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## building a university



Significant progress is being made on construction of an 11-storey student residence at the TRU campus. Above, is an artist's rendering of what the new dorm will look like when it's complete. The building will house close to 600 students.

**T**his week it's back to class, back to work and back to tighter schedules. The days may still be warm but there's no doubt the lazy days of summer are over.

For Phil Hanmer, TRU's Capital Planning & Projects Manager, there were no lazy summer days; the last few months have been nothing but tight, hair-straight-back, construction schedules.

With a major capital project on the go in nearly every corner of the Kamloops campus, plus a multi-million dollar build underway in Williams Lake, it's no wonder he's a hard man to get hold of.

The largest project he's overseeing dominates the campus skyline, the new 11-storey residence. Not only will this \$40-million-project be the tallest at TRU Kamloops, Hanmer says it will be the tallest building in the city.

TRU has partnered with Daycon Corporation, and its subsidiary, Campus Living Centres, the largest private operator of student residences in Canada, to build and operate the 587-bed on-campus residence.

The design incorporates barrier-free suites and several multi-use communal spaces. The project is scheduled for partial opening by August 2006. The building will be opened in stages like any other high rise; the first few floors will be complete and usable while construction



Phil Hanmer on site at the TRU Kamloops campus.

continues on the upper floors.

Tucked between the automotive shops and the Animal Health Technology building, near the west gate, another construction site is a flurry of activity.

Along with a new brick and mortar warehouse that will serve as the shipping centre for the course materials of TRU-OL, there will be a greenhouse and a fabric building for sculptural projects.

The 2,000-square-foot greenhouse will be the domain of Lachlan Fraser, Canada Research Chair Community and Ecosystem Ecology. His research is expected to create collaboration with existing faculty interested in aquatic and grassland ecosystems and with researchers at Agriculture



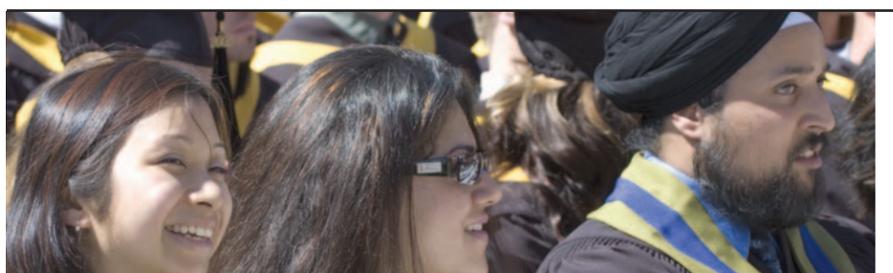
Canada's Range Research Station interested in the conservation of rangelands in BC. Hanmer is also managing the set up of a 1,000 square foot lab trailer to house the research offices.

The fabric building is a legacy of a Research/Creation grant Donald Lawrence received from the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada last year. Lawrence will utilize the space as he completes several sculptural projects.

At the intersection near the TRU gym and the Canada Games Pool excavators have sloped back the bank to make room for massive retaining walls that need to be built before the footings and foundation of the new BC Centre for Open Learning can be started.

There's also the \$1-million expansion of the Print Shop in Old Main, the infrastructure upgrades for the new construction including underground utilities for the houses near the Daycare. Behind the Arts and Education Building, crews and machines worked to complete a new 120-space parking lot in time for the fall semester.

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With the start of the fall semester, our first full year as Thompson Rivers University is about to begin. I hope that all students and staff are looking forward to the continued transition as we build our place among the province and nation's universities.

Last year there were many opportunities for celebrating our new university status; we adopted a new coat of arms, a new name and logo, and welcomed Nancy Green Raine as TRU's first Chancellor at ceremonies marking the official launch of TRU. We also brought the annual convocation back to our attractive campus, to the pleasure of our 1,700 graduates, their families and friends.

This year a number of changes based on the legislation that established us as BC's newest university will emerge. Our former academic governance body, the Education Council, is being replaced with a University Council and a Planning Council for Open Learning. These academic governing bodies have been constructed to ensure representation from each facet of our university community.

The diligent behind-the-scenes work to incorporate Opening Learning continues in areas such as capital planning, administration, registration and admission, faculty, support staff, marketing and information technology. During this time of transition for Open Learning, the staff at TRU's Burnaby campus is maintaining the high level of service that our students studying at a distance have come to expect.

This year will see continued changes to the physical appearances of our campuses. TRU Williams Lake campus is finally becoming a reality with the \$14 million project at the former Anne Stevenson secondary school. Construction for Open Learning's relocation to our Kamloops campus is well underway, and two towering construction cranes hover in the skyline as work proceeds on the 11-storey, 587 bed student residence.

Building a university is broader than capital projects and changing governance bodies. A number of new instructional programs are being developed to meet the needs of students and the region. And, TRU staff and students continue to develop better and stronger campus life opportunities. Indeed, some of the best



experiences of going to, or working at this university will come from the plays, art shows and lectures that are readily available throughout the year. And this year for the first time students and staff can cheer on TRU's WolfPack as men's and women's basketball and volleyball teams compete nationally against other universities in the Canada West conference of Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS).

Welcome back students and staff.

