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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Trent University Archives
<b>Title:</b>	1991 faculty strike collection
<b>Reference code:</b>	91-009
<b>Date:</b>	1991 (creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	15 cm of textual records (1 box) 15 audio cassettes 7 buttons 1 poster

## Custodial history

This artificial collection was created by John Barker. Additional material, donated by Janice Millard, was added in 2006.

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## Scope and content

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This is an artificial collection of materials with a variety of provenances, documenting the Trent University Faculty Association (TUFA) strike in 1991, including strike bulletins and information sheets, Communications Office Bulletins, communiques from Students FEAT and A.N.S.W.E.R., Trent Student Union communiques, copies of student papers Arthur and Lilith, OCUFA Forum and CAUT Bulletin, TUFA parity buttons, transcripts of TUFA internal meeting, an untranscribed cassette tape of CBC interviews, 14 tapes of radio broadcasts and meetings, and other records. Also included are an oversized poster used on the pickets and a copy of the new three-year collective agreement between TUFA and the Trent University Board of Governors ending the strike.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on content of collection.

### Immediate source of acquisition

This collection was donated to Trent University Archives by John Barker. Additional material, donated by Janice Millard, was added in 2006. 14 cassette tapes were received from the Audio-Visual Department in 2011.

### Restrictions on access

None.

**Note [General]**

Poster located in Trent Cabinet drawer 12.

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Context: At 7 a.m. March 4, 1991, members of the Trent University Faculty Association (TUFA) set up picket lines and began the first strike by Trent faculty since the university opened its doors for classes to students on September 21, 1964. TUFA's previous three-year contract had expired on June 30, 1990 and they had been in a legal strike position since March 1.

An immediate result of the strike was that David Morrison, the provost and dean of arts and science, immediately cancelled all classes for the university's 5,498 students -- 3,642 full- time undergraduates, 1,775 part-time undergraduates and 81 graduate students -- for the duration of the 23-day strike. Library, college, residential and food services, however, remained open for students throughout the strike. Part-time faculty, who belong to a separate bargaining unit, Local 8 of the Canadian Union of Educational Workers (CUEW), and were under contract to teach, were laid-off. Trent University Staff Association (TUSA) members and Non-Affiliated Group (NAG) members were directed to continue working, as were senior academic administrators -- the president, vice-presidents, dean, associate deans, university librarian and college heads.

**Other notes**

- **Publication status:** Published

**Access points**

- Textual records (documentary form)
- Sound recordings (documentary form)
- Objects (documentary form)
- Posters and broadsides (documentary form)
- Trent University (subject)
- Labour (subject)

**Series descriptions**

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
91-009/001(01)	<b>File - TUFA Strike Information Sheets and Bulletins</b>	February-March 1991	
91-009/001(02)	<b>File - University Communications Office Bulletins</b>	February-April 1991	
91-009/001(03)	<b>File - Trent Fortnightly issues dealing with strike</b>	March-April 1991	
91-009/001(04)	<b>File - Strike-related memorandums from the Trent University Department of Human Resources</b>	January-March 1991	

91-009/001(05)	<b>File - Strike-related communications from Trent University President and Vice-Chancellor John Owsley Stubbs</b>	February to April 1991
91-009/001(06)	<b>File - Transcripts of TUFA strike information sessions for students at Artspace</b>	March 1991
91-009/001(07)	<b>File - Mediator's press release announcing end of strike and copy of the new three-year collective agreement attached</b>	1991
91-009/001(08)	<b>File - Communiques from Students For Education At Trent (Students FEAT), who occupied the Registrar's Office between March 13, 1991 and March 19, 1991.</b>	1991
91-009/001(09)	<b>File - ALUMNUS, Volume 23, Number 2 (Spring 1991)</b>	1991
91-009/001(10)	<b>File - Communiques from Apathy? No! Students Working for Employment Resolutions (A.N.S.W.E.R.), who staged the longest occupation in Trent history from March 17, 1991 to March 25, 1991 in the president's office, A.J.M. Smith Conference Room and university switchboard areas</b>	1991
91-009/001(11)	<b>File - LILITH, March 5, 1991 (annual special womens' edition of the Trent student newspaper produced by women from ARTHUR) and ARTHUR, Volume 25, Issue 21 (March 12, 1991), dealing with strike-related issues</b>	1991
91-009/001(12)	<b>File - Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations (OCUFA) FORUM and Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) BULLETIN editions dealing with Trent faculty strike</b>	February-April 1991
91-009/001(13)	<b>File - Strike-related communications from College Heads</b>	
91-009/001(14)	<b>File - Miscellaneous Administrative and Staff strike communications</b>	
91-009/001(15)	<b>File - Miscellaneous ephemera. TUFA Parity Buttons. Business card of Dr. C. Hamori-Torok, Department of Anthropology, Trent University, received during faculty-student impromptu strike victory party at Red Dog Tavern, March 25, 1991</b>	1991
91-009/001(16)	<b>File - Non-transcribed audio-cassette containing 15-minute CBC Radio Noon interview with SSHRC Canada Research Fellow Professor Stephen Brown, Trent University Department of English</b>	March 14, 1991

	<b>Literature, on "informal" teaching during the strike</b>		
91-009/001(17)	<b>File - Trent Student Union communique and strike poster</b>	1991	
91-009/001(18)	<b>File - Trent Student Union communique and strike poster</b>	1991	
91-009/001(19)	<b>File - Miscellaneous student posters and documents</b>		
91-009/001(20)	<b>File - Various records: additional material received from Janice Millard in 2006</b>	1991	
91-009/001(21)	<b>File - 14 cassette tapes: meetings, radio broadcasts, student information sessions, received from Audio-Visual Department, 2011</b>	1991	
91-009/0S1	<b>File - Oversized strike poster</b> <i>Note [General] :</i> Located in Trent Cabinet drawer 12.	1991	1 poster