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Mary Ellen Grant and Cathy Ferguson

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Cathy Ferguson and Mary Ellen Grant  
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*"My vision for TRU has always been to move us towards becoming a distinct and open institution on the foundation of TRU's long-standing tradition of welcoming a very diverse group of students. It is a truly exciting prospect to be part of the continued emergence of a new university. TRU has the potential to take on a leadership role in combining academic excellence with educational choice."*



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Dean Lindsay Langill,  
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### School of Tourism

Dean Dr. Harold Richins  
Appointed June 1, 2009

*"Thompson Rivers University's School of Tourism has an excellent reputation in Culinary Arts, Adventure Studies and Tourism Management, and I am pleased to be able to work with such accomplished faculty and students in a region that offers so many opportunities to engage with the local community and apply our research and knowledge in this important economic and environmental sector."*



### School of Law

Dean Chris Axworthy,  
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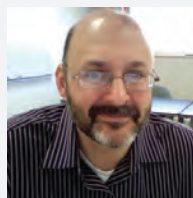
*"It's a rare opportunity to build a Law School from the ground-up. It is particularly attractive to do so in a vibrant community like Kamloops with such a forward-looking and dynamic university as Thompson Rivers University with the support of the University of Calgary."*



### Faculty of Students

Dean Christine Adam  
Appointed May 18, 2010

*"Supporting university students in the pursuit of their personal and professional goals is my passion," said Christine Adam. "To be able to return home to British Columbia and work with the team at TRU to create a campus that excels in engaging its students is truly an amazing opportunity."*



### Faculty of Arts

Dean Dr. Michael Mehta  
Appointed July 1, 2010

*"I am honoured to be moving to Kamloops and joining TRU during what promises to be another exciting period of growth at the university. As TRU moves closer to its goal of being the University of Choice for Environmental Sustainability, it is a great privilege for me to be sharing my knowledge and experience in any way I can to help make that happen."*



### Faculty of Human, Social and Educational Development

Dean Dr. Charles Webber  
Appointed July 1, 2010

*"It will be a privilege to lead this new Faculty. The colleagues assigned to the unit are strong teacher-practitioners and scholars with expertise that is so necessary in their fields of study. It is exciting to become part of Thompson Rivers University when it is at such a pivotal point in its history."*



### Learning Centre Answers Community's Needs

Educational coordinators and community members representing the area's 15 First Nations bands think outside the box to enable learners to pursue their educational goals while remaining in their communities.

"We are happy to provide extended learning opportunities to the people of Williams Lake and it's surrounding communities," said Judith Murray, TRU Vice President Open Learning. "With more than 400 courses and 57 different programs, Open Learning, through the Williams Lake Learning Centre, will facilitate this opportunity."

### New 'Gathering Place'

The Thompson Rivers University at Williams Lake is completing construction on an \$800,000 project aimed at providing students with space to study, meet, display Aboriginal culture and history and commemorate cultural ceremonies. 'The Gathering Place' is modelled after a winter pit house once used by Interior Salish people of the Carrier, Chilcotin and Shuswap nations.

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# Research Review

## Badger Travel Trials

### *Why did the badgers cross the road?*

And how can they do it safely? These are the questions that Richard Klafki, a TRU MSc student and member of the National Badger Recovery Team, is examining as part of a study funded by BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Badgers, a mid-size carnivore, (*Taxidea taxus jeffersoni*) are endangered both provincially and federally. All 300 of Canada's surviving badgers live in BC. And although the population is relatively abundant in 100 Mile House, road mortality threatens the species here, as it has elsewhere in the province.

Klafki's tools include conventional radio-telemetry, GPS data loggers and remote motion cameras. He is also using VHF radio-telemetry for the first time in North America. With detailed information on the badger's movements including travel corridors, the National Badger Recovery Team will identify badger habitat requirements and core use areas. Ultimately Klafki will present his findings to develop engineering solutions like drift fences and dry culverts to minimize road kill.