## achievements

### PATRICK WALTON

#### Education

Patrick Walton presented a paper at the American Education Research Association conference in Montreal in April on using children's songs to teach beginning reading, and he has just been invited to be a part of two large research projects: the first, headed by Dr. Rob Savage at McGill University, will study beginning reading, while the other is a cross-cultural reading project headed by Dr. Linda Siegel at UBC.

### YING KONG

#### Economics

A recipient of one of this year's Scholarly Merit Awards, Associate Professor Ying Kong's paper, "Competition between Brand-Name and Generics—An Analysis on Pricing of Brand-name Pharmaceuticals," has passed double blind peer review and was accepted for presentation at the 4th Global Conference on Business and Economics held at Oxford University this June 26-28.

### WENDY HULKO

#### Social Work & Human Service

Assistant Professor Wendy Hulko successfully defended her PhD in Sociology and Social Policy at the University of Sterling.

Hulko was also one of 20 faculty from across North America to be awarded a bursary to attend an international educators conference in Seattle. She also spent the summer in the UK and Netherlands doing field research on connecting local and global efforts at developing elder-friendly and dementia-friendly communities. She has received a large external research grant (with D. O'Connor, A. Phinney and M. Donnelly of UBC), worth \$101,210 over two years, to study support services, personhood and dementia care.

### ROSS NELSON

#### Geography

Ross Nelson had a paper (with former TRU instructor Robert MacKinnon) examining labour force changes in Kamloops over the past 40 years published in *Western Geography*.

### MAXINE RUVINSKY

#### Journalism

Maxine Ruvinsky's book, *A Brief Grammar and Writing Guide*, will be published this year by Oxford University Press.

### GEOFF WILMSHURST

#### Study Abroad

Study Abroad manager Geoff Wilmshurst was recently elected chair of the board of directors of AFS Interculture Canada, a non-profit network of high-school student exchange organizations headquartered in Montreal.

### KARL LARSEN

#### Natural Resource Science

Karl Larsen and his TRU team launched a reptile website in partnership with the Ministry of Water, Air and Land Protection.

### WAYNE HOLLINGSHEAD

#### Animal Health Technology

Assistant Professor Wayne Hollingshead's textbook, *Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia Third Edition*, has been translated into Spanish.

### RISHMA VEDD

#### Business

Another recipient of this year's TRU Scholarly Merit Awards, Associate Professor Dr. Rishma Vedd has had her paper, "Management Accounting and Strategic Human Resource Management: A Comparison of the UK Royal Mail and Canada Post" published in the May issue of the journal, *Problems and Perspectives in Management*.

### JIM HU

#### English as a Second Language

Dr. Jim Hu presented a workshop, "Academic Writing: Not Just Grammar Matters," at the Annual Conference of BC Teachers of English as an Additional Language in Vancouver.

### DONALD NOAKES

#### Advanced Technologies & Mathematics

Dr. Don Noakes, Dean, School of Advanced Technology and Mathematics, presented his paper, "On the Stability of the 1999 Pacific Salmon Treaty," and had it published in the proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on

Systems, Man and Cybernetics held in The Hague, Netherlands.

Noakes also co-authored a paper, "Salmon Aquaculture Conflict in British Columbia," accepted for publication in the journal *Ocean & Coastal Management*.

### PENNY HEASLIP, KAREN ABBOTT, CHERYL LYALL & SHARON SIMPSON

#### Nursing

Penny Heaslip, Karen Abbott, Cheryl Lyall and Sharon Simpson presented their paper, "Expanding Horizons: Evaluation of the impact of an international nursing education project on the practice of Nepalese nurses" at the 2005 International Congress of Nurses in Taipei in May.

### MONA HAZEL

#### Practical Nursing

Mona Hazel has been awarded the Mount Royal Advanced Specialty Certificate in Gerontology, Donna B. Hinde Memorial Scholarship, given to the student who best blends personal and professional commitments, demonstrates leadership, and maintains a high academic standing.

### MICHELLE REID

#### Social Work

Michelle Reid presented her paper, "Critical Indigenous Pedagogy in Social Work Education at the First Nations," First Thoughts Conference held at the University of Edinburgh in April.

### PETER TSIGARIS

#### Economics

Dr. Peter Tsigaris, Assistant Professor and BBA Program Advisor, has had his paper (with Eftichios Sartzetakis of the University of Macedonia) entitled "Environmental Externalities in the Presence of Network Effects: Adoption of Low Emission Technologies in the Automobile Market," accepted for publication in the *Journal of Regulatory Economics*.

### CYNTHIA ROSS

#### Biological Sciences

Assistant Professor Dr. Cynthia Ross has had two manuscripts published in the *Canadian Journal of Botany* (Nov/04 & May/05), and has had a third accepted

for publication in the prestigious *International Journal of Plant Sciences*. She was invited to present a paper at the Plant Canada 2005 conference in Edmonton in June. Her research on dwarf mistletoe was featured on CBC Radio's *Quirks and Quarks*, the NSERC web homepage, and the Discovery Channel.

### STEFANIA MAGGI

#### Centre for Early Education and Development Studies

Dr. Stefania Maggi's paper, "Are Questions from the Italian National Health Survey Adequate to Measure Prevalence of Smoking Among Teens?" was in volume 40 of the journal, *Substance Use and Misuse*.

