

## Trent University

### Second Report of the Committee on Names for University Buildings

1. The Committee on Names held its second meeting on February 25, 1964, with the following members present: Mr. Brook, Dean Sadleir, and Professor Smith (chairman).
2. The Committee agreed that it should now consider proposals for names for the first residential college on the permanent site, for the site itself, and for the house located at 262-4 Rubidge Street.
3. The Committee agreed unanimously to recommend that the first residential college should be named "Champlain College." The name Champlain would commemorate an historic Canadian figure who had a special connection with the Trent Valley, and probably with the Otonabee River at the University site. The Committee agreed that the name was attractive in itself, and that it would make the point impressively that Trent University was a national University, seeking a national constituency.
4. The Committee agreed unanimously to recommend that the permanent University site be known as "Red Mills." The Committee felt that while the name "Nassau" was attractive, it did connote Nassau, Bahamas, and the campus of Princeton University in New Jersey. "Red Mills," the Committee felt, as the name of the sawmills originally located on the University property, was a distinctive and attractive local name.
5. The Committee believes that a simple name should be given to 262-4 Rubidge Street, and recommends that it be known as "North House, Rubidge Hall."
6. The Dean of Men raised the question of an appropriate, distinctive name for the buttery or snack bar in Rubidge Hall. The members of the Committee felt that this name should be one that would be used naturally by students in referring to the room. The Committee agreed to seek opinions, and to consider the question again at a later meeting.

7. The Dean of Men asked the Committee to give thought also to proposals for a name for the women's college in the City, in the likely event that it expands beyond Catharine Parr Traill House. The Committee agreed to do so.
8. In general, the Committee agreed that the names of some colleges should honour Canadian persons of national significance, like Samuel de Champlain. Such names as Sir William Osler, Frederick Banting, and Wilder Penfield were mentioned as possibilities for later consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Brook,  
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S. G. D. Smith, Chairman.

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