For more information  
[www.badgers.bc.ca](http://www.badgers.bc.ca)



All 300 of Canada's surviving badgers live in BC.

## Ski Operator Looks to Experts to Study Caribou

When the Mountain Caribou was listed as endangered in 2006, the perilous status of the small herds in the Cariboo and Monashee mountain ranges drew attention to all of the activities occurring in the back country, including commercial recreation.

Mike Wiegele is one of the area's major heli-skiing expedition operators. He approached TRU with a desire to collaborate on research that would shed light on how his business operations may or may not affect the herds in the high country that's attractive to skiers and caribou.

Wiegele's need for hard data was the research opportunity Katharina Huebel needed for her Masters thesis and it turned into a sound proposal for a NSERC graduate scholarship.

Huebel will analyze GIS data collected from caribou originally radio-collared in 1989. She will determine where they move to and what areas they use most. The radio-collar data will be correlated with data gathered with Wiegele's helicopters, plotted onto maps and then assessed to determine where and when the herd is active.

Ultimately, Huebel hopes to determine if helicopter activity disturbs the caribou, either causing them to avoid preferred areas or to move away from preferred areas while helicopters are in the area.



Data collected from caribou radio-collared in 1989

## Cynthia Ross Friedman – Micro Managing

For some, the term micro-manager means to manage with great or excessive control, or attention to details. For Dr. Cynthia Ross Friedman, stepping up as micro-manager means managing to acquire microscopes.

Seeing detail at the small, thin cellular levels is critical for her current work explaining the reproductive mechanisms of dwarf mistletoe (DMT) and exploring its relationships with mountain pine beetle (MPB) and pine hosts at the cellular level. The Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI) awarded her \$266,533 towards the purchase of a scanning electron microscope (SEM) to aid research that will provide critical information about the building blocks of interior forests to establishment a baseline for the development of innovative forest practices.

She also recently managed to acquire a Zeiss 10C Scanning-Transmission Electron Microscope (S-TEM) at the Bio Imaging Facility from UBC. Manufactured in the 90s, there are many years of discovery left in the microscope at its new home in the science building.

The new equipment allows ample opportunities for research students to access specialty microscopes for their projects.

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Dr. Cynthia Ross Friedman



## Undergraduate Research

Undergraduate students in the arts, sciences, health and technology spend countless hours researching and demonstrating their intelligence and creativity through posters, art projects and papers; assignments that are often seen by only a few faculty. For students wanting to share their intellectual experience and innovations with their peers, there is the Undergraduate and Research Conference. Now in its fifth year, this conference delivers an engaging, safe atmosphere for student presentations that can be spoken, are research posters, art exhibits, trade displays, performance or invention, on March 19 and 20th.

The Office of Research and Graduate Studies offers several prizes for best submissions and opportunities for students to have their work published in the conference proceedings journal.



Many students, like Kimberley Campbell, a fourth-year TRU history student, have returned year after year to present papers. This year she added the extra pressure of organizing the TRU Northwestern Politics, History and Philosophy conference (PHP). “The opportunity to present my research in a safe and supportive environment was a crucial confidence builder in my academic career,” said Campbell. “I would highly suggest TRU students get involved any way they can as it is a fantastic opportunity.”

Held earlier in the semester, the PHP conference attracted over 50 student presenters from nine universities in Western Canada and the Northwestern United States who presented a wide variety of topics.

*“I would highly suggest TRU students get involved any way they can as it is a fantastic opportunity.”*

– Kimberley Campbell



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Dr. Julie Drolet

## Climate Change and Rural BC

One disaster can lead to another. Yet for TRU researcher Dr. Julie Drolet, School of Social Work and Human Service, what each disaster really leads to is more questions about human interactions and responses with the environment that is affected by climate change and disasters. Drolet was recently awarded funding from Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI) to better understand the social, political, economic and human realities in small and rural communities in BC. She will be using multimedia tools to develop deeper levels of understanding and knowledge that will lead to innovation in disaster mitigation strategies.