### NAOWARAT CHEEPHAM

#### Biological Sciences

This year Dr. Naowarat Cheeptham has received grants from the Thai Office of the Higher of the Higher Education Commission Cooperative Research Network, Program in Microbiology; Thai Brain Drain project and the UNESCO-American Society for Microbiology Visiting Person program.

### DARLENE KALYNKA

#### Visual Arts

Darlene Kalynka will participate in a trilateral exchange and travelling exhibition with 20 Canadian Printmakers in Yokohama Japan at the Celest gallery and the Saint Paul Gallery in October 2005. This exhibition is also scheduled to travel to Nagasaki and to Utrecht Holland in 2007. The travelling exhibitions are titled "Baba's Wedding Dress" and "Remnant".

### WILL GARRETT-PETTS

#### English and Modern Languages

Dr. Will Garrett-Petts has had his book, *The Small Cities Book*, published by New Star Books. The book, which includes 25 essays, stories, and visual pieces, explores what it means to live in a smaller community during the era of global megacities. Drawing upon the work of the Small Cities Community-University Research Alliance (CURA), the book contains writing and artwork by 12 TRU faculty, an equal number of research partners and 15 students.

# open for business

## MBA numbers higher than expected

The new university's first graduate degree will launch the fall semester with a full complement of students.

Enrollment for the Master of Business was initially expected to top out at 17 or 18.

Instead, 22 students are set to commence their masters this month. The TRU MBA is a fast track, full-time program geared to graduate students in 16 months and has appealed to international and domestic students equally, according to the Dean of the School of Business and Economics.

"I'm real proud of these students," Dr. Murray Young said. "They've bought a product based on a promise and the reputation of the university.

"Their confidence in our school is based on the reputation TRU has earned during the last decade of delivering undergraduate degrees."

Program developers say it's a degree that will help the local economy in a number of ways.

"The local demand for the program from banks and business organizations is huge. It's affordable and accessible. And now, with the BC Centre for Open Learning being established here, we'll have open learning options that will allow expansion far beyond our region," said TRU business professor Shahriar Hasan.

"Thompson Rivers University is the main supplier of entry and mid-level management employees in the Kamloops region," added Hasan, who was instrumental in administrating the program's early start.

Heather Williams, TRU business professor has spent the last few months meeting with prospective MBA students and fielding calls from individuals interested in a part-time MBA program.

"Thanks to the leadership of Shahriar Hasan and Heather Williams we are now TRU's first ever graduate degree program," Dr. Young said in support of the faculty that has taken on the added duties of administrating the MBA along with their teaching responsibilities.

More faculty is expected to be attracted in the short-term, experts whose research and economic studies will have impacts within the region and far beyond.

One of the members of TRU's inaugural MBA class is Ya-Ting Chang. She is confident that in early 2007, with her TRU MBA degree, she will have an advantage seeking work in the sports business industry when she returns to Taipei, Taiwan.



MBA student Ya-Ting Chang and acting MBA Chair Heather Williams discuss upcoming orientation events for TRU's first complement of graduate students.

"This degree is in English and, on top of my Recreation and Sport Management degree from Taipei Physical Education College and my Sport Event Management Diploma from TRU, it will make my education totally international," Chang said, who believes she'll have an edge when applying with international companies such as Nike and Adidas.

The program will also help keep Bachelor of Business Administration graduates in the area.

"Most traditional MBAs require two years of work experience before entry to the program. Ours is unique in that it allows students to proceed straight out of the BBA program, or possibly other degree programs," Hasan said.

This is good news for the community, because many business graduates start their own businesses. And, due to options at TRU that allow students to bridge between programs, these businesses will be varied and suited to Interior needs.

## new dean gets down to work



Dr. Murray Young is TRU's new Dean, School of Business and Economics.

The first order of business for Dr. Murray Young was to acquaint himself with the way business is done in the Southern Interior.

Since his arrival from the University of Denver, TRU's new Dean, School of Business and Economics, has met with business and community leaders, including the federal minister of trade, members of parliament and even mayoralty hopefuls.

Dr. Young plans to involve faculty, staff, students, alumni and the business community in a collaborative process to clarify and expand the vision and potential of TRU's business school.

"I expect to build on the strong foundation of campus and community interaction already in place at TRU through such

agencies as the student group Advancing Canadian Entrepreneurship, the business incubator operating out of our Advanced Technology Centre, faculty consulting, and student projects," said Dr. Young.

"Changing demands due to a new global business environment require new thinking and new initiatives and this School of Business is well placed to help Kamloops enterprises meet these new demands," he explained, noting that TRU's uniquely internationalized campus can help lever up transnational knowledge and sensitivity, and strengthen TRU's new MBA program.

On campus for just a few short weeks, Dr. Young says he's been impressed with the friendliness of the community and how well the recruitment team has prepared him for the new position. "There's been no surprises, the recruitment team was very accurate when it described what I could expect here."

Dr. Young has assumed the position held on an interim basis for the past two years by School of Business and Economics faculty member Brock Dykeman, who successfully led TRU's MBA proposal through the approval process.

