

President's Report

to the TRU Board of Governors

News

- ▶ The **grand opening of the new Brown Family House of Learning** will be celebrated on Thursday, May 26th at 3pm. TRU's first LEED Gold Certified facility, architecturally inspired by the traditions of the Interior Salish, will provide a significant addition to library and learning space for all students on campus.
- ▶ At the Kamloops Art Gallery on May 17th, TRU unveiled the plans for an exciting **new revitalization of Old Main** which will include 40,000 square feet of new learning space and will house Canada's newest Faculty of Law. The design was unveiled in front of its inspiration, *Mount Paul* by Group of Seven painter A. Y. Jackson. This revitalization will make Old Main one of the most innovative buildings in the BC Interior. TRU's Faculty of Law is the first new Faculty of Law in Canada in 30 years.
- ▶ A record number of over 3,100 students in 80 high schools across the province took part in the annual **TRU Chemistry Contest** on May 18th. In addition to the contests written at schools, a group of over 40 Grade 11 students from Kamloops, Clearwater, 100 Mile House and Salmon Arm spent the day on campus to take part in the contest in the morning, and in a hands-on lab experience with TRU faculty in the afternoon. Organized by Chemistry faculty, the contest has grown from a small activity designed to highlight chemistry at the campus into a province-wide annual event that is helping attract some of the best high school students to TRU.
- ▶ TRU's Mathematics and Statistics Department hosted the final round of the **BC Secondary Schools Mathematics Contest** on Friday, May 6th. In the morning 84 students from secondary schools throughout the Thompson-Nicola-Cariboo region competed, followed by a fun and interactive session on "Logology: Wordplay as easy as 1ne, 2wo, 3hree" presented by Dr. Jonathan Berkowitz of UBC.
- ▶ **A Day of Arts and Science** attracted more than 300 grade 11 students from the region on May 4th. These students attended specially designed lectures from across the disciplines and learned more about TRU and how to apply.
- ▶ **John McEwen, sculptor of the TRU Coyote**, gave a lecture in the TRU Art Gallery on May 9th, 6:30.
- ▶ The Department of Visual and Performing Arts held a **High School Drama Festival** on May 19th.
- ▶ The **2011 Retirement Dinner** in the Grand Hall on May 19th honoured **Retirees Fae DeBeck, Lee Emery, Ralph Finch, Laura Hargrave, Nick Kirby, Bernadette LaFave, Davina Neve, Vivian Phillips, Margaret Pow, Micheline Stainton, Tim Stainton, Nerine Walker, Diane Wells, and Andrew Yarmie.**
- ▶ TRU-OL's Strategic Partnership Team offered the first of five workshops in their **Targeted Business Workshop Series** at the Vancouver Centre on May 19th. Facilitated by top business leaders, the workshops cover issues central to today's organizations. The next workshop, "Intercultural Decision Making", runs May 26th.
- ▶ TRU will recognize the leadership and community service of four exceptional people by conferring **honorary degrees** on them during convocation on June 9th and 10th. The honorary graduands are: **Sheila Fraser**, Auditor General of Canada; **Steve Podborski**, the youngest and most successful member of the Crazy Canucks; **Nelofer Pazira**, film-maker and human-rights activist; and **Kenneth Ogilvie**, independent consultant and Executive Director Emeritus with one of Canada's most distinguished environmental groups.
- ▶ **Dr. Russell Currie**, an academic administrator with a proven track record of scholarship, leadership, fundraising and strategic plan development, has been appointed Dean of TRU's School of Business and Economics. Dr. Currie completed his PhD at Texas A&M University in 1994, and has Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Science.
- ▶ **Baihua Chadwick** has been appointed as Director, International & Managing Director, TRU World Global Operations. Baihua has held a number of positions at TRU over the past 13 years, including Interim Director TRU World, Manager International Liaison and International Student Advisor.



Bonnie Klohn standing in front of the new Brown Family House of Learning



A rendering of the exciting new revitalization of Old Main



John McEwen's sculpture of the TRU Coyote

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- ▶ **Mike Henniger** has been appointed as Director, International Marketing for TRU World. Mike joined TRU in February 2010 as the Associate Director, International Marketing. Prior to joining TRU, Mike was the Marketing Director at King George International College Education Group, one of the largest private international colleges in Canada.
- ▶ TRU's **Mobile Centre for Respiratory Health and Sleep Science** has acquired funding (through external financial support) to travel the province again this year with faculty, associate faculty, and students, educating communities on respiratory health, collecting data, and providing respiratory therapy students with hands-on opportunities for learning. Stops will include Prince George and the PNE.
- ▶ TRU World has recently established recruitment centres in Chandigarh and Bangalore, India; Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; and Medellin, Columbia. The centres will be managed by local marketing service representatives and provide TRU with an ongoing physical presence in these important student recruitment markets.
- ▶ TRU World has developed an international foundation program that provides students from other countries a way to “jump start” their university studies in Canada by taking a combination of English language courses and post-secondary level academic courses in their home countries prior to arriving at TRU.
- ▶ A **powwow** in celebration of diversity was held on March 26th at the TRU gymnasium, to raise awareness of traditional Aboriginal culture. Decolonizing Social Work 4540 students from the Aboriginal Student Collective organized the event, with advice from **Elder Gerald Carter** and assistance from student and staff volunteers. The powwow is being planned as an annual event.
- ▶ BC's newly appointed **Advanced Education Minister Naomi Yamamoto** along with Mark Gillis, Assistant Deputy Minister and Kevin Krueger, MLA Kamloops-South Thompson toured the campus with Dr. Shaver on April 18th. They also met with senior administration and met informally with a small group of students.
- ▶ Prior to his keynote address at the Distinguished Alumni Awards dinner on April 8th, **The Honourable Wally Oppal, Q.C., Chancellor** met with staff, faculty and students at an informal reception.



Honorary Graduands: Steve Podborski, Sheila Fraser, Nelofer Pazira and Kenneth Ogilvie



SOBE's new Dean, Dr. Russell Currie

Presentations

- ▶ **Mohd Abdullah, Computing Science**
Mohd Abdullah (TRU) and Cyllyne Edgelow (CMHA) presented the workshop "Yoga for Computer Users" at the Western Canadian Conference on Computing Education, (WCCCE) 2011 in Prince George at UNBC.
- ▶ **Lian Dumouchel, TRU World**
Lian Dumouchel presented the workshop, "Fire Up Innovation & New Product Development in your Tourism Business" at the Yukon Tourism Industry Association Annual Spring Conference, Friday, May 6, 2011.
- ▶ **Jack Miller, School of Education, Faculty of Human, Social, and Educational Development**
Jack Miller presented, "The Continuing Journey of Assessing First Nations Language Proficiency" in March, 2011 at the "Celebrating Salish" Indigenous Language Conference in Spokane, Washington.
- ▶ **Christine Wihak, Director, PLAR, Open Learning**
Dr. Christine Wihak made an invited presentation to the national Recognition of Prior Learning conference of the South African Qualification Authority, held in Johannesburg in February, 2011. The topic of Dr. Wihak's presentation was Funding Models for Prior Learning Assessment & Recognition.
- ▶ **Lauchlan H. Fraser, Canada Research Chair in Community and Ecosystem Ecology**
Lauchlan Fraser presented a plenary talk to the National Academy of Argentina at the University of Cordoba on April 11, entitled, "Disentangling the effects of climate change and grazing on temperate grasslands".
- ▶ **Peter Tsigaris, Associate Professor and Chair, Economics**
Belayet Hossain and Peter Tsigaris presented their research work entitled, "Student's Grade Expectations: Are they Rational?" at the BC Economics Articulation Meetings, on May 3rd at Camosun College in Victoria, BC. Peter Tsigaris and Jaroslava Hlouskova's paper entitled, "Taxation, Risk Taking and Loss Averse Preferences" has been accepted for presentation at the peer reviewed International Institute of Public Finance Congress, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan in August 2011.

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- **Lauchlan H. Fraser, Canada Research Chair in Community and Ecosystem Ecology**
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- **Jon Heshka, Associate Professor, Adventure Studies**
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Heshka, J. Risk Management - Systems Planning for Outdoor Recreation Programs at the Western Canada Campus Recreation Conference 2011 in Kamloops, BC, February 11, 2011.
- **Heidi Huttunen-Hennelly, Physical Sciences & Engineering**
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Huttunen-Hennelly, H.E.K. "An investigation into the N- and C-capping effects of glycine in cavitand-based four-helix bundle proteins" *Bioorganic Chemistry*. 2010, 38, 98–107.
- **Patricia J. Neufeld, PhD, Academic Director – Education, OL**
Stewart, N. & Neufeld, P.J. (In press). For the soul at work: Living intentionally. *Child and Family Professional Journal*.
- **Robb Fry, Associate Professor, Dept. of Math & Stats**
'Approximation of functions and their derivatives by analytic maps on certain Banach spaces', by D. Azagra, R. Fry and L. Keener, is to appear in the *London Bulletin of Mathematics*; one of the highest ranking journals. This represents the culmination of several years work and is the only result of its kind in this specific area.
- **Norm Friesen, Canada Research Chair in E-Learning Practices**
Friesen, N. (2011). The Place of the Classroom and the Space of the Screen: Relational Pedagogy and Internet Technology. (In: *New Literacies*, Colin Lankshear & Michele Knobel, eds.) New York: Peter Lang.
Friesen, N. & Theo Hug. (2011). After the Mediatic Turn: McLuhan's training of the senses and media pedagogy today. *Medialität und Realität*. Zur konstitutiven Kraft der Medien. Wiesbaden: VS Verlag.
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- **Peter Tsigaris, Associate Professor and Chair, Economics**
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- **Christine Wihak, Director, PLAR, Open Learning**
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Achievements:

► **Lauchlan H. Fraser, Canada Research Chair in Community and Ecosystem Ecology, Natural Resource Sciences and Biological Sciences**

Lauchlan Fraser and PhD student Cameron Carlyle were awarded the Journal of Vegetation Science Editors' Award 2010 for their article, "Competition, invasion effects versus invasiveness and fuzzy classification."

► **Recent graduate Megan Enos, Honours CMMB 2008**

Megan Enos (Honours CMMB 2008) was recently awarded a Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) Postgraduate Scholarship (PGS M) for graduate school.

► **Dr. Jeff McLaughlin, Associate Professor, Philosophy**

Dr. Jeff McLaughlin presented the Viola McLaughlin Memorial Award at this year's University of Manitoba Commerce Graduates Banquet on April 29.

► **Wells Gray Education & Research Facility Competition Winner**

First year Architectural and Engineering Technology (ARET) students competed to design TRU's Wells Gray Education and Research Facility, requiring a single story wood frame structure which could sleep 20, was wheelchair accessible, and incorporated elements of environmental sustainability. ARET students and faculty chose 5 finalists, **Mathew Rodriques, Cameron Skoglund, Shane Spitman, Matthew Somogyi, and Blake St. Peter**, from which a committee made up of the Dean of Science and faculty from Science and Trades & Technology selected St. Peter's design. He will now be charged with completing the working drawings for the project, facilitated by Dale Parkes (M.Arch.) and constructed by students from the Trades programs.

► **Kent Watson, Assistant Professor, Natural Resource Science**

Kent Watson, in joint projects with UBC and UNBC, has won an Award of Excellence for Innovation in Web Design – one of the top awards given by the Canadian Network for Innovation in Education – for their VSSLR web site <http://soilweb.landfood.ubc.ca/promo/>. This is the second award their team has won for educational web-based learning. Kent was lead, writing the proposal and the script for the most recent project, Web-based Tools 2 – Soil Landscapes.

► **Larry Dyck, ASCT – Transitions Manager**

The Applied Science Technologists & Technicians of BC (ASTTBC) presented Larry Dyck with a Top In Technology award on May 3rd for professional excellence and community service.

► **2011 Staff Awards were April 19, 2011 in the Campus Activity Centre rotunda**

2011 Award for Excellence in Scholarship

Dr. Richard Brewster, Department of Mathematics and Statistics

Dr. Cynthia Ross Friedman, Department of Biological Sciences

2011 Master Teacher Award

Ginny Ratsoy, English and Modern Languages

2011 Distinguished Service Awards

Dorys Crespin-Mueller, Institutional Planning and Analysis

Heather Hamilton, School of Trades and Technology

Dr. Ron Smith, Biological Sciences Department

Donna Taylor, Career Education

2011 Teaching Excellence Award for Open Learning Faculty Members

Keith Whitmore

For more details and the complete list of long-term service recipients check out www.tru.ca/hr



Dr. Richard Brewster, Winner of the 2011 Award of Excellence in Scholarship



Dr. Cynthia Ross, Winner of the 2011 Award of Excellence in Scholarship



Ginny Ratsoy, Winner of the 2011 Master Teacher Award



Keith Whitmore, Winner of the 2011 Teaching Excellence Award for Open Learning Faculty Members



Dorys Crespin-Mueller, Heather Hamilton, Dr. Ron Smith and Donna Taylor. Winners of the 2011 Distinguished Service Awards



Students Heitor Crespo Neiva, Guriqbal Singh Hanjra, Navjot Kaur, Jaish Bhakuni, Kunal Chopra, Vipul Kalhan, Nikita Retyunskiy and Parul Singla from TRU's Computing Science and CSOM programs have accepted Co-op positions with Canadian telecommunications company Research in Motion. RIM is the creator of the popular Blackberry smartphones. The students will be working on Research and Development for new products.

Upcoming Events:

- ▶ TRU's **Chancellor** and the **President and Vice Chancellor** will be **officially installed** in a ceremony at 3pm on June 8th.
- ▶ TRU celebrates **Spring Convocation** on **Thursday June 9th** and **Friday June 10th**, with two ceremonies each day at 10am and 2pm, and reception to follow at the Horticulture Gardens.
- ▶ **May 30th to 31st**, TRU Aboriginal Education Centre's Ike K. Barber Summit on Leadership in Aboriginal Education will be held in Irving K. Barber BC Centre in the Brown Family House of Learning. Participants will share and discuss aspects of educational leadership that lead to Aboriginal success in post-secondary education. Topics will include student services, successful programming, partnerships, indigenization, and innovation, with a focus on the BC Interior.
- ▶ On **Friday, June 3rd**, the 19th Annual Mike Bartram Memorial Sports Task Force Golf Tournament will be held at Rivershore Golf Links.
- ▶ **July 1st to 3rd**, the Faculty of Human, Social, and Educational Development will hold the first International Research Institute. "Language, Culture and Community: Building Collaborative Research Opportunities" will highlight the scholarly activities of faculty, students, and international partners. Four themes that encompass the work of the Faculty – language, culture, community, and research methodology – will be featured in a wide range of presentations, research reports, performances, and discussion activities.
- ▶ From **August 5th to 14th**, TRU will house 2200 young athletes for the 2011 Western Canada Summer Games. The Residence and Conference Centre will become the Athletes' Village, with meals served in the Grand Hall of the CAC.
- ▶ **August 26th** marks the 6th Annual Foundation Classic Golf Tournament at the Dunes at Kamloops, 18 holes of golf with a BBQ lunch and deluxe buffet dinner, prizes, and auction supporting Financial Aid for TRU Students.
- ▶ **September 9th** is the 24th Annual Welcome Back Barbecue on the Campus Commons – entertainment, activities, information and food for all students, faculty and staff.



Blake St. Peter's winning design for Wells Gray Education and Research Facility design competition (ARET)

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