Her previous research examined the Tamil Nadu Coast in India post-tsunami. International organizations had moved in quickly to meet the immediate need for emergency assistance, yet once the basics of food and shelter were met after the disaster, the agencies left. Drolet studied the long-term impact of interventions in several coastal districts hit by the tsunami.

With thousands of acres of mountain pine beetle affected forests surrounding small communities throughout the interior and north regions of the province and the increasing risk of forest fires, there is opportunity to study similar issues closer to home. Drolet's research is timely indeed.

## Rural Economic Development Tourism Research Education Enhancement (REDTREE)

Funded primarily through a federal investment of \$224,924 through Western Economic Diversification, the REDTREE project is directed by Dr. Rob Hood and coordinated by Sydney Johnsen, its mandate is to contribute to the long-term economic stability of regions affected by mountain pine beetle.

In Princeton, students Anne Kokko and Rheannon Green identified the China Ridge Trails with great potential to increase tourist visits and subsequent economic benefit. One aspect of their study suggested new and improved trail signs. Further project funding produced a three-year strategic plan for building and marketing a quality winter tourist experience with the trails serving as a key attraction for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

In Lytton, the REDTREE team is working with Lytton First Nations. Local tourism stakeholders have agreed that developing a tourist experience into the Stein Valley Nlaka'pamux Heritage Park which has the potential to attract tourists to Lytton, lead to new tourism business, and benefit First Nations and other businesses. As part of his Masters of Science, Environmental Science program, last year's Bachelor of Tourism Medal winner Greg Simmonds is working on the details of a guided experience that would attract visitors wanting to explore the physical, natural, historical and cultural features of the Stein.

The desire to share knowledge from these collaborative community experiences led to the 1st BC Rural Tourism Conference, *"Building Experiences and Partnerships"*. Hosted by REDTREE, students, faculty, community representatives and rural tourism business operators met on the shores of Shuswap Lake, April 6-8 at the Quaaout Lodge. See <http://redtree.tru.ca/>



Anne Kokko and Rheannon Green pan for golden opportunities in Princeton, BC



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# “Hosting the World”



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With the large number of international students coming to TRU every year, many residents of Kamloops are embracing the opportunity to play their part in internationalization. Becoming a Homestay family is one of the ways our community can get involved.

*“Last summer, we hosted two young ladies in the short-term programs; a woman from China and a young lady from Japan. It was a lovely experience. Both of our students were teachers in their home countries and it was wonderful to be able to discuss the differences, strengths and weaknesses, of our respective education systems. The girls also wanted to be involved with the family, take part in our activities: Shakespeare in the Park, walks, picnics, swimming, day trips to Kelowna, etc.*



*This is our first year for hosting a full-time ESL university student. We are absolutely thrilled with the way he is trying to embrace the Canadian culture. No matter what we suggest (hosting a dinner for 20 people, going on a day trip or going for a run or bike ride) our student has been very involved in all aspects of our lives.*

*Our year-long student stay has started us on a wonderful journey of meeting and hosting international students, which we hope will continue for many years. We would recommend that any family would benefit from taking an international student into their home.”*

*– From Ms. Barb Robertson*

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# Student Street



Rosemary Ritcey and Matsanna

*“It was so important not to go there with the attitude of ‘I’m going to make such a difference and really help the people’ and instead go there thinking that ‘these people and experiences are going to help me’ because that’s exactly what happens. Everything you see and do while you are there helps you learn and grow as a person — and as a nurse.”*

— Rosemary Ritcey



*Piglets and seed potatoes were the gifts from nursing instructor Wendy MacKenzie and her students to the village of Teyateyaneng to assist with the community’s development projects.*



*Caroline Boak demonstrates Canadian first aid techniques during health week at the National University of Lesotho.*

## Nursing Students in Lesotho

by Wendy McKenzie

The small African nation of Lesotho is the latest destination offered to the school of nursing’s international practice experience course.

It was the success of field schools in Thailand and Samoa that led to the addition of the new practice site, and a recommendation by Stephen Lewis during his visit to campus in January 2004.