## tru events—september 2005

**TRU Idols Volunteer Sign Up** — Sept. 15, 4:00 p.m.  
Deadline for volunteer sign-ups for TRU Idols show to be hosted Jan. 20. For info call 371-5835.

**Rec Fest** — Sept. 19—24  
TRU Recreation presents Rec Fest 2005: a fun-filled week of activities and events. For info call 818-5271.

**Club Day** — Sept. 22, 10am—4 pm  
Outside Student Street: CSS hosts sign-up day for student clubs. Live music, games. For info call 372-5882.

**Student Connections** — Sept. 28, 5 pm  
Independent Centre: Monthly orientation social event. Free food, entertainment, music, prizes. For info call 371-5835.

**TRU Amazing Race** — Sept. 30  
Teams of four people (maximum two Canadians) compete in a race throughout Kamloops, completing a series of challenges and finding city destinations. After Party includes BBQ, games, and dance. Entry \$20 per person. For info call 828-5191 or email: krussell@tru.ca.



TRU students and staff celebrated the 18th annual Welcome Back Barbecue Sept. 9.

# master teacher award winner sets high bar



Penny Heaslip, TRU Master Teacher

To recognize long-term career achievements in teaching, pedagogy, the promotion of teaching and learning and to celebrate the university's inaugural year, the TRU Master Teacher Award was created and awarded at the June 2005 convocation ceremony.

Penny Heaslip, School of Nursing, is TRU's first Master Teacher and sets a standard as a teacher/scholar who is gifted and has contributed significantly to their chosen discipline, as well as showing leadership in service to the educational activities of the university.

Heaslip is a dedicated mentor and role model, not only for students, but also for nursing faculty at Thompson Rivers University. She has been committed to making a difference in the quality of

student and faculty experiences throughout her career. One significant example is her leadership and service as a facilitator of our Instructional Skills Workshops for over 20 years.

Her research work exemplifies the scholarship of teaching. She has presented papers and lead workshops on critical thinking and nursing education throughout the U.S., Canada, Japan and Nepal.

She is also dedicated to the nursing community locally and beyond; founding an international nursing Internet discussion group, the International Nurse Educators Critical Thinking Network, and has served on a variety of nursing service committees.

Volunteering her time and expertise at the university in service related to her profession, and in activities that have benefited the campus generally, she has served the greater community as a volunteer for a number of organizations.

Not only is Heaslip recognized as an excellent teacher who clearly enjoys the process of teaching as well as her relationships with her students, she is described as stimulating, creative, challenging, and committed to the concept of life-long learning. Many of our graduates report that she was one of their most influential teachers.

## TRU educator & staff awards

### Teaching Excellence Awards

**DR. GRANT LARSON**  
*School of Social Work*

His leadership, dedication to social work ethics, theory, and practice as well as his respect for reciprocal learning all contribute to the unquestionable conclusion that Dr. Grant Larson is a person of integrity and has earned the respect from his students to be honoured as a Teacher of Excellence.

**JOANNE JONES**  
*School of Nursing*

Nominated by her students and peers as a Teacher of Excellence with such comments as, "She is truly a brilliant and inspiring nurse/teacher educator/mentor," "Students repeatedly describe Joanne as fair, challenging,

knowledgeable and caring," "As a colleague, Joanne is a role model and mentor for me." And finally, "Joanne is easily one of the best teachers I have ever had."

**DAVID DIFRANCESCO**  
*Digital Art & Design*

His teaching skills, classroom methods and dedication to student success were the major focus of all nominators, who said, "David DiFrancesco is an excellent teacher. His dedication to his students and his work is well above what is necessary, and he always challenged us to do better and higher quality work." His passion for teaching and what he teaches inspires the students in the class to achieve bigger and better goals.

### Distinguished Service

**GINNY RATSOY**  
*English & Modern Languages, Canadian Studies*

Ginny Ratsoy has given her time, energy and considerable knowledge to both campus and community initiatives throughout the 25 years she has been an instructor here, and has had a positive influence on students, staff, faculty, and the greater community.

**JACKIE MULLEN**  
*Faculty of Arts*

One of Jackie Mullen's many nominators said of the divisional secretary: "Jackie is always ready, willing, and able to undertake any task that you ask of her. She is always cheerful and supportive and will go out of her way to accommodate any tasks or

queries. She has given years of her distinguished service to faculty, students and staff."

**DAVID BURKHOLDER**

*Information Technology Services*

David Burkholder, a TRU alumni, blends technical expertise with a friendly, courteous manner. A nominator said, "You can rely on David's technical knowledge and support [and] David's kindness, tact and good humour are part of his consistent and respectful approach to everyone with whom he works. I believe that David's commitment to outstanding service has enhanced the TRU environment."



Ron Olynyk, Chair of the TRU Board of Governors, left, and TRU President Roger Barnsley head to the convocation reception hosted by the Alumni Association at TRU's Horticultural Gardens.

## Longtime faculty designated Professors Emeritus



Professors Emeritus David Williams and James Davis

Two long-serving faculty are the first to be recognized as Professor Emeritus at TRU. Assistant Professor David Williams (Biological Services) and Assistant Professor James V. Davies (Chemistry) had their new titles conferred at the June convocation ceremony.

