

# President's Report

## to the TRU Board of Governors

### News



The Hon. Wally Oppal, Q.C., TRU Chancellor, addresses the audience during the Grand Opening of the Faculty of Law.

► **Now Open TRU Faculty of Law: Canada's Newest In More Than 33 Years**

Seventy-five new students were welcomed to an academic program that pays particular attention to legal issues facing energy, natural resources, and the socio-economic challenges confronting Canada's First Nation and Aboriginal communities. Government officials and the Honourable Chief Justice S.G. Finch and Chief Judge Thomas Crabtree joined Chris Axworthy Q.C, TRU Founding Dean of Law; The Honourable Wally Oppal, Q.C. , TRU Chancellor; Alan Shaver, TRU President and Vice-Chancellor at the official opening on Sept. 6 .

<http://newsroom.blog.mytru.ca/2011/09/06/now-open-canada%E2%80%99s-newest-and-most-forward-thinking-faculty-of-law/>

**Meet the Faculty:** <http://newsroom.blog.mytru.ca/2011/06/14/inaugural-law-faculty-bring-expertise-from-around-the-world-and-canada/>

► **Transitioning to University life**

New students were able to take part in a number of initiatives designed to assist the transition to university life.

Among them:

> Orientation for new students—Day just for new students featuring a New Student Convocation, a souvenir Orientation 2011 coin, a colour-coded t-shirt according to their declared area of study, an information and resource fair, free food, and more. Photos from the day: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/thompsonrivers/sets/72157627493521239>  
Orientation info: <http://www.tru.ca/student-services/orientation.html>

> Jump the Line—Extended hours for a range of services, including the Registrar's Office, Campus Cashier, TRU Bookstore hours, IT Services, Financial Aid & Awards, Counselling, Academic Advising, TRU Students Union office.

> Ask Me—Students were invited to ask questions of TRU staff members wearing a specialized shirt with the message "Ask Me" on it.

> Welcome Back BBQ—A team effort involving TRU and TRU Students' Union provided a carnival atmosphere for the 24th annual event, full of free food, pop, relay games, information booths and resources fair, live and recorded music, roving entertainment, and more.

► **Partnership Enhances Nursing Students' Understanding Around Aboriginal Peoples' Health**

The School of Nursing will join with the Conayt Friendship Society of Merritt in an innovative partnership that will provide culturally relevant education to nursing students and to address some of the health care needs of the members of Conayt. The nursing students will provide health care and screening for Aboriginal people both on and off-reserves in the region.

<http://newsroom.blog.mytru.ca/2011/09/12/nursing-partners-with-conayt-friendship/>

► **Government of Canada Announces Support for Innovation**

Innovation and technology development is burgeoning in the Thompson Region, thanks to nearly \$890,000 in Western Diversification Program (WDP) funding.

"...we are now able to broaden the opportunities for our students to do applied research that leads to immediate and direct outcomes," said TRU Dean of Science, Dr. Tom Dickinson. "As a result, our grads have gained a national reputation for their skills and competence on some of the most technically sophisticated analytical equipment in the world."

<http://newsroom.blog.mytru.ca/2011/08/10/government-of-canada-announces-support-for-innovation/>

► **How is Climate Change affecting smaller and rural communities in British Columbia?**

Principal researcher Dr. Julie Drolet's proposal, "Community level adaptation to climate risk", aims to improve the resiliency of small cities and rural communities in BC to the impacts of climate change by sharing knowledge, increasing awareness, and developing a toolkit of strategies. The study is being funded through Canadian Environmental Issues grant of \$49,810 from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC).



Some of the Orientation events for first-year students were held in the Tournament Capital Centre.



Research: TRU students are tracking invasive yellow perch.

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- ▶ **Students tracking invasive yellow perch**  
Student researchers at TRU are tracking the movements and behaviours of yellow perch, an invasive eastern species that poses a threat to salmon and other native species in BC lakes, in hopes of one day eradicating perch without harming other fish stocks. Carmen Tattersfield is completing the study for her Masters of Science in Environmental Sciences degree, supervised by associate professor of limnology and fisheries, Dr. Brian Heise, with main funding from the Fraser Salmon and Watershed Program.  
<http://newsroom.blog.mytru.ca/2011/08/03/msc-researcher-tracks-fishy-invaders/>
- ▶ **Indonesian Education Council**  
TRU and the International Islamic Education Council (IIEC) in Indonesia signed an agreement to join together to expand teaching and learning opportunities for their respective students. The signing on July 14 followed the successful three-week visit of 135 IIEC students from Jakarta who called Kamloops and TRU home as they worked on their English and a better understanding of Western culture.  
<http://newsroom.blog.mytru.ca/2011/07/15/more-diversity-for-tru-with-indonesian-agreement/>

- ▶ **Western Canada Summer Games**

From Aug. 5 to 14 TRU played home to nearly 2,300 young athletes at the Western Canada Games. The Residence and Conference Centre was converted to dorms for the athletes while hundreds of athletes ate at the Grand Hall. The Culinary Arts Cafeteria was converted in to Volunteer Centre and box lunch kitchen while A&E held the Chef d' Mission.

- ▶ **Chinese Consul General**

On June 30, more than 20 Chinese TRU students met their Consul General, Shu Gen Liang, who is stationed out of Vancouver. The students asked questions and then had a photo taken on the balcony of the Panorama Room with Mt. Peter and Mt. Paul as backdrop.

- ▶ **Minister of Advanced Education tours Williams Lake campus**

Hon. Naomi Yamamoto toured the Williams Lake campus and held a roundtable discussion with faculty, staff and students. Following, a group from TRU joined Yamamoto and key community members for lunch. Also this summer, the Williams Lake campus participated in the Williams Lake Stampede Parade and won the Best Mascot category.



*TRU President and Vice-Chancellor Alan Shaver shakes the hand of Sri Indah Permata, SHI, Vice-President, of the International Islamic Education Council (IIEC) in Indonesia following the signing of a partnership between the two institutions this summer.*

- ▶ **HP Catalyst Award to Foster Innovative Education Collaborations Globally**

TRU is one of only two Canadian organizations to be awarded a grant to participate in the HP Catalyst Initiative, a global social innovation program designed to develop more effective approaches to science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education.  
<http://newsroom.blog.mytru.ca/2011/06/28/hp-catalyst-award-to-foster-innovative-education-collaborations-globally/>

## Presentations

- ▶ **Ginny Ratsoy**  
**English and Modern Languages**  
Ginny Ratsoy presented the paper "The Place of Theatre for Small-City Audiences", May 28, at the Canadian Association for Theatre Research (Congress) Conference, at the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton.
- ▶ **Don Noakes**  
**Research and Graduate Studies**  
Dr. Don Noakes recently testified as an expert witness at the Cohen Commission of Inquiry into the Decline of Fraser River Sockeye Salmon. His technical report "Impacts of salmon farms on Fraser River sockeye salmon: results of the Noakes investigation", Cohen Commission Technical Report 5C, 113p and related materials can be found at [www.cohencommission.ca](http://www.cohencommission.ca)

- ▶ **James Hoffman**

- ▶ **Visual and Performing Arts**

- ▶ James Hoffman along with Ginny Ratsoy and Heidi Verwey (VPA) collaboratively organized and moderated the seminar "Theatre in Small Cities" May 30, at the Canadian Association for Theatre Research (Congress) Conference, at the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton.

- ▶ **Julie Drolet**

- ▶ **Social Work**

- ▶ Presented "The Impacts of Natural Disasters in Diverse Communities: Lessons from Tamil Nadu, India" at the 11th International Conference on Diversity in Organizations, Communities and Nations (I), University of Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa, June 20, 2011.

- ▶ **Peter Tsigaris**  
**Economics**

- ▶ Presented a paper, co-authored with Hlouskova, entitled "Taxation and Risk Taking under Loss Averse Preferences" at the 67th Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, U.S.A., August 8th-11, 2011.

- ▶ **Laura Lamb**  
**Economics**

- ▶ Presented "The Effectiveness of Tax Incentives on the Decision to Give to Charity in Canada" International Journal of Arts and Science Conference June 7-10, 2011. Aix-En-Provence, France.

- ▶ "The Effectiveness of Tax Incentives on Green Giving in Canada" Pacific Northwest Regional Economics Conference, held Victoria, B.C., May 11-13, 2011.

## Publications

### ▶ Jon Heska

#### School of Tourism

Heska, J. (2011). 'A (head) shot across the NHL's bow?' - Commentary article about concussions in football and hockey. The Globe and Mail, August 2.

### ▶ Naowarat Cheeptham

#### Biology

Dr. Naowarat (Anne) Cheeptham along with Aubrey Shannon BSc; Ken Wagner MD FRCP; and Gwen Stephens MD MSc FRCP, submitted a letter to the editor titled "A pilot survey of carbapenem-resistant pneumonia mediated by K pneumoniae serine carbapenemases

in a regional referral hospital in British Columbia" in Canadian Journal Infectious Disease & Medical Microbiology, Vol. 22, No. 2, Summer 2011.

## Books

### ▶ Lloyd Bennett

#### Visual and Performing Arts

Lloyd Bennett, Unique Native Arts Forms (New York: Linus Publications Inc., 2011).

### ▶ Donald Noakes

#### Research and Graduate Studies

Donald J. Noakes, Shifting the Balance: Towards Sustainable Salmon Populations and Fisheries of the Future, Sustainable Fisheries: Multi-Level Approaches to a Global Problem, 23-50, The American Fisheries Society, 2011.

### ▶ Julie Drolet and Grant Larsen,

#### Social Work

Drolet, J., Larson, G., Samuel, M., Tesoriero, F. and Ginsberg, L. (2012). Case 3.4: Ethical issues in international social work research: a case from India. In Sarah Banks & Kirsten Nohr (Eds.)'s Practising social work ethics around the world: Cases and commentaries. Abingdon, Oxon and New York: Routledge.

Larson, G. and Drolet, J. (2012). Commentary 2 - Case 2.1: Doing harm with a good heart: volunteer social work in a post-disaster situation in China. In Sarah Banks & Kirsten Nohr (Eds.)'s

Practising social work ethics around the world: Cases and commentaries. Abingdon, Oxon and New York: Routledge.

### ▶ Julie Drolet, Natalie Clark

#### Social Work

Drolet, J., Clark, N. and Allen, H. (Eds.) (2011). Shifting Sites of Practice: Field Education in Canada. Toronto, ON: Pearson Canada Inc.

### ▶ Dr. Naowarat (Anne) Cheeptham, Biology

A book review of "A Review of Scientific Teaching", by Handelsman, Miller and Pfund, in Journal of Microbiology & Biology Education, Vol 11, Number 2.

## Journal Articles

### ▶ Laura Lamb

#### Economics

"Voluntary Participation in Community Economic Development in Canada: An Empirical Analysis" Canadian Journal of Nonprofit and Social Economy Journal, 2(1) (2011):1-22.

### ▶ Karen Ross, Science

Biology lecturer Karen D. Ross along with Jane Shearer, Curtis C. Hughey, Virginia L. Johnsen, Dustin S. Hittel and David L. Severson, published the article "Exercise training does not correct abnormal cardiac glycogen accumulation in the db/db mouse model of type 2 diabetes",

published in the American Journal of Physiology - Endocrinology and Metabolism 301:E31-E39, 2011.

### ▶ Julie Drolet Social Work

Drolet, J. Women, micro credit and empowerment in Cairo, Egypt. International Social Work. 54(5), 629-645.

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project: Building rural interprofessional discussions and group experiences. Rural and Remote Health, 11(3), online: 1676. Available from: <http://www.rrh.org.au>

Drolet, J. & Robertson, J. (2011). In the smaller city a settlement worker wears many hats: Understanding settlement experiences in Kamloops, B.C. Our Diverse Cities. 8, 139-144.

Drolet, J. (2011). Integrating culture, gender and human rights: Supporting community-level strategies to eradicate female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C) in Africa. Reflections: Narratives of Professional Helping, A Special Issue on the Heart of Justice: Social Work Innovation in Africa. 17(1), 54-64.

## Achievements

### ▶ TRU School of Trades & Technology

Built Green BC announced the finalists for the second annual Built Green BC Awards, with Canadian Home Builders Association Central Interior & Partner TRU School of Trades being named one

of five finalists in the Highest Rated Built Green BC Home category for their Green Dream Home entry.

### ▶ Ashley Morrison, Faculty of Science

Ashley Morrison, a BSc student in biology, was recently awarded an Undergraduate Ecological Project Support Grant from the British Ecological Society in support of the



The TRU Trades Training home partnership from 2010 was named a finalist for a Built BC Green Award.



## Achievements continued

work she's conducting on the evolution of mountain bluebird plumage colouration. Ashley received £1,400 GBP (~\$2,150 CAD) through this very competitive program and this award is a great acknowledgment of her hard work and the writing of a stellar proposal.

### ► Bonnie Klohn

#### **Bachelor Interdisciplinary Studies**

Bonnie Klohn, a co-op student with Environment and Sustainability shared a \$4,000 cash prize for designing the winning community energy system using clean technology and green energy sources at a recent Energy Summit at UBC in Vancouver.

### ► Anna Dell, Science Williams Lake

Anna Dell, the former VP of Internal Affairs for the TRU Williams Lake Student Council was crowned 2011 Miss Canada International.

### ► Cheryl Zawaduk School of Nursing

Cheryl Zawaduk, a TRU faculty member since 1985, completed a Simon Fraser



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University doctorate in Educational Leadership in Spring 2011. Her thesis was: It takes a village: Rural nursing preceptorships as cultural mediation.

### ► Practical Nursing Program Williams Lake

Since the Practical Nurse Program started in Williams Lake in 2009, the three

cohorts have had a 100% success rate at the Canadian Practical Nurse Registration Examination. Faculty in Practical Nursing Program, Donna Bentham, Rhonda McCreight, Julie Tutte, Sandi Lachapelle and Shelly