Lesotho is a mountainous kingdom, completely surrounded by the country of South Africa and experiences many of the same health and economic challenges as any third world country. The first class to visit in 2008 set the frame work for subsequent visits. They collected input from community focus groups and conducted community assessments.

The next year, the nursing students spent four weeks in the villages of Leratong, Maseru, Ty and Morija, delivering culturally appropriate health care education that was meaningful to a wide range of community members.

Educational, appropriate and fun! Third-year BSN students Rosemary Ritcey, Caroline Boak, Lisa Gordon, Tanya Saran and Andrea Winter along with nursing instructor Wendy McKenzie taught basic oral hygiene and the rules of brushing teeth with a simple, easily remembered song. To teach respiratory hygiene and the concept of how germs pass from person to person the students placed coal dust on their hands to represent germs. A local hand clapping game showed just how germs could be passed around the community. The attendance at the weekly sessions grew from an initial 20 children to over 80 and included the elders of the community. The students were successful in their instruction as many children were observed over the following weeks coughing into their elbow rather than on their hands and on several occasions they were serenaded by Basuto voices singing *“This is the way we brush our teeth....”*

## Guerin Creek

On World Rivers Day, TRU Environment and Sustainability and Adventure Tourism, in co-operation with Rotary West and a local environmentalist, organized a cleanup of Guerin Creek. Flowing through the eastern edge of the campus before going under the Summit Connector, Guerin Creek continues past the Chinese cemetery and drains into the Thompson River. Trails along the creek’s ravine are popular walking routes for TRU students and others who live in the area. The plan is to create an urban park with the cooperation of the City of Kamloops with the cleanup being the first step in this process.

*Calder Graham hauls shopping carts out of ravine.*



## Culinary Arts students embarked on Olympic opportunity

Thompson Rivers University took a team of eight, Cook level 1, Culinary Arts students, complete with labs, course work, and an instructor to Whistler to learn their cooking lessons in the kitchens of the Fairmont Chateau Whistler from February 6th to March 2nd. “Being involved in culinary activities right in the heart of the 2010 Winter Olympics was an amazing opportunity for our students from the School of Tourism,” said Dr. Harold Richins, TRU Dean of Tourism. “We were also very excited that this took place in partnership with one of the top hotels in BC – the Fairmont Chateau Whistler.”

*Follow Culinary Art students at <http://culinaryarts.blog.mytru.ca/>*



## TRU Students Own the Podium at Lifeguard Competition

The City of Kamloops didn’t hesitate to spread the word when two of its lifeguards took top honours at the recent DB Perks Cup.

Third-year nursing student, Brittany Hollett won five gold medals in a combination of individual and relay events. In addition to her studies and lifeguarding, Brittany volunteers in the emergency department at RIH, acting as liaison between patients and hospital staff. She also teaches swimming to special needs children and conducts safety awareness demonstrations for the general public.

Bryce Koronko who is finishing his fourth-year Bachelor of Science degree majoring in biology, won a gold, silver and bronze medals. Bryce plans to attend dental school keep him extremely busy with studies, lifeguarding and volunteering at a local dental office.



*Bryce Koronko and Brittany Hollett*

*City lifeguards are strong TRU students who excel academically and as volunteers in their communities.*

## Community ... Students ... Culture



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## The Evolution of an Institute for Paleontology Research

by Ashley Demedeiros, Third-year Bachelor of Journalism



Ken Klein  
– paleontologist –



### At first glance...

the sand, dirt, rocks and clay that compose Kamloops' landscape look, at best, well-suited for the back drop of a Hollywood western. Beneath the surface of those rolling hills are hints to a story that was played out millions of years ago, a plot line that is revealed with erosion, time, chiseling, some dusting and a lot of patience.

The actors in the stories are the fossils found preserved within the earth, pried from beneath millenniums of silt. They chronicle the life in the region before it was the Thompson Valley, millions of years ago.

Measured in geological time, it was a comparative nano-second ago when 15 years ago, a few like-minded fossil finders created the Thompson-Nicola Paleontology Society.