Besides having served with science faculty for more than 10 years, the two were recognized for having contributed much to TRU's campus and community over their careers, and despite retirement, wish to continue their supportive relationships with Thompson Rivers University.

As Professor Emeritus, Assistant Professors Williams and Davies will continue to be listed in the university calendar, are entitled to library and other campus privileges, and to march in academic processions at convocation.

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The first 1,700 Thompson Rivers University graduates were presented with their diplomas, degrees and certificates at four separate TRU convocation ceremonies set amongst the rolling lawns and towering Ponderosa pines on the common east of the Campus Activity Centre. It was the first time since 1994 that the ceremony was held on campus, a change in venue and size with four valedictorians representing different clusters of programs. About 50 TRU staff volunteers coordinated convocation proceedings.

## 2005 medal winners



**Governor General's Academic Medal (Silver)**  
Sachiko Takahashi  
Bachelor of Science degree (Chemistry)



**Governor General's Academic Medal (Collegiate Bronze)**  
Sharron R. Westlund  
Accounting Technician diploma



**Medal in Education**  
University of British Columbia  
Fred Schaub



**TRU Medal in Social Work**  
Shawna N. Bava



**TRU Medal in Science**  
Paul Nguyen



**TRU Medal in Tourism Management**  
Callandra Lea Ottmann



**TRU Medal in Natural Resource Science**  
Jodi L. Vander Hoek



**TRU Medal in Business Administration**  
Nathan L. Murray



**TRU Medal in Arts**  
Kendra Lee McKay



**TRU Medal in Fine Arts**  
Kristina E. Fiedrich



**TRU Medal in Journalism**  
Lailani Mendoza



**TRU Medal in Nursing**  
Corrine Out

## valedictorians



Christine Heidi Nickel  
Bachelor of Arts  
(Geography),  
Fernie, BC



Alison Assmus  
Bachelor of Science  
(Cellular, Molecular  
and Microbial Biology)  
Logan Lake, BC



Kristen Jordan  
Bachelor of Business  
Administration (Marketing)  
Kamloops, BC



Shawna Bava  
Bachelor of Social Work  
Kamloops, BC

## honorary degree recipients



Ms. Claire Morris  
Doctor of Laws



Mr. Duncan MacRae  
Doctor of Technology



Dr. Gilles Paquet  
Doctor of Letters



Dr. Alex Michalos  
Doctor of Letters



Sir John Daniel  
Doctor of Letters

## International enrolments highest ever

Once again attendance is at an all time high at TRU World.

This academic year will see upwards of 830 international students studying at TRU's Kamloops campus. With education agreements in place with universities in 50 countries from around the world it's little wonder Prime Minister Paul Martin took notice during his visit to the university April 2.

"The fact that this is one of the most international of all of our Canadian educational institutes, I really do believe, makes you a forerunner for the kind of country and the kind of educational institutions that we want to build," Prime Minister Martin said.

Expect to meet students on the Kamloops campus hailing from Russia, Nigeria, the Middle East, Turkey, Latin America and Eastern Europe plus continuing strong numbers of students from China, Cyndi McLeod, Executive Director said.

"We have a three year commitment for 200 teachers from China to continue their education here," she said, even though other institutions report declining enrollment of international students from Asia, that is not the case for TRU World.

Continued interest from China is due in part, she says, because TRU World

builds on the same philosophy of 2+2, or 3+1 as Thompson Rivers University.

"We've developed strong international partners with joint programs. We offer students the opportunity to transfer credits. That's a strong catalyst for students to finish part of their degrees here."

Geoff Wilmshurst joined the university as the first Study Abroad Manager in 2003, and since then he has seen the opportunities for TRU students to study abroad increase from 14 universities to 50.

"Initially most of the opportunities were for business students, now there are opportunities for arts students, social work and most recently new spots for computer science students in Austria, Sweden, Australia and France."

Besides building new relationships with universities for students to study abroad independently, Wilmshurst has been developing orientation packages and assisting with funding for TRU's field schools. Adding to the established field schools for Cultural Anthropology in Slovakia and Nursing in Thailand, Natural Resource Science students will begin learning in the heart of the rain forest on the tiny Pacific island

of Samoa starting in spring 2006.

When the federal government announced the pilot phase of the Canada Corps University Partnership Program (CCUPP), allowing young people, still engaged in formal learning, to better understand governance challenges in developing countries and to participate with more experienced mentors in the search for solutions, TRU World was quick off the mark. Thompson Rivers University was awarded the first two international internships, valued at \$13,000 each, as part of the inaugural Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) program.

Chris Hodgson is a fourth year Journalism student. He interned with the Institute for Indonesian Tropical Nature (LATIN) located in Bogor, Indonesia. Chris was involved in communications and promotion to enhance LATIN's profile in Indonesia and overseas.

Devan-Maire Ritchie is a third year Geography student and she interned with the Centre for Social Forestry in Samarinda, Kalimantan Timur Indonesia. Devan's internship focused on Marketing and assisting with initiatives to strengthen the collaboration between the Centre for Social Forestry and major extractive industries.

### Distinguished Service Award

**CYNDI MCLEOD**

*TRU World*

Cyndi McLeod's cooperative approach to innovative projects has allowed TRU to enter unique training partnerships involving foreign governments and educational institutions, TRU departments, regional First Nations groups and the local School District. As a result, TRU has many new partnerships and training models to offer international clients.



Cyndi McLeod and Prime Minister Paul Martin in April 2005.

## Williams Lake campus becoming a reality

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The other major project Hanmer had on his plate this summer is TRU Williams Lake. A complete new campus is beginning to emerge from the former Anne Stevenson high school. The project is expected to be complete in the fall of 2006 and will include automotive, welding and a general purpose building trade shop, a new office complex and a Student Street.

Hanmer says he's facing the same frustration as many others during this booming construction economy in Kamloops—some of the trades are too busy for some of the smaller projects like patching asphalt and repairing curbing. To paraphrase—it could be awhile before traffic is running smoothly at the campus.



Work is well underway for the new Williams Lake Campus.

## Third Canada Research Chair Named in Liberal Arts



Dr. Ashok Mathur

TRU's third Canada Research Chair, Dr. Ashok Mathur will examine cultural diversity within small cities.

The recent appointment to the CRC in Cultural and Artistic Inquiry will be the university's first CRC in Arts.

"Canadian multiculturalism is often seen as a concern for large cities; but smaller cities, too, are increasingly coming to terms with questions of cultural diversity," said Mathur. "The need to accommodate new voices and new forms of artistic and cultural expression is shared by all Canadians wherever they live."

"I'm quite excited," he said. "It's an opportunity to do work that I like to do, thinking critically and working with writers and other cultural producers. I'm looking forward to it."

The development of the Centre for Innovation in Culture and the Arts in Canada, a key element in this research, will bring together artists from all parts of Canada

and across the world to investigate cultural diversity in all its forms.

"The centre created by this new Canada Research Chair will allow the world to come to our campus and participate in Dr. Mathur's studies of the importance of cultural diversity," said Dr. Tom Dickinson, TRU Associate Vice-President of Research.

The centre will be a media lab, fully wired and networked creating an ability to have writers conference with their colleagues in other parts of the world. Equipment at the centre will enable the production of academic dissemination and artistic endeavors.

Joining Mathur as the Principal Investigator on the research team will be Aruna Srivastava (UCalgary), Rita Wong (Emily Carr Institute), co-Applicants; Will Garrett-Petts (TRU), Si Transken (UNBC), collaborators.

# howl for the pack

Varsity athletes did our university extremely proud in 2004-2005, the men's basketball team finished up the season with both the provincial and national gold medals, while the men's volleyball team won provincial silver and national bronze, and both the provincial and national fair play awards. The women's volleyball team was the provincial champion last year, also winning the provincial fair play award. All in all it was a thoroughly great year in varsity athletics.

This fall, TRU looks forward to a landmark inaugural year in the Canada West Conference of Canadian Interuniversity Sport, fielding men's and women's teams in basketball and volleyball for the first time. Further success is expected in the Canadian Colleges Athletics Association with our soccer and badminton teams.

With expansion into the university leagues, varsity athletics teams have adopted a new nickname: the TRU WolfPack, and fans can expect to enjoy an even higher level of play this year.

The first soccer home games are Sept. 24 and 25, and October will be hopping. Soccer home games continue for the first two weekends, our McDonald's Desert Classic invitational men's basketball tournament will be held Oct. 13 to 15, followed by the BDO-Dunwoody/Interior Savings invitational women's basketball tournament the next weekend.

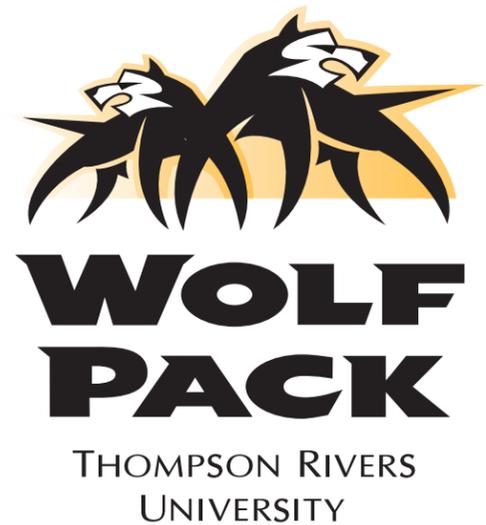
Wrapping up the month is the Weekend of Champions, Oct. 28-30, when TRU hosts the BCCAA provincial women's and men's soccer championships, and our first home games for basketball and volleyball in the Canada West conference.

Come on out and howl for the pack! To an athlete giving his or her best on the field or in the gym, there's nothing like the roar of a cheering crowd of fans. Even silent spectators give athletes a psychological edge just by being in the bleachers.

Game schedules are posted on our athletics website at [www.tru.ca/athletic/schedule.htm](http://www.tru.ca/athletic/schedule.htm), and pocket schedules will be out in September.

Fans can get a year-long season's pass, good for all league, tournament and exhibition games, for only \$79, which includes reserved seating and a WolfPack t-shirt. Fans can also get tickets for individual games at the door, and game-day family passes will also be available.

It's a great way to support our athletes, and every game admission dollar goes right back into our athletics programs. Another way to support TRU athletes is through the TRU WolfPack men's basketball team "Adopt-an-Athlete" program. It provides travel, game-day meals, equipment or other competition-related benefits for a maximum \$400 tax-deductible contribution.



Mark your calendar now for the TRU Sports Task Force's annual gala fundraiser, to be held November 25. The Task Force, made up of Kamloops business and community members, has raised over \$1 million for financial and scholarship support for student athletes and the sports program at TRU over the past 25 years. In response to expansion into the CIS, the task force is actively recruiting new members.

To find out how you can become involved in TRU Athletics initiatives, as a fan, a booster, or a task force member, call TRU Athletics & Recreation Director Ken Olynyk at 828-5273. See you at the game.



## athletic achievement

### Drew Venables

Men's volleyball team BCCAA Rookie of the Year, Provincial first team All-Star, CCAA All-Canadian, and provincial tournament MVP.

### Devin Andrew

Men's volleyball BCCAA first team all-star.

### Matt Bajkov

Men's volleyball team BCCAA second team all-star.

### Lisa Strachan

Women's volleyball, Tournament MVP at the provincial championships, as well as 2004-05 BCCAA first team All-Star, CCAA All-Canadian and CCAA Academic All-Canadian.

### Robyn Devlin

Women's volleyball BCCAA first team all-star.

### Brenna Adkins

Women's volleyball BCCAA second team all-star.

### Sean Garvey, basketball, BCCAA

Men's Athlete of the Year All Sports. Male Athlete of the Year, Men's Basketball

### Academic All-Canadian:

Shannon Enns, Soccer

Nicole Fornelli, Soccer

Brent Dodge, Soccer

Blair Campbell, Soccer

Brenna Adkins, Volleyball

Devin Andrew, Volleyball

Lisa Strachan, Volleyball

### All-Canadian:

Sean Garvey, Basketball

Drew Venables, Volleyball

Lisa Strachan, Volleyball

### Lisa Strachan

Female Athlete of the Year, Women's Volleyball

### Shannon Enns

Female Scholar Athlete of the Year, Women's Soccer

### Brent Traxel

Male Scholar Athlete of the Year Men's Basketball

### Duaine Bowles

STF Male Athlete of the Year Baseball

### Denise Kraljevic

STF Female Athlete of the Year Women's Basketball

### Nevin Gleddie

TRU Men's Basketball coach Nevin Gleddie won four coaching awards this year, including the CCAA National Coaching Excellence Award, All Sports, CCAA Men's Basketball National Coach of the Year, BCCAA Men's Basketball Provincial Coach of the Year, and the Basketball BC College Coaching Award.

### SIMON FEDUN

TRU Sun Demons Head Volleyball Coach Simon Fedun was named BCCAA and CCAA Men's Volleyball Coach of the Year for the 2004/05 season.

### Varsity Athletics Schedule

**Sept. 24:** Soccer (W & M), 2 & 4:30 pm  
TRU vs. Douglas Royals

**Sept. 25:** Soccer (W & M), 12 & 2:30 pm  
TRU vs. Langara Falcons

**Oct 2:** Soccer (W & M), 1 & 3:30 pm  
TRU vs. UBC-Okanagan Lakers

**Oct. 8:** Soccer (W & M), 1 & 3:30 pm  
TRU vs. Malaspina Mariners

**Oct. 9:** Soccer (W & M), 12 & 2:30 pm  
TRU vs. Capilano Blues

**Oct. 13—14:** Basketball (M), 2, 4, 6 & 8 pm  
TRU/McDonalds Desert Classic

**Oct. 15:** Soccer (W & M), 3:30 & 1 pm  
TRU vs. UCFV Cascades

**Oct. 16:** Soccer (W & M), 2:30 & 12 pm  
TRU vs. Kwantlen Eagles

**Oct. 21—23:** Basketball (W) Tournament  
TRU/BDO Dunwoody - Interior Savings

**Oct. 28—29:** Soccer (W & M)  
BCCAA Provincials hosted @ TRU

**Oct. 28:** Basketball (M), 6:30 pm  
TRU vs. Simon Fraser Clansmen

**Oct. 28:** Volleyball (W), 8:30 pm  
TRU vs. Simon Fraser Clansmen

**Oct. 29:** Basketball (W & M), 2 & 6:30 pm  
TRU vs. Simon Fraser Clansmen

**Oct. 29:** Volleyball (W), 8:30 pm  
TRU vs. Simon Fraser Clansmen

**Oct. 30:** Basketball (W), 2 pm  
TRU vs. Simon Fraser Clansmen

**Nov. 11:** Volleyball (W & M), 6 & 7:30 pm  
TRU vs. UBC Thunderbirds

**Nov. 12:** Volleyball (W & M), 6 & 7:30 pm  
TRU vs. UBC Thunderbirds

**Nov. 13:** Basketball (W & M), 1 & 3 pm  
TRU vs. Trinity Western Spartans

**Nov. 18:** Basketball (W & M), 6 & 8 pm  
TRU vs. Regina Cougars

**Nov. 19:** Basketball (W & M), 6 & 8 pm  
TRU vs. Regina Cougars

**Nov. 25:** Basketball (W & M), 6 & 8 pm  
TRU vs. Victoria Vikes

**Nov. 26:** Volleyball (W & M), 6 & 7:30 pm  
TRU vs. Calgary Dinos

**Nov. 27:** Volleyball (W & M), 1 & 3 pm  
TRU vs. Calgary Dinos

## alumni homecoming features three days of fun

By SARAH HUSTON

*TRU Alumni Association*

Homecoming will be held Oct. 13–15 with numerous events scheduled throughout the weekend including; a pre-game party for the Desert Classic Basketball tournament with a beer garden and barbeque, a homecoming party at Heroes featuring entertainment by local favourites, the Blues Jumpers. The evening of honours is set for October 14 and will recognize TRU's most accomplished graduates with a dinner and reception with the President and Vice-Chancellor. These are fun-filled days full of events, so reserve your tickets in advance; you don't want to miss out.

As well this fall, look for our annual Alumni newsletter in your mailbox in a new, glossy, magazine format. The issue will feature recent grads, post grads and information on some of the new faces and changes on campus.

This past spring the TRU Alumni Association hosted a variety of events to help kick off the celebration of TRU becoming Thompson Rivers University on April 1, including a TRU beginnings dinner co-hosted with TRU Foundation.

The dinner included entertainment from students, faculty, and graduates and keynote speaker Dr. David Foot. There were more than 335 guests, 70 who were alumni.

The next day 242 participants took part in the first ever run/walk for fun in partnership with the Athletics and Recreation Division and Runner's Sole.



Participants in the Alumni Association's Fun Run in April 2005.

Over half were students and alumni who streamed through the hills and around the campus. It was such a big success that it will now be an annual Alumni event.

The twelfth annual Pineridge Golf Tournament hosted in May brought in more than \$5200 for the association. The event attracted 86 players, a mix of alumni and faculty, and proved to be a great opportunity to network and meet old friends and teachers.

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Remember we are always looking for Alumni to help us organize a reunion. You can drop us a line at 828-5498 or check out [www.trualumni.ca](http://www.trualumni.ca). While you are there don't forget to browse our new TRU Alumni merchandise, available to order online or at the office. We look forward to staying connected with you.

## \$1 million in awards available for TRU students



The Foundation hosts its annual kick off breakfast Oct. 13 where guests will enjoy a complimentary buffet breakfast and learn about ways donors can help students.



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### STUDENT AWARD DEADLINE FAST APPROACHING

The deadline for student awards is Sept. 15. Students needing financial assistance to help with tuition expenses must apply by the deadline for fall awards. These awards will be given at the annual awards ceremony hosted Nov. 24. In 2004, the TRU Foundation distributed 707 awards to deserving students. To view the extensive list of awards available to students refer to the website at [www.tru.ca/finaid](http://www.tru.ca/finaid) or pick up an awards guide at the Financial Aid and Awards office located at Old Main 1641. The TRU Foundation expects to give out more than \$600,000 in donor contributions to students in the 2005/2006 academic year. The majority of this money will be handed out at the Nov. 24 ceremony. These awards are in addition to the \$435,000 TRU has committed toward entrance scholarships, bursaries and general bursaries. A portion of these funds will also be distributed at the ceremony for a total of \$1 million available for TRU students.

### EAST INDIAN FUNDRAISING DINNER AND DANCE

TRU Foundation Board member, Dr. Bas Gowd, is organizing the Foundation's first ever East Indian Fundraising Dinner and Dance on Sept. 30. The food will be prepared by the local East Indian chefs from the Mirage Restaurant at the Maverick Motor Inn. "My brother and I attended TRU so our restaurant's involvement in this event is a great way for our family to give back," says Patrick Patel, GM of

Maverick Motor Inn and the Mirage Restaurant. This evening promises to be a colourful ethnic experience complete with a silent auction and East Indian entertainment. The event will be held at the OLPH hall in the 600 block of Tranquille Road. Tickets are \$100 per couple and all proceeds go to the Foundation for student awards. For tickets please contact the Foundation office at 828-5264.

### FALL CAMPAIGN KICK OFF

The TRU Foundation kicks off this year's annual fundraising campaign with a breakfast on Oct. 13. The event takes place in the Grand Hall of the Campus Activity Centre from 7:30-8:30 am. The Foundation is expecting 200–250 guests who will enjoy a complimentary buffet breakfast, entertainment, and speakers who will outline ways donors can make a difference in TRU students' lives. If you would like to join us for this inspiring morning, please contact Karen Gamracy at 371-5715

### LEAVING A LEGACY TO TRU

Planned gifts of life insurance, bequests and donations of property can be made to TRU Foundation for the future of Thompson Rivers University students and programming. To encourage charitable giving at TRU, staff and faculty are eligible for \$2,500 from the University towards any endowment fund established with the Foundation. Over the past two years a number of TRU community members have started funds prior to their retirement to access the University contribution. Please contact Kathleen Biagioni at the Foundation to make a difference in the future at TRU — 828-5266 or [kbiagioni@tru.ca](mailto:kbiagioni@tru.ca)

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Foundation will be conducting its annual telephone appeal to donors and alumni in mid October to raise money for student awards. Phone calls will be made in the evenings starting Oct. 17 for three weeks. We are looking for student and other volunteers to help out a minimum of four hours sometime during these weeks. Training will be provided and volunteers will receive prizes and refreshments. Please call the Foundation at 828-5264 to learn more.