

THE FRIENDS OF THE BATA LIBRARY, TRENT UNIVERSITY

BEGUN, SPRING, 1978—NOW IN ITS 31ST YEAR

AIMS:

- 1) TO PROMOTE THE BATA LIBRARY AS “A CENTRE FOR RESEARCH AND LEARNING”
- 2) “TO DEVELOP AND ENHANCE THE BOOK AND ARCHIVAL COLLECTIONS”
- 3) “TO FOSTER THE ROLE OF THE LIBRARY AS THE INTELLECTUAL HEART OF THE UNIVERSITY AND THE COMMUNITY WHICH IT SERVES”
- 4) TO PROVIDE LITERARY INTEREST AND AMUSEMENT FOR MEMBERS

ELEMENTS:

A TOWN-AND-GOWN ORGANIZATION WITH MODEST YEARLY FEES AND VARIOUS MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

FOUR MEETINGS (SMALL-SCALE) A YEAR: TWO PER TERM

A FUND-RAISING DINNER EACH SPRING WITH A SPECIAL SPEAKER (AN OCCASIONAL BOOK SALE MOSTLY USING MATERIALS DONATED TO THE LIBRARY)

A YEARLY BULLETIN FOR ALL MEMBERS REVIEWING THE YEAR’S FBL TALKS, UPDATING FINANCIAL RECORDS AND LISTING THE PURCHASES ACQUIRED BY THE LIBRARY.

A SUCCESSFUL RECORD OF ‘GROWING’ THE FBL TRUST FUND

CONCERNS:

AN ELDERLY AND DIMINISHING COTERIE OF MEMBERS; LOSS OF ENERGY AND INITIATIVE AMONG EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

A CHANGING ATTITUDE AMONG YOUNGER ACADEMICS AND LIBRARIANS- (IS THIS A CHANGE BEING FELT ACROSS THE UNIVERSITY SPECTRUM?)

A BUSY CAMPUS LIFE WHERE THE STRUGGLE FOR A (HIGH) PROFILE FOR SUCH A GROUP IS INCREASINGLY CHALLENGING AND PROBLEMATIC

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