Ken Klein, instructor in TRU's Geology Department, was founding president of the society leading the group for about a decade. "The BC Paleontology Alliance had been around for about a year and they were holding their first symposium in Courtenay and they asked me to present a paper. They also asked me if I was interested in starting a regional society and I agreed," recalls Klein of how the Paleontology Society came into existence.

"I knew a few people around town, like the owners of the McAbee site and the rock club and just let them know we were starting a club," Klein says. "We also put together displays at the Aberdeen Mall to get people interested."



Since then, the amateur paleontologists not only have kept the local club active, but have been regularly meeting at TRU and working with Klein on identifying and archiving the specimens, because as he says, “The society was founded on the premise that it is good science to have amateurs with the time and resources do the collecting.”

Although the club hasn’t found anything larger than 50cm in size, the collection contains spectacular specimens of fish, plants, insects and even rarer — crayfish and birds. “What is exciting about Kamloops is the diversity of species,” says Rick Tucker, the current president of the Thompson-Nicola Paleontology Society.

The 50.2 million-year old McAbee Fossil Beds holds untold troves of Eocene-era treasure. Located on Highway 97 between Kamloops and Cache Creek, the site is run by Dave Langevin and Robert Drachuk. They open the site from May to October and during the busy summer months of July and August, offer daily guiding. They guarantee everyone will find a fossil to take home, but if the finds are of scientific significance, they are asked to donate them to TRU.

“The McAbee site down by Cache Creek is world renowned. It’s a superb site to visit,” Tucker says. More than superb, during the 50 years the beds have been actively accessed by collectors, many Holotypes — fossils of brand new species — previously unknown in the world — have been discovered.

It’s with mixed feelings that Klein views the operation of the McAbee site as a tourist destination.

“There are reasons to protect sites and reasons to allow for responsible collecting. I have to sit on the fence. I am a supporter of protecting important sites, and McAbee is an important site, but despite criticism by other scientists in the field, I have a great deal of trust in the current McAbee claim holders, who have turned over significant finds to the university. If they find something important they hold on to it and several times a year they bring in the collections for donation.”

*“We have had researchers from all over North America... Holotypes have been named — species not yet found anywhere else in the world.”*

– Ken Klein

Between what the day-trippers dig up, the specimens found by the society and the fossil finds from around the province, TRU, through Klein’s perseverance has amassed a significant collection of fossils — a collection he estimates to number in the thousands and large enough to have evolved into the TRU Institute for Paleontology Research. “We

began the Institute with the donation of fine fossil bird and a huge collection from the McAbee claim holders. Dedication took place when TRU hosted BC Paleontology Symposium in 2001.”

“We have had researchers from all over North America access the collections and much has been published. Holotypes have been named — species not yet found anywhere else in the world,” said Klein.

The fossils are housed in a room on the second floor of the science building near the geology lab. “The institute is still in the introductory stages and consists mainly of a room full of storage units of specimens. It is not like the museum downtown (Kamloops), it is just a room,” says Klein. “Our biggest headache is space. We need at least 10 or more cabinets (and a larger room) to store the fossils at a cost of some \$50,000.”

In spite of space issues the institute has started creating a digital database. Last summer TRU funded a museum archive program for the Institute and once it is up to date it will be a major archiving database that other schools and universities will be able to access.



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## One on One

### with Alumni Olesya Kim

*Post-Baccalaureate International Business, Diploma '07*



#### What was your role at the Vancouver 2010 Games?

As a Venue Protocol/Language Service Assistant with the Department of International Client Services and VANOC, my role was to act as a Russian translator at VANOC functions for the athletes, officials and media. I also managed the VIP seating area and provided friendly

and personal ushering services to accredited guests. My favourite times were when I worked directly with the Russian hockey team players translating during their practice, anti-doping processes and press conferences.

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**What do you think will make the Olympic Games in Sochi 2014 successful?**

I think Sochi 2014 is going to be huge. If Beijing impressed the world in 2008 by investing a lot of money into the city development and organizing the games, Russia is going to do the same. People think that Russia isn't that prosperous — Russia will prove that they are wrong.

**Why did you choose to volunteer for Vancouver 2010?**

The reason why I decided to volunteer is because I personally think it's a great opportunity to get to know how a huge event, such as the Olympic Games is organized and managed. I also wanted to be a part of the Olympics and be closer to our athletes who are going through such an emotional and significant period of their life.

**What do you think hosting the Olympics meant for Vancouver and BC?**

Being a host city for the 2010 Winter Olympic Games was a golden opportunity for Vancouver and British Columbia. Thousands of athletes, spectators and media representatives from all over the world came to visit Vancouver, Whistler, Surrey and Richmond. All the events were broadcast to three billion viewers worldwide which created a great chance to show beautiful views of British Columbia and promote BC tourism. Moreover, hosting the Olympic Games created a significant amount of job opportunities including sectors of transportation, accommodation, food, parking and security services.



*Olesya Kim  
at an Olympic hockey venue.*



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# Track the 'Pack



## Community Engagement a Priority for WolfPack Athletics

Ken Olynyk, Director, TRU Athletics & Recreation views community outreach and involvement as a priority, "We do not give to the community in order to have the community support us, we give to the community and the growth of our city because we are citizens of this community and we want to give to those who may not be as fortunate as ourselves or those that we can help learn about the value of sport."

The department philosophy is echoed by TRU Sports Information Officer and TRU Distinguished Alumni, Larry Read. "Not only do our athletes receive a first class education and top notch coaching while competing at a high level of sport; they also learn the importance of community involvement and volunteer participation."

WolfPack student-athletes from 10 varsity teams are involved in all avenues of community service; from teaching clinics and workshops in local elementary schools to participating in community non-profits fundraising and awareness events.

With each passing year, the list of volunteer activities WolfPack student-athletes take on continues to grow. In 2009, TRU was awarded the highly coveted CCAA Community Service Award. "Community involvement has always been at the root of our programs, our coaches spearhead it and our student athletes support it," Olynyk adds. "Being recognized for community service by the CCAA really reflects on their amazing efforts. Students and coaches have very intense schedules, and that they take time and are recognized for their efforts in the community reflects so well on each of them."



# Pride of the 'Pack

## National Scholars and Academic All-Canadians

*Student-Athletes that maintain an 'A' average while participating on a university team.*

### Badminton

Brennan Arduini  
Venita Colton  
Kia Lidster  
Marlee Mertens  
Caitlin Sharp

### Baseball

Mike Tomlinson

### Cheerleading

Stevie Felton  
Philip Haslam  
Shelby Lindley  
Aly Nuyens

### Basketball

Jeff Friesen  
Michelle Dimond  
Kayla Forsyth  
Kaitlyn Widsten

### Soccer

Oliver Schwuchow  
Danielle Fauteux  
Shannon Kelly  
Marleah Oginski  
Cari Sutcliffe

### Volleyball

Daniela Bercelli  
Stine Christiansen  
Amanda Frayne  
Marisa Koch  
Martin Korsbak



Kailey Colonna

## Calling all Athletics Alumni!

The Sports Task Force is a group of community volunteers dedicated to raising money to support student athletes at TRU. This group started 30 years ago and has raised well over \$1m for Cariboo College, UCC and TRU athletes since 1980.

### Fundraising through the following initiatives include:

- › Golf tournament – June 11, 2010  
– River Shore Golf Course
- › Award Solicitation – where individuals and businesses have the opportunity to sponsor awards and endowments to benefit student athletes
- › Casino fundraiser  
– October 1, 2010

### To help us... the Sports Task Force – help the WolfPack athletes

Join us at our events • Sponsor an award • Volunteer with our group

*“This scholarship is incredibly helpful and relieves me of many worries, I am able to stress a little less about work and focus more on school and basketball. As well it allows me the the freedom to stay in Kamloops this summer and really improve for next season. It is greatly appreciated.”*

– Kailey Colonna, TRU Student-Athlete



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# Alma Matters

## Daley & Company

by Wade Paterson

For Daley & Company a key to its success and growth has been graduates of Thompson Rivers University. Twenty-three staff members, including three of the firm's five partners, are alumni of the university.

Senior partner Norm Daley calls the firm's relationship with TRU "very positive." So positive that it is part of Daley & Company's marketing strategy. The company's website prominently displays photos, profiles and testimonials of its employees — TRU Alumni.

Keeping the firm in Kamloops allows the students to live and work close to family and friends and with familiar clients in a professional atmosphere. Whether as co-op interns or new hires, students attest to Daley & Company's mentoring and encouraging cultures that values work-life balance for its employees.



Norm Daley

"We like the students that come out of Thompson Rivers University. You look at it and you've got a very high success rate of those students as they go on to the CA program."

Daley says the process of education continues even after students have graduated and joined Kamloops' largest locally owned accounting firm.

In addition to Daley & Company's connection with TRU, the company, its employees and partners have a strong

involvement in the community promoting and fostering a positive attitude that is evident in the long list of staff's involvement in the community. The list includes Crimestoppers, Rotary, the Canadian Home Builders Association, 2011 Western Canada Summer Games, charitable fundraising events, continuing education advisory panels and of course, the TRU Foundation.

## Ward DeSmoker

by Wade Paterson

Two hours from his hometown of Hope, BC, the University College of the Cariboo's (UCC) heavy-duty mechanic program was the natural draw for Wade DeSmoker. Add in close proximity to Highland Valley Copper, DeSmoker knew the skills he learned would be practical and driven by industry.

In the 10 years he's been with Peter Kiewit Sons Co., one of the largest construction firms in North America, he's risen through the ranks from mechanic to assistant district equipment manager.

With Kiewit projects all across Western Canada, DeSmoker is on the road checking project costs and ensuring there are the right number of mechanics, lube-men and welders on each job to meet the production schedule and budget.

Most recently, DeSmoker was the equipment superintendent on the northern section of the Sea-to-Sky Highway, the last 23 kilometers of the road approaching Whistler. The \$600m project was extremely challenging because of its terrain and its public scrutiny.

Reflecting on his career DeSmoker says, "I could not have chosen a better place to train than at TRU. The instructors were firm but fair and prepared me well for the role that I now find myself in. It has been a more rewarding career

than I could have ever expected. Even today, I have fond memories of the trades training I received at TRU in 1993 that certainly prepared me for the role I play today with one of North America's largest construction companies."



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## Carpentry Trade is on Fire

by Jenny Fremlin

Daniel Funk graduated from the carpentry program in 1994, but has since then traded his hammer and tape measure, the tools from his Red Seal carpentry trade, in for a notebook and flashlight, a few of the tools he uses in his current position as a fire investigator for Kamloops Fire and Rescue.

Funk notes that, although he wasn't hired solely on the fact that he has background in trades, it definitely held some weight. His training in carpentry, specifically in building construction, has helped him read burn patterns, recognize structure safety and aids in identifying the cause and origin of structural fires.



*“The carpentry background is very advantageous to the suppression of fires, and especially to the investigations of fires”*

Post Secondary Education is preferred on all Kamloops Fire and Rescue Firefighter applications. So with six years of trade experience and his trade qualifications, Funk applied for the fire suppression position and as they say ...*the rest is history.*

## Wells Gray Tours & TRU: Affinity & Kinship

by Dawn Rueckl

Wells Gray Tours and TRU are like family, they've grown up together. Owner, Roland Neave, was a student in 1970 when Cariboo College, opened its doors and was honoured in 2001 as a Distinguished Alumni. Many of the 18 staff at Wells Gray Tours' four offices are connected to TRU either as alumni or through their family members.

The Neaves, through Wells Gray Tours have created a legacy of financial support for TRU students. Mrs. Neave's endowment funds mentally challenged students, while her son Roland, set up the Hugh Neave Endowment in memory of his father, funding eight annual geography awards. Wells Gray Tours has also established it's own endowment, funding three

tourism scholarships. And the spirit of philanthropy includes employee Candace Thatcher, who with her husband, established the Cariboo College Sports Task Force Scholarship in memory of their son Gary.

The support does not stop there. New this year, TRU and Wells Gray Tours are proud to provide a new Affinity Travel Program offering discounts on travel tours for TRU Alumni and Friends.

For more details  
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## He Chases Coyote Down the Mountains

Author and TRU Alumnus Chris Bose gave an impromptu read of his new book **Stone The Crow** in a hallway just off Student Street. The book is the first collection of contemporary urban native poetry from Bose, who takes readers with him as he chases Coyote down the mountains on the back of a blue horse. The two ride across the river and into the concrete forests of the urban reservations of Canada.

*“A lot of my poetry talks of identity and the struggle of walking in two worlds, native and non-native — that almost unfordable chasm between the two.”*







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– BSC Animal Biology 1994



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Dean Fortin  
– University Transfer 1979



### Professional Achievement Award

Nick DeCicco  
– Horticulture Management Diploma 1991



### BSW, Grace Chronister Award

Twyla Russell  
– Bachelor of Social Work 1998



### Student Leadership Award

Shannon Brooks  
– Bachelor of Science 2009  
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# Congratulations!

*In September 2011  
students will begin studies  
at the TRU School of Law,  
the first new school of law  
in Canada in over 35 years.*



President and Vice-Chancellor's Message

## Connecting Community to Campus

This month, April 2010, Thompson Rivers University faces its fortieth anniversary as a post-secondary institution, and its fifth as TRU. It is most gratifying to see how far we have progressed in such a few short decades.

Cariboo College began in 1970 as a community college, delivering career-technical and two-year academic university transfer programs at the Kamloops Indian Residential School with 30 faculty serving 367 full-time and 200 part-time students.

Today, we are BC's fourth largest university. There are almost 10,000 students on campus, and another 15,000 registrations for distance and on-line courses. Alongside one of the larger aboriginal student populations in BC's post-secondary system we host over 1,200 international students from 70 countries. This incredibly diverse student body is served by some 927 faculty and 131 tutors.

Yet TRU has never lost sight of its key founding principles: practicality, accessibility and quality programming.

TRU offers over 100 different undergraduate and graduate degree and post-baccalaureate diploma options, including four Masters Degrees and over 75 different professional career diploma and job-entry certificate programs. A list that includes trade-entry and apprenticeship training, university preparation and upgrading for adults. Program choice is augmented by opportunities for co-op education, internships or practicum placements, a Study Abroad program with exchanges to more than 30 different countries. And, in September 2011 students will begin studies at the TRU School of Law, the first new school of law in Canada in over 35 years.

As the university has matured so has its ability to serve the wider academic community. Since opening the university's first research centre in 1989, The Wells Gray Education and Research Centre, TRU faculty have created even more

unique nodes for collaboration in research and learning. TRU is home to three Tier II Canada Research Chair positions, Community and Ecosystem Ecology Centre, Innovation in Culture and the Arts in Canada, E-Learning Practices and the BC Regional Innovation Chair in Cattle Industry Sustainability. These centres, along with individual faculty research projects provide significant research opportunities for our undergraduate and graduate students. Since 2007 this university has received nearly \$20 million in external funding for research. Like all fine universities TRU is now creating knowledge as well as teaching it.

TRU students have been the beneficiaries of a comprehensive scholarship and bursary program provided by the TRU Foundation. Since the Foundation's inception 28 years ago nearly \$27 million has been donated by thousands of generous supporters. The community's support of TRU was again evident at the February Gala when TRU received its largest private gift from Mark and Ellen Brown. The Brown's \$2 million dollar pledge, which includes \$750,000 for the new House of Learning, will provide a substantial and continuing legacy to TRU and its students.

Thompson Rivers University has made significant and substantial achievements over the past 40 years and can look to the future with confidence and enthusiasm.

Roger H. Barnsley  
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