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a unique university developing original programs



Lauchlan Fraser, TRU's Canada Research Chair Community and Ecosystem Ecology, and UBC PhD Candidate Cameron Carlyle examine some of the plant material collected this summer from the Lac du Bois research site. Tented areas in the grasslands simulate drought conditions .

There is more to building BC's newest university than new capital projects. New academic offerings – degrees, diplomas and certificates –the essential “products” of Thompson Rivers University are also on the agenda. Behind the scene, work continues on developing new undergraduate and graduate opportunities.

The legislation that created Thompson Rivers University did more than just preserve the comprehensive legacy of UCC. It paved the way for new programs continuing our tradition of laddering, and opened the door to graduate programs and to the kinds of research, scholarly and artistic work that support teaching-focused programs across the institution.

A number of new programs are at various stages of development, all of them moving TRU in new directions while drawing from current strengths.

New majors and minors within existing degrees, including minors from other disciplines, will give students more options to choose from, and new degrees in niche markets and high demand areas will serve to help TRU stand out in the crowded post-secondary marketplace.

So too will programs that build on the concept of laddering. A unique Interdisciplinary Studies degree will create a path to degree completion for two-year college diploma graduates from across Canada, while a new Culinary Arts diploma being considered would bridge the gap between the certificate program that's offered at many institutions across the province, and a degree opportunity that these students have never had before.



Dr. Mark Evered

“Dr. Gilles Paquet, President of the Royal Society and recent recipient of an honorary doctorate at our spring convocation, delivered an important challenge for us,” said TRU Provost and Vice-President of Academic, Mark Evered.

“He urged us to avoid becoming just another university focusing on the traditional academic programs and traditional methods of delivery, and to create a truly unique Canadian university that balances the theoretical and the applied.”

Those words echoed the development work underway by the Schools of Education and Trades & Technology for two unique new degree proposals: a Bachelor of Education in Trades & Technology, and a Bachelor of Leadership in Trades and Technology.

Development of these new degrees has been for several months, with the education degree having already been reviewed at the first internal stage of approvals. The more complex Bachelor of Leadership in Trades and Technology degree, building on TRU's tradition of laddering, will enable students who have completed training in trades and technology to move into baccalaureate-level study.

This degree, the first of its kind in Canada, will prepare students for leadership positions in their specialties as well as opening up opportunities for later graduate-level studies. According to TRU's BLTT co-ordinator, Dennis Johnson, the next step in the degree's estimated two year approval process is a conference with the Pan Canadian Advisory Council late this fall.

“The Bachelor of Leadership in Trades and Technology illustrates another important strength, the opportunity for interdisciplinary study, as does the proposed new Masters program in environmental studies” said VP Academic, Mark Evered.

The masters program in Environmental Studies, recently submitted to the provincial Degree Quality Assessment Board for approval, expects to offer three options for graduate studies in the near future: a non-thesis, course-based Masters of Environment Studies; a thesis-based Master of Science in Environmental Studies; and a thesis-based Master of Arts in Environmental Studies.

“There isn't an academic discipline at TRU that won't be able to take advantage of the MA in Environmental Studies,” said Larry Prins, Dean of the Faculty of Science. “A history major could study the environmental effects of old gold mines. It'll be useful for teachers, tourism, everyone.”

One of the keys to developing new graduate programs has been the emergence of Research Chairs at TRU, and the expertise and leaderships that comes with people like Dr. Lauchlan Fraser, TRU's Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Community and Ecosystem Ecology.

“The complexity of environmental problems means that science alone can't solve all the problems,” said Fraser. “When our students graduate and leave university they'll be working alongside people from other disciplines. Our graduate programs will help prepare them for that.”

The recent appointment of Dr. Ashok Mathur as the new CRC in Cultural and Artistic Inquiry and the ongoing collaborative work between the Faculty of Arts and several community partners may set the stage for similar new program developments.

English and Modern Languages Chair, and the principal grant-holder of the Community and University Research Alliance (CURA), Dr. Will Garrett-Petts, says “the pieces of the puzzle are coming together” when asked about the synergy on the campus that's developing new graduate and undergraduate programs.

“It's been in the university's strategic research plan for a long time. The volunteers on committees, faculty and senior administration have worked hard to get us here. We've been laying the groundwork to be a full-fledged university in all but the name since the late 1990s.” said Garrett-Petts.

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president's report



In the annual rhythm of university life, Convocation is the most important ceremony as it celebrates academic achievements through the awarding of certificates, diplomas and degrees. A significant aspect of Convocation is the awarding of Honorary Doctorate degrees to distinguished individuals. The process of selecting individuals for receipt of an Honorary Doctorate degree begins now, months before June's ceremony.

The Honorary Doctorate is the highest form of recognition offered by Thompson Rivers University. In 1999 the first Honorary Doctorate Degrees were awarded to the Honorable Dr. Len Marchand and to Dr. Nancy Green Raine, the first Chancellor of our university. In the ensuing years, many other important people have been recognized by our university and the Convocation Wall, which includes all past BCOU and UCC Honoraries, lists such notables as Peter Gzowski, Adrienne Clarkson, Stella Black, Joan Weir, Jack Gregson, Carole Taylor and David Suzuki, all individuals who have demonstrated excellence in the fields of public affairs, science, arts, humanities, business and philanthropy.

Recipients of Honorary Doctorates become alumni and thereby bring honour and recognition to our university. As alumni, Honorary Doctorates continue to be associated with us and generously respond to institutional requests for assistance. This was evident in 2000 when Canadian novelist, playwright, critic and regular Globe and Mail columnist, Dr. Rick Salutin was conferred the degree of Doctor of Letters. A year later when

Omega, TRU's student newspaper, hosted a Canadian University Press conference, Dr. Salutin agreed to be the keynote speaker.

People who are chosen for Honorary Doctorates generally reflect important aspects of our university. For example, last year, five Honorary Degree recipients were recognized, each representing key components of the newly established Thompson Rivers University: Claire Morris for the new challenges that our 35-year-old institution will face; Duncan MacRae for our commitment to comprehensiveness, and to increasing opportunities for education and skills training in the trades and career-technical professions; Dr. Gilles Paquet symbolized our commitment to research, scholarship, and public policy debate; Sir John Daniel symbolized our new in providing open and distance education; and Dr. Alex Michalos was recognized at Burnaby as an acclaimed citizen-scholar who has pioneered social indicators research and continues to inspire compelling research and dialogue throughout the world.

The awarding of Honorary Doctorate degrees are an important part of university life and of convocation. I encourage all members of our TRU community to consider individuals who would be worthy recipients of this honour and to nominate these people for this significant recognition. Nomination forms are available at www.tru.ca/president/honorary_doctorates.html. The deadline for nominations is November 15.

achievements

Nancy Levesque

Library Services

Nancy Levesque has authored the chapter, *Partners in Education: The Role of the Academic Library for Probing the Boundaries of Education*, an ebook published by Inter-Disciplinary Press.

Surinder Dhanjal

Computing Science

Surinder Dhanjal completed his Ph.D degree in Literature from Guru Nanak Dev University in India. During a recent sabbatical he defended his thesis "North American Punjab Poetry: Modern Sensibility". He also made excellent progress on his second Ph.D (Math and Computer Applications) with the Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology.

Darlene Kalyinka

Visual Arts

Darlene Kalyinka will be a visiting artist in Yokohama, Japan at Kanawaga University. Her work, *Baba's Wedding Dress* will shown at the Celest Gallery in an exhibition titled, *Re-identification, a tri-lateral exchange exhibition between Canada, Holland and Japan*.

Alex Enfield

Chemistry

Alex Enfield has been awarded the Canadian Society for Chemistry Silver Medal. This medal is awarded to the student who has completed their third year in Chemistry or Environmental Chemistry at TRU with the highest marks. Alex is an Environmental Chemistry major on co-op this term in Kitimat with Eurocan Pulp and Paper.

Skye Buck

Former TRU All-Canadian

Skye Buck has signed a professional basketball contract (to April 2006) with the Essex & Herts Leopards Basketball Club of the English Basketball League (EBL). Check it out at www.ehleopards.co.uk.

Ken Olynyk

Athletics

Ken Olynyk has been named as a trustee for the BC Sports Hall of Fame.

Rishma Vedd

Business and Economics

Rishma Vedd will take part in a project funded by the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, UK, titled, *Management Accounting, Human Resource Management and Organizational Performance in Canada, Japan and the UK*.

Karen Irving

Nursing

Karen Irving has been elected president of the College of Registered Nurses of BC. The college is the regulatory body for more than 36,000 registered nurses, licensed graduate nurses, nurse practitioners and nursing students in the province.

Lisa Jones

U.C.C. B.Sc. 2002

Lisa Jones graduated with a Masters of Science degree in Biology from McGill University. While at our university she was awarded with the UCC medal. She plans to continue working towards her PhD. at McGill.

Iván Gyozo Somlai

TRU World

Ivan Gyozo Somlai has been requested to both chair a conference panel on "Democracy, Conflict and the State in Nepal" as well as present at the University of Wisconsin-Madison on October 7, 2005 as part of the 34th South Asia Conference entitled *Contentious Politics and Democratization in Nepal*.

Jim Hu, Ph.D.

English as a Second Language Dept.

Dr. Jim Hu presented a paper "The Academic Writing Challenges of Chinese Students in Canadian Universities and Implications for Curricular Change in China" at the 3rd Annual Conference of the International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language, in Tonghua, China in August 2005.

Dr. David Z. Scheffel

Sociology & Anthropology

Dr. David Scheffel has published two books, "Svinia in Black and White: Slovak Roma and their Neighbours", Broadview Press 2005 and "Romska marginalita" [Romani Marginality], Anthropological Research Centre, Presov, Slovakia (co-editor).

Martin JD Whittles

Anthropology

Martin Whittles published an article entitled "Degree and kind: Civic Engagement and Aboriginal Canadians", in the journal *Papers of the Centre of Research and Information on Canada*, volume 17, that was itself entitled "Finding Their Voice: Civic Engagement Among Aboriginal and New Canadians," in July, 2005.

Elizabeth Templeman

English as a Second Language

Elizabeth Templeman and Cindy James (Assessment Centre Coordinator) presented a paper entitled "Success with English for Academic Purposes Placement" at the National TESL Canada Conference in Ottawa, May 2005.

Cindy James

Assessment Centre

Cindy James presented a paper entitled "Using the Accuplacer LOEP Tests to Successfully Place ESL Students" at the 15th Annual ACCUPLACER/Writeplacer Plus National Conference in Las Vegas, June 2005.

Brian Puida Mitchell

Bookie's

TRU's Bookstore Manager has recently completed a two-year program of studies at the Vancouver School of Theology. He has been presented with a certificate in Spiritual Direction from the Pacific Jubilee Program at VST continuing his studies in an area of interest, which has consumed him for a lifetime.

Shawn Thompson

Journalism

Assistant professor of journalism Shawn Thompson published an article in the September issue of *Westworld* magazine about his adventures in Borneo while working on a book about orangutans as an endangered species. In May, he made a presentation to the convention of the Canadian Association for the Study of Language and Learning in Halifax on the techniques he's developing for teaching non-fiction writing.

Sabrina Cornish

Biological Sciences Student

Sabrina Cornish, a 4th year Honours student has been awarded a \$2,000 research grant from the BC Cattlemen's Association for her ongoing Honour's project, extraction of antimicrobial agents from knapweed, an invasive noxious weed affecting rangeland. She competed successfully for the grant against students in all of BC, including those working on their Ph.D.

Cliff Neufeld

Vice-President, Finance

Cliff Neufeld has been recognized by the BC division of the Certified Management Accountants as being a pioneer in his field.

Genevieve Later

English and Modern Languages

Genevieve Later presented her paper, "Cultural Narcissism as a Theoretical Framework for Contemporary Tourism" at the "On Voyage" conference at UC Berkeley October 7-8, 2005. She also presented "Inventing Los Angeles: Narrativity in Davis and Starr" at the Western Literature Association conference October 19-23 in Los Angeles.

Her essay, "The Kuhnian Paradigm in Tradition and Originality" appears in *The Force of Tradition: Response and Resistance*, recently published by Rowman and Littlefield.



Dana Clark, Karolina May, and Elaine Tindle are the faces of the Human Resources department of TRU in Burnaby.

Photo: Caroline Talarico

tru human resources

For the human resources staff in Kamloops and Burnaby, the formation of Thompson Rivers University is more than a merge of institutions; it's an opportunity to practice some aspects of human resource management rare at post-secondary institutions.

In the next year these professionals will recruit a large number of new staff, relocate existing staff from the Burnaby campus, assist employees to find alternative employers with resume workshops, and maintain day-to-day human resource services.

There are 41 (5 managers, 29 support staff, 7 faculty) confirmed relocations of Burnaby staff to the Kamloops campus, a broad representation across the Open Learning division, said Human Resources Director, Lynn Joly.

"These staff bring a broad representation of the organization. By their transferring here they'll be bringing their corporate knowledge and history with them. This ensures we'll be able to provide continuity of services for our students, programs and registration as TRU makes the final transition to providing the Open Learning services from Kamloops to the province."

A key area of service delivery for OL is the contact between tutors and their students. Of the 115 tutors employed around the province by TRU, only 11 tutors resigned since the change to TRU was announced.

"For students studying at a distance, their main contact is their tutor, the level of employee retention is excellent and provides continuity for our students. We're fortunate to have many staff staying on for the journey and remaining with TRU—these staff are very dedicated," Joly said.

Human resources advisor, Tsitsi Chizengeni, has just recently been hired to fill one of those full-time vacancies that moved a Burnaby HR position to the Kamloops office. She will be working alongside Shannon Joly and Irene Bazell as the department gears up for the transfer of existing knowledge to Kamloops and the well over a hundred vacancies they'll be recruiting for.

With the new university came the opportunity to redesign the department's web pages. The pages now provide a quick link to benefit information, pensions, retirement seminars and HR policies.

An added feature is the ability to subscribe to direct email with news of all open positions. At a glance, job hunters can see whether the posting is internal, external, in Williams Lake or Burnaby. Competition numbers and closing dates are clear and positioned well on the page for reference.

Trina Sampson is one of the more than 30 new support staff the HR department recruited between June 15 and Sept 14 this year. After she graduated from University College of the Fraser Valley she taught English in Taipei, Taiwan. While there she frequently checked job sites on the

web, TRU's included. Sampson said by hearing of the posting early through the subscription service she was able to prepare her cover letter and resume with plenty of time to meet the posting deadlines.

"The site was user friendly," TRU's newest Library Technician said. "In fact, I've been recommending it to my friends." It's not just the university's job site that Sampson recommends though; it's the community as well.

"It's so easy to get around here, the university is fantastic with a great central location that's easy to do walk from and do errands at lunch, it's so picturesque."

The way Sampson applied for her position is the new norm. "Three years ago probably 70 per cent of all resumes and cover letters were either mailed or dropped off in person. Thirty percent might have been emailed," Joly said. "Now those percentages have switched."

"The turn around time for recruitment is much faster than it's ever been."

oh&s moves beyond compliance

Doug Sweeney joined TRU's Human Resource Department at the end of June. A quick glance at his CV reveals he is certainly qualified to be the university's new Manager, Occupational Health and Safety. As he begins the process of moving TRU's OH&S program beyond compliance and toward achieving best practices, a conversation in the late summer sun revealed the unrelenting standards he envisions for the organization.

"As a university we need to be leaders in occupational health and safety; we need to set a standard for workplace safety that is beyond compliance and achieves best safety practices for the institution."

Besides reworking the familiar safety initiatives like the fire-warden training, and ensuring WCB compliance, Sweeney is developing an innovative web-based accident reporting and investigation management system.

The first phase, which began in October, is taking 12 reporting forms, (required by the WCB), such as first aid, injury, incident and accident reports, and putting them on the TRU Occupational Health and Safety web portal (tru.ca/hr/safety). These forms will be 'web enabled' to the extent that users can access, fill in and post the forms on the web portal, using Adobe (pdfs) as a platform. Further, within these forms will be

fields that will trigger or 'action' responsible persons in moving forward with matters concerning health and safety. Filling out a first-aid report, for example, triggers a message to a supervisor to investigate the accident and file an incident report.

During the second phase (to be complete within a year), all occupational health and safety activities will be identified and web enabled in a similar fashion. People will be able to use the web portal to document virtually any health and safety related activity. Need an ergonomic assessment? Simply access the ergonomic assessment tool, fill in and post and the safety officer will advise you as to what specialized ergonomic equipment is available. Have concerns with workplace violence or Hantavirus? All forms, procedures, policies and discussion papers will be immediately available.

Within eighteen months the last phase of the management system will generate basic statistical information and provide opportunities for trend analysis. At the end of the project, this health, safety and environment management system will be the first of its kind in Western Canada and has already received attention from other universities. It will facilitate compliance, document activities and provide a complete and secure audit trail.

Sweeney, with years of experience as the manager of environmental health and safety for BHP Bilton, a global resources company, fully endorses the newly formed sub-committee of the campus-wide Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee (JOHSC). The Environmental Health and Safety Committee (EHSC) formed in January



because of growing concerns about scent-free work environments. Carolynne Fardy, chair of JOHSC, says that at other workplaces individuals have become so sensitive to the chemicals in cleaning and personal hygiene products the mere whiff of perfume can trigger an anaphylactic reaction.

Fardy says the goal of the committee so far is to raise awareness; not to become a scent-free environment, but to be scent-reduced.

"If we all just start thinking about how our perfumes, fabric softeners and deodorants can affect some people and instead choose more unscented products, the workplace and classrooms would be more comfortable for everyone," Fardy said.



David Graham, a contractor, and Doug Sweeney of TRU inspect an open trench at the natural resource science greenhouse construction site.

Sweeney agrees. "Becoming scent-reduced is just a baby step, it speaks to the exposure of students and staff towards alcohol based products. The awareness is quite exciting and they should be congratulated because it opens the door for zero tolerance of other chemicals."

Its another way, he said, that the university can become a leader in occupational health and safety.



Dr. Ulrich Scheck

new arts dean at tru

Helping build a distinct and open institution on the foundation of TRU's long-standing tradition of welcoming diverse students was the unique opportunity that lured Dr. Ulrich Scheck from his post as Dean of Queen's University School of Graduate Studies and Research. This fall he became Thompson Rivers University's new Dean of Arts.

"It is a truly exciting prospect to be part of the emergence of a new university," said Scheck, who also held the positions of Professor and Queen's National Scholar at that university. "TRU has the potential to take on a leadership role in combining academic excellence with educational choice."

Scheck aims to focus on cross-disciplinary teaching, research and learning, as well as on opportunities to build innovative undergraduate and graduate programs. He has plans to further the internationalization of TRU's arts programs, including enhancing study abroad opportunities and developing joint degree programs with universities outside Canada.

He is also looking forward to increasing educational choices to off-campus learners through TRU's Open Learning division.

"During the '90s I developed the curricula for several German language and culture courses for Continuing and Distance Studies at Queen's University," he said. "I strongly

believe in offering educational opportunities to as many people as possible, and distance education plays an important part in providing access to learning."

"Dr. Scheck embodies TRU's identity as a unique university with an emphasis on both teaching and research," said Dr. Mark Evered, TRU Vice-President, Academics.

Scheck, who assumed his new position October 1, also plans to become an active member of the community and its culture. "My main passion outside of academe is music," he said. "I play keyboards and look forward to hooking up with a classic rock or blues band in Kamloops," he added.

enhanced art opportunities

Visual art instructor, Donald Lawrence received a Social Science Humanities Research Council grant of \$114,500 in March of 2004 and has since produced several major works with the assistance of several students. After approximately 18 months spent working on his sculptural projects Lawrence's works will be on display this month at four different venues including the Vancouver Contemporary Art Gallery, Richmond Art Gallery, Kamloops Art Gallery and the Old Kamloops Court House.

Torhamvan, Ferryland is a solo exhibition for Vancouver's Contemporary Art Gallery. At the gallery in November, this sculptural installation will present a theatrical representation of the present day site of the wreck of the SS *Torhamvan* at Ferryland Newfoundland. "What remains of the ship, as well as the surrounding rocky landscape will be represented by large-scale wood skeletal constructions that will be covered in canvas and painted in an illusionistic but expressive manner," Lawrence said.

Through his grant Lawrence was able to hire students, Shima Iuchi and Randi Obenauer to work as research assistants on the project. Once the work returns from Vancouver he'll continue to work on the sculpture as he seeks other venues to continue its exhibition.

At the Richmond Art Gallery Lawrence is one of the 25 artists selected to commemorate the RAG's 25th anniversary. Each artist has been asked to display their original RAG

exhibit along with a current work. In 2002 he exhibited the solo project, *The Underwater Pinhole Photography Project* which will compliment two current works, *Scotch Boiler I and II* and *Torhamvan Boiler Cold East Point*.

The Drumheller Albertosaurus is the title of a work for Proximities, at the Kamloops Art Gallery. This will present an excavated dinosaur leg that has been a long-standing artifact in his family and an object that is a latent impetus behind some of his other works. It will be exhibited on a stage-like arrangement constructed by student researcher Paul O'Regan along with numerous other related family documents. Proximities is being curated by Will Garrett-Petts and Rachel Nash (EML) as an aspect of further SSHRC funded work that they are doing on artist's statements (typically artists' writings about their own work but with a much expanded conception in their research) and broader questions surrounding the artist-as-researcher. An associated symposium that they are organizing for the week of November 20th on this topic will flow into the events associated with the Court House project.

The Kamloops Archipelago, is the title of a work for Court House, a set of artists' projects that he's been coordinating as part of the SSHRC research, taking place as a combined exhibition/event and discussion forum at the Kamloops Court House Hostel on November 25th. Ernie Kroeger (Visual Arts) is one of the other participating artists, along with Panya Clark-Espinal



The theatrically staged exhibit, *Torhamvan, Ferryland*, is for the Vancouver Contemporary Art Gallery, and is only one of the four exhibits Visual Arts Instructor Donald Lawrence has going on this November.

(Toronto) and David Hoffos (Lethbridge). Will Garrett-Petts (EML) and Bruce Baugh (Philosophy) will be involved in the discussion forum with the artists on Vernacular-Based Practice in the Visual Arts. Celeste Olalquiaga, a Paris-based writer will be a keynote speaker.

"All of these people (along with the student researchers) are among those that make up the larger research group of my SSHRC grant. My own project will comprise a sculptural re-imagining of Kamloops at the time it was an ocean many millions of years ago and, as with the other artists' projects, will occupy one of the hostel's rooms for the weekend event. Two students (Brenda Fennel and Dana Novak) are currently working with me on this project."

Faculty and students at Thompson Rivers University are very much on the forefront of the notion of "artist-as-researcher" leading to this plethora of art shows involving faculty and students at venues in Kamloops and the Lower Mainland. With the acquisition of several significant SSHRC of Canada grants, (including visual arts production/research associated with Community University Research Alliance) and through such things as a recent partnership with the Banff Centre (a primary centre for artistic research in Canada) and Ashok Mathur becoming a Canada Research Chair, only the second CRC in the area of Arts/Culture) the groundwork is being laid for future projects.

proximities

How many times have we heard or said, "I don't know much about art, but I know what I like."

An exhibit that explores this topic at the Kamloops Art Gallery October 15 through December 31.

"We all respond differently to works of art. Sometimes artworks seem relatively easy to understand: we 'get' their meaning or feel their impact right away. Other artworks seem designed to confound us, to challenge us as viewers," said Dr. Will Garrett-Petts, a Thompson Rivers University professor and researcher who is co-curating, along with TRU colleague Dr. Rachel Nash, an exhibition called *Proximities: Artists' Statements and Their Works*, opening this Saturday at 7:30pm.

So, does an 'artist's statement' help?

"When we enter a gallery space, we have choices to make," said Garrett-Petts. "Some head directly to the artworks, letting them speak for themselves. Others habitually read the titles first and still others look to the artists' written statements, even before viewing the works. The words, whether they are read before or after looking closely at the individual artworks, provide us with a context for viewing.

"Proximities explores what happens when artists' words and images work together, or collide and contradict."

But, should art lovers search for deeper meaning, or just let everything flow?

"According to some artists and critics, the search for meaning can get in the way of our authentic or

"gut" response; as Archibald MacLeish once said of poetry, art should not mean but be."

For most of us, however, understanding an artwork's meaning is part of the pleasure of going to galleries," he explained.

Gallery-goers will have the chance to hear what artists themselves say about artist's statements.

"What artists say or write about their own works is inherently interesting. Their words, their statements, provide us with unique insights into their practices. For working artists, the opportunity to speak and write about their art is part opportunity and part obligation," said Garrett-Petts.

henry hubert

Henry Hubert arrived at Cariboo College in the spring of 1971 to teach Careers English for Hotel/Motel Management students. Thirty-four years, a full and illustrious career and several institutional changes later he is set to retire.

According to some long time staff members at TRU, Hubert brought the study of rhetoric to campus, and a line of academic inquiry which has served to bring the university to the attention of scholars across Canada and North America.

He was thoroughly supportive of students, and worked to ensure their success through such initiatives as work-study and copyediting positions with *Textual Studies in Canada*, the interdisciplinary journal which he co-founded with Will Garrett-Petts.

Hubert has been totally committed to TRU, and gave of his time freely to help the university college enhance its reputation in the community and the world. He could always be counted on to attend, support or actively participate in many activities at the university and that the Arts division sponsored, such as panel discussions, workshops, and presentations—adding immeasurably to TRU's credibility and reputation.

One of his legacies was the establishment of the High School Model United Nations conference at TRU. He was one of the first to arrive and the last to leave on the day of the event, putting his hand to whatever was necessary to make the day a success: counselling parents and teachers, smoothing over difficulties, serving snacks, and helping to pack up afterward. No job was too menial for him, or too overwhelming; he got down to the business at hand—whatever was needed to ensure the success of the project.

His dedication to student services and success was seen by his support of the TRU Writing Centre. As co-founder, he put in extra time and thought to create a vital, sustainable place of learning. As Dean of Arts, he took the time to get involved in Writing Centre initiatives.



ready for japan tour



Darlene Kalynka exhibited "Baba's Wedding Dress" in Yokohama, Japan. The Visual Arts instructor created the silkscreen print from the fragile remnants of her prairie grandmother's wedding dress, originally purchased in 1928 from the T. Eaton catalogue. The traveling exhibit was part of a tri-lateral exchange of 20 artists from Canada, Japan and Holland.

presenting a season of comedy...



The cast members clockwise from top left are: Ben Dextraze, Laura Wong, Chris Fofonoff, Marita Pukas, and Ashley Plomp. Photo by Judith Jordan

The opening of *Goodnight Desdemona, Good Morning Juliet* at Thompson Rivers University marks the 22nd season of theatre productions at the Kamloops campus staged by the TRU Actors Workshop Theatre.

Directed by David Edwards, Ann-Marie MacDonald's award-winning play will be just one of three comedies preformed by second, third and fourth-year TRU theatre students honing their acting craft outside their regular class time.

"*Goodnight Desdemona, Good Morning Juliet* is a very clever play that turns Shakespeare's tragedies upside-down. The play is filled with

duels, special effects, and sexual innuendo. It is a madcap comedy that is sure to delight Kamloops' audiences," Edwards said.

Before the final curtain falls on this play, rehearsals will begin on *Anybody Out There?*, by John Patrick and directed by Wesley Eccleston, set to run Jan. 12 to 14 and 19 to 21. Close on its curtain will be *A Lie of the Mind* in March, followed by the fourth and finale production of the academic year, the Director's festival. The Director's festival showcases fourth-year directing students directing one act plays featuring third-year acting students. Season's tickets are available for only \$30 for all four shows.

performances

Goodnight Desdemona, Good Morning Juliet

By Ann-Marie McDonald
Directed by David Edwards
Thursday through Saturday,
Oct. 27-29 and Nov. 3-5

Anybody Out There?

By John Patrick
Directed by Wesley Eccleston
Thursday through Saturday,
Jan. 12-14 and 19-21, 2006

All Performances at 8pm at the Actors Workshop Theatre in Old Main

Tickets: \$10.00 / Season Tickets \$30.00
Box Office 377.6100 or David Edwards 828.5216

dinner theatre

Buffet Dinner & Theatre \$37.50
Friday, November 4, 2006
Please call Doug Ellis at 828.5052 for tickets

There's a perception that theatre students spend their classroom time practising their lines, but according to Edwards, rehearsals for all Actors Workshop productions are outside regularly scheduled classes. Production credit can be granted for performances, but it isn't mandatory. Despite the demands on student's time, the Theatre Arts Program at TRU draws students from throughout the province, as it's the only program of its kind outside of the Lower Mainland. In addition to acting, students can learn technical aspects of theatre productions as well as directing.

Edwards, Coordinator of Theatre Arts, has been with the university in its various forms since 1982. He has seen the program grow from one first-year offering of an Introduction to Theatre course being offered once a semester, to seeing TRU graduates cross the stage clutching their Bachelor of Arts degree with a Theatre major in June 2005, only two years after the innovative black-box theatre was created out of Cariboo College's old carpentry shop.

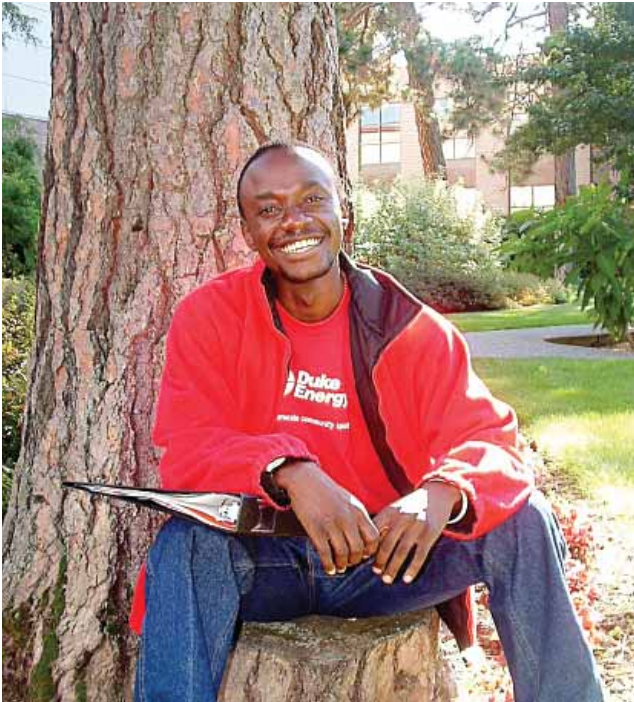
Performances are staged in this state-of-the-art venue, designed to be totally adaptable for any kind of staging, from traditional proscenium, through thrust, theatre in the round, and even environmental staging.



Professor Mafa Selanamane, Vice-Chancellor of the National University of Lesotho, TRU President and Chancellor Dr. Roger Barnsley and Professor Paul Odonkor, Dean of Health at the National University of Lesotho toured the campus in October. The visitors signed a protocol of cooperation with Thompson Rivers University. It is expected that the focus of the opportunities will be centered around the African nation's AID's crisis, an epidemic affecting 30 per cent of the sub-Saharan's nations population.

The visit was part of ongoing initiatives by the TRU Africa committee headed by Dr. Brigitta O'Regan.

students offer support for african refugee



Omar Mkeyo

In some developing countries getting an education can be dangerous.

Thanks to a group of proactive TRU students, local political strife and civil war will be the least of the worries for Omar Mkeyo, a first year business student and refugee from the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Mkeyo, TRU's first-ever sponsored refugee, was selected by World University Service of Canada (WUSC) and the TRU Local Committee. He arrived in Kamloops August 15 and has since spent his time between classes learning about his adopted country with dinners in family homes, visiting rodeos, the Kamloops Farmers Market and running with the Kamloops Ridge Runners.

Besides the local WUSC volunteers showing Mkeyo around, the student group has had enormous support from a group of volunteers from local churches, Refugees and Friends Together (RAFT). In the two short years since the local WUSC committee was formed, the two groups have worked together raising the funds to support Mkeyo, TRU has waived tuition, Bookies has sponsored textbooks and even a portion of his living expenses from McGill Off-Campus Housing has been donated.

Already fluent in six languages, Mkeyo's goal is to become a political analyst. To that the end the 27-year-old has enrolled in mathematics, political science and two English as a Second Language classes this term at Thompson Rivers University.

Geoff Wilmshurst, Study Abroad Manager at TRU World has several years experience coordinating WUSC's Refugee Program. He said that for the student refugees, studying in Canada is a chance for a new life. In many cases these students are coming from countries where the problems are systemic and long term. The student sponsorships are one of the ways WUSC helps students around the world resume their education in order to become global citizens.

Such is the case for Mkeyo. Although he completed high school in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the civil war and collapse of the government made further educational opportunities impossible. The chaos also made it impossible to get hold of his school records.

"In 1996 the first war broke out," Mkeyo said. "My family had to flee our village. We were displaced for sometime within the country."

"Once things seemed to have settled down by 1998 and we were able to come home, there were no teachers or schools left."

During that year, Mkeyo says, he returned to the family house after a day's errands. "Everyone was gone, my parents, my sisters. I knew that my father must have been in trouble, but I couldn't ask anyone," he said, as he feared for his own safety.

With the little money he had on him from the day's business, Mkeyo left his village on foot, secured passage on a ship to cross Lake Tanganyika, only to find himself in a remote area controlled by the Tutsis. He stayed there briefly before making his way to Malawi. He lived in a refugee camp for seven years, redoing his high school education, never hearing from his family, before making his way to Kamloops.

"There is little chance for a future there in the student's life time. This is a chance for an education and a future. Most of the sponsored students will tell you that they could only look ahead one day at a time as a refugee and when they come to Canada they can see their future," Wilmshurst said.

As for Canadian students the experience is often equally profound, Wilmshurst said. "This may be the first time that they have seen, in human terms, what it means to be a refugee, a person without a home to return to. It is also an opportunity to learn about another culture and to understand the issue of poverty and politics in other parts of the world. Most importantly it is a chance to really understand how fortunate we are in Canada and how much we take for granted."

That seems to be the message getting through to Dinushini Maligaspe, one of the local members of WUSC, "I can't help the world, but for one person I can make all the difference in the world."

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universities a crucible for change

Universities are the crucible for much-needed change in perspective to help counter increasing threats from natural disasters and human conflict, said The Honourable Lloyd Axworthy, speaking to about 400 campus and community members at Thompson Rivers University October 13th.

"Two-thirds of the world is going to resent and hate us for what we don't do," he warned, saying, "We promise a lot, but we don't deliver very much."

Natural disasters wipe out more people than terrorism by far, yet governments don't put the same resources into their mitigation, said Axworthy.

"There are 28 million displaced persons in the world," he said. "When national governments no longer, or can no longer, protect their own people, the global community has to assume the responsibility to protect."

"The notion of citizenship seems to stop at national borders," he said, "but the calamities that we endure and the risks we are exposed to don't recognize boundaries."

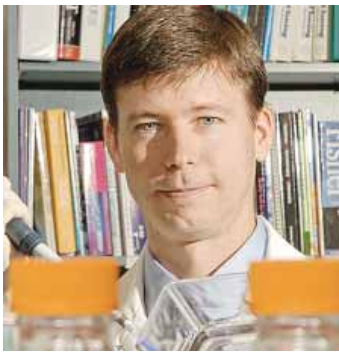
His message was optimistic, however. "I get the sense that people are beginning to see the incongruity of the magnitude of these problems and our governments' inability to deal with them," he said, going on to outline a new way of viewing the world.

"Protecting individuals will require seeing things in a transnational way that sees every life as precious," he said, adding that universities are an important factor in creating this new and responsive paradigm.



Lloyd Axworthy speaks with reporter Mikelle Sasakmoose, Kamloops This Week, (UCC 2003 BA Journalism alumna) and Kate Beauchamp a current 3rd year student in the journalism program before his lecture, Global Citizenship: Our Responsibility to Protect against Terrorism, Disaster and Calamity.

distinguished alumni 2005



2005 TRU Distinguished Alumni Award for Academic and Professional Achievement

Dr. Timothy Kieffer

Dr. Kieffer completed an Associate of Science Diploma at Cariboo College in 1987 before transferring to UBC to complete a BSc and PhD. In 1994, he started a Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the Harvard Medical School. Dr. Kieffer is currently a tenured Associate Professor of Medicine in UBC's Departments of Physiology and Surgery.



2005 Grace Chronister Distinguished Alumni Award

Helen Kormendy

Helen Kormendy completed a Bachelor of Social Work degree at UCC in 1999 and also holds a BA in Political Science from SFU, a Master of Social Work degree from UBC, a Public Relations and Communications Diploma from Kwantlen College, and certificates from the Justice Institute of BC.



2005 TRU Distinguished Alumni Award for Teaching Excellence

Dr. Hasnat Dewan

Before joining the TRU faculty in the fall of 2000, Dr. Dewan taught Economics at the University of Texas, Jahangirnagar University and Malaspina University College.

A university may be built with bricks and mortar, but its reputation is built on the accomplishments of its faculty and graduates.

These worthy individuals deserve recognition, so every year, TRU honours a number of its graduates with Distinguished Alumni Awards. Over the past 10 years, 34 graduates have been selected to receive the award.

"The Distinguished Alumni Awards program offers an exciting opportunity to honour deserving individuals, and bring attention to the vital role that TRU graduates play in the social and economic lives of our communities," said Nancy Plett, Executive Director of the TRU Alumni Association, which represents over 24,000 graduates and works in partnership with the institution to promote the university and the Association.

Dr. Roger Barnsley, TRU President and Vice-Chancellor, echoed those comments, saying that "The outstanding community contributions and professional achievements of our graduates, combined with teaching excellence, continue to help our university build a distinguished reputation throughout our region and around the world."

Although these deserving graduates were singled out for awards, many more of TRU's alumni have made, and continue to make, valuable contributions to their communities, their professions, and the world.

At TRU, we are proud to see our graduates doing well in many walks of life. For instance, this article was written by a TRU grad, and laid out by another TRU alumnus for this newspaper, whose chain employs yet more TRU graduates. It may even have been delivered by a future TRU graduate with a lifetime of achievement ahead.

Such is the power of education: It's the ability of graduates to touch the world in a fundamental way, and of a university to provide those graduates with the tools they need to help themselves and their communities to succeed.



2005 TRU Distinguished Alumni Award for Public Service

The Honourable Mr. Justice Joel Groves

After completing one year of University Transfer courses at Cariboo College, Justice Groves completed a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) at the University of Victoria and a Bachelor of Laws at UBC.



2005 TRU Distinguished Alumni Award for Service to the Community

Indigo Sweetwater

Indigo Sweetwater completed a Nursing Diploma at Cariboo College in 1988 and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1991 from the University College of the Cariboo. She is currently enrolled in graduate studies in Advanced Nursing Practice at Athabasca University and has also completed graduate courses in Transcultural Nursing at Wayne State. A life-long learner, she has also completed many professional courses and certifications and she plans to continue her studies to earn a doctoral degree.



Larry Read

Larry Read studied Business at the University of Calgary and the University of Saskatchewan, as well as Broadcast Journalism at BCIT, before completing the Marketing Management Diploma at UCC in 1993.

come to the ball

No, it's not a basketball, volleyball, baseball or soccer ball, it's a fancy dress ball.

With the move to university sports, the need for more team support has grown. The TRU Sports Task Force, now in its 26th year, is looking to expand with new members and fresh ideas for raising funds for TRU athletes and programs.

The success of varsity sports at TRU owes much to the Sports Task Force. This group of Kamloops business and community members has raised over \$1 million for financial and scholarship support for student athletes and the athletics program at TRU, but it's expected that athletics needs will expand dramatically with CIS membership, requiring fundraising upwards of \$100,000 a year.

The Task Force already fundraises in a number of ways, with its main activities centered on the annual athletic scholarship campaign.

Mark your calendars for the task force's Annual Gala Dinner, to be held this year in the TRU Grand Hall November 26th, and the Annual Golf Tournament held the first Friday in June. Those wishing to reserve a spot or a table at the Gala, or those with an item to donate for the auction may call TRU Director of Athletics and Recreation, Ken Olynyk at 828.5273.

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foundation

TRU Foundation Board member Dr. Bas Gowd samples some of the East Indian cuisine prepared by TRU Alumna Patrick Patel and his father Peter Patel, owners of the Mirage Restaurant. With their support the Foundation raised over \$15,000 for student scholarships and bursaries.

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coming up at home



starting up the season

Men's Basketball

The WolfPack, playing in the Canada West conference of the Canadian Interuniversity Sports league for the first time this season, swept the Canadian Colleges Athletics Association league in its final year of college ball last year, finishing the season with a 27-1 win/loss record, and clinching the provincial and national championship gold medals.

Seven members of last season's winning team have returned, including All-Canadian Sean Garvey, the point guard sensation who was named BCCAA Men's Athlete of the Year, All Sports, for the 2004-05 season along with fellow veteran Brent Traxel, provincial playoff MVP and nationals 1st-team all-star.

Seven-foot Greg Stewart and Steve Waring and Braeden Jones, will be wearing the WolfPack orange along with Brian Smith, Rob Bergen, and Jeff Friesen.

Joining the ranks are Josh Booy, Joey Farebrother, and Gleddie's youngest recruit, Charlie Spurr.

Women's Basketball

WolfPack Women's Basketball team has its work cut out for it this year: it's booked for a very tough non-conference schedule; and it's young, with five returning players and the rest freshmen.

Remaining to lead the 'Pack into its first year competing in university sports are BCCAA Rookie of the Year and 1st-team BCCAA All Star Kelley O'Grady, leading scorer from last year's team, 6'1" forward Marisa Dwyer, second leading scorer last year and leading rebounder and 1st-team all-star at the AA provincial finals, point guard Sarah Cameron, a tenacious playmaker injured for most of last year, 6' post Caitlin Kettlewell, and Kali Ellis, a physically tough player playing much of last year with stress fractures in her shins and Tami MacKinnon, who played for TRU in 1998/99 and 2002/03 but spent last season playing in Texas.

Promising newcomers are Sarah Darley, Alix Stupich, Rebekka Miltimore, Kristi Spelay and Whitney Gallamore.

"This team has just one player over the age of 20, and we expect to push the tempo and utilize our overall quickness and youthfulness to put points on the board," said Olynyk.

"Moving up to the Canada West conference is going to be a tough transition, but this team is very capable of doing just that."

**Men's Volleyball**

Head coach Patrick Hennelly anticipates the challenge of taking his young team into its first season in the Canada West conference of CIS.

"We're young, and we'll be giving up experience and size to every team we play this year," he said. "We're going to have to be tenacious on defence and we'll have to have great ball control and tough serving."

Helping out in that category will be Graham Allard and Tim Flannigan, both in their third years of eligibility, and Darcy Barisoff, the WolfPack's only returnee. Adding second-year experience will be Chad Coldwell and Derrick Winchar.

Hennelly is quick to point out the talent in the making, however. "We've got a great crop of first-year players," he said.

He's looking for great results from Turkish high school recruit Behlul Yavasgel, a 6'4", 190-pound 18-year-old who played 13 times for Turkey's National Team, and took the titles Best Blocker and Best Spiker twice each in the past four years.

Another key recruit is Mitchell Anderson, a rookie from Whitehorse, Yukon, who represented Team Yukon in Regina this past summer. Hennelly's expecting Anderson to add some power to the outside hitting position.

Local high school graduates who have joined include Jeremy Jones, Greg Weatherhead, Bryan Town, and BJ Peters. Rounding out the freshmen are Coleman Molnar, and Brent Hall.

Hennelly's looking forward to helping his young athletes climb the steep learning curve they'll encounter in Canada West play. "They'll get to be apprentices at the hands of the top teams in the country, and competing against top teams can only make you better," he said.

Women's Volleyball

Heading into CIS play full of experience and energy, the women's volleyball team brings five veteran players—key members of the provincial gold medal team and winners of the fair play award along with some very strong recruits.

Heading up the team is 4th-year outside attacker and BCCAA 1st-team all-star Robyn Devlin. Other key returnees include Jessica Baskerville, winner of a Volleyball Canada Special Recognition Award, Kristin Peters, most improved player last year, 6'2" right side Amanda Spreeuw, and Jessica Weir, an athlete who has won all-star and MVP awards in basketball and soccer, as well as volleyball.

The team gains further strength with the exciting out-of-province additions of Crystal Johnson, from CCAA Alberta provincial championship team Grande Prairie Wolves, and Laura Plouffe, fresh off the court from the Canada Games, where she played with Team Alberta. Also returning this season is 6'1" middle blocker Karalyn Mackenzie who played last year for Team Yukon, Kristy Alblas, and Stephanie Torbohm.

Coach Barrett was also pleased to recruit Brazilian power hitter Daniela Bercelli, "I was very pleased that my team managed an academic average of 3.6 while maintaining medal-standard performance last year," she said. "And with our team's sportsmanship, and ethical behaviour both on and off the court, our program has much to be proud of."

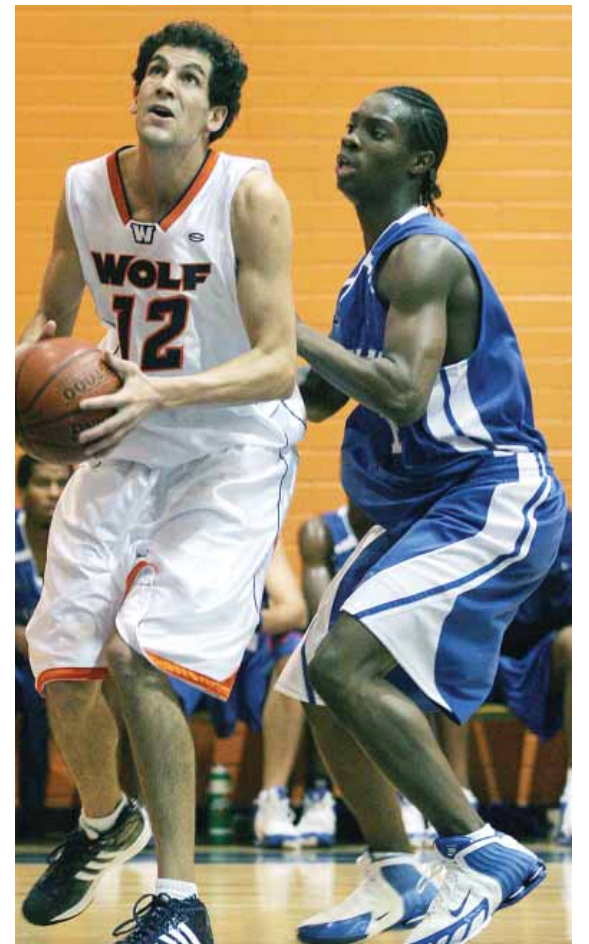
"I expect great things from our team this season and look forward to the competition of Canada West and CIS."

Women's and Men's Basketball:

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| Nov | 13 | Sun | 1&3:00 pm | League Games | vs TWU |
| Nov | 18 | Fri | 6&8 pm | League Games | vs Regina |
| Nov | 19 | Sat | 6&8 pm | League Games | vs Regina |
| Nov | 25 | Fri | 6&8 pm | League Games | vs UVic |
| Jan | 20 | Fri | 6&8 pm | League Games | vs UBC |
| Jan | 21 | Sat | 6&8 pm | League Games | vs UBC |
| Jan | 27 | Fri | 6&8 pm | League Games | vs Calgary |
| Jan | 28 | Sat | 6&8 pm | League Games | vs Calgary |

Women's and Men's Volleyball:

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| Nov | 11 | Fri | 6&7:30 pm | League Games | vs UBC |
| Nov | 12 | Sat | 6&7:30 pm | League Games | vs UBC |
| Nov | 26 | Sat | 6&7:30 pm | League Games | vs Calgary |
| Nov | 27 | Sun | 1&3 pm | League Games | vs Calgary |
| Dec | 28 | Wed | TBA | Women's Exhibition Game | vs Brandon |
| Dec | 28 | Thurs | TBA | Women's Exhibition Game | vs Grant McEwen |
| Jan | 6 | Fri | 7:00 pm | Women's Exhibition Game | vs Regina |
| Jan | 7 | Sat | 7:00 pm | Women's Exhibition Game | vs Regina |
| Jan | 13 | Fri | 6&7:30 pm | League Games | vs TWU |
| Jan | 14 | Sat | 6&7:30 pm | League Games | vs TWU |



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