issues Discussion Series: Alexis O'Neil, our Resource Centre Coordinator has organized a **November World Issues Discussion Series** which features a different speaker and issue each Thursday of November, from 11:30-1pm at KWIC. The *Series* brings together Trent students and community members to discuss world issues with a local focus. See *Upcoming Events* below for more details. **New Hours!** The Resource Centre is now open until **6pm on Wednesdays**, or call to make an appointment.

KWIC News on Trent Radio 92.7 fm

Join **Ann Orfald** and **Daniel Bastien** on the air as they explore world issues with a local impact. Tune in to Trent Radio the first Wednesday of each month, from 2 to 2:30pm.

KWIC's December 7th programme is **Consumed by Consumerism**: a thoughtful look at consumption and strategies for kicking the habit.



Beautiful KWIC *Hemptown* hemp-cotton t-shirts are available at
SPEAK VOLUMES Bookstore @ 446 George St. N
 All proceeds directly support the Kawartha World Issues Centre!

KWIC would like to thank the City of Peterborough, Trent University, Speak Volumes Bookstore and the numerous local businesses and community members who generously offer us their unfailing support.

Tax Receipts for 2005 will be issued in January 2006. Thank you.



With Remembrance to End All Wars



Designed by Lyse Boyce.
 Framed by the night sky, the hands of her illustration represent people coming together. The top border shows the Kawartha Lakes region. The lower edge has the continents together as we lessen the gaps among us through greater understanding.

A Few Upcoming Events

For details and community events listings visit the **Community Calendar** at www.trentu.ca/kwic. Interested in posting your events? Give us a call!

Politics of the Vatican with Rosemary Ganley on **November 10th**, 11:30am to 1pm at KWIC. Rosemary explores the progress of women in the Catholic Church and the anti-feminist politics of the Vatican. Free event.

KWIC AGM featuring actor, Hermione Rivison: *Oscarettta and the Lady in Pink*, **November 16th**, 7-9pm @ Peterborough Public Library. Free event. Everyone welcome.

Kijabe Environment Volunteers (KENVO) with Cynthia Margaret Ndung'u on **November 17th**, 11:30 am to 1pm at KWIC. Cynthia discusses the objectives, accomplishments and challenges of KENVO, an environmental organization in Kenya that promotes education on bio-degradable areas and other environmental issues. Free event. Everyone welcome.

Kawartha Heritage Conservancy with Ian Attridge on **November 24th**, 11:30am to 1pm at KWIC. Ian discusses the role Kawartha Heritage Conservancy plays in conserving the natural and cultural heritage of the Kawarthas through private stewardship.

Buy Nothing Day! KWIC Staff, Volunteer, Members & Friends Potluck Social: Friday, **November 25th**, 5:30-7:30pm at Sadleir House. Bring a dish and your thoughts on Voluntary Simplicity.

Fall Community Networking Potluck for Social Justice Groups: Tuesday, **November 29th** at 5pm @ Sadleir House on George Street. Hosted by Trent Women's Centre and OPIRG. Everyone welcome.

International Development Week: A Focus on HIV/AIDS ~ January 28th-February 4th
 Kicks off International Development Week and concludes with the 25th One World Dinner!
 Visit the *Community Calendar* for Trent and community event listings for International Development Week.

The 2nd Annual Peterborough Traveling World Community Film Festival: January 27th, 28th and 29th. Visit www.quidnovis.com for screening times and venues.

25th Annual One World Dinner Vegetarian Potluck: Saturday, February 4th @ St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Hall at 6pm. Live music, dessert auction and dance. See the *Community Calendar* for details. Tickets will be at the door.

KWIC Sources of Energy

~ The second Wednesday of each month KWIC Board and staff share soup, bread and conversation. Our fall recipe is compliments of our retiring chair, Jim Abel. Enjoy!



Gazpacho

- 2 c tomato juice
- 1 c tomato, peeled & chopped
- 1/2 c of each of celery, cucumber, green pepper
- 1/4 c onion
- 1 clove garlic
- 2 tsp parsley
- 1 tsp chives
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- 2 Tbsp oil
- dash Worcester

Add ingredients together, let sit to absorb flavours and serve cold.
Hmmm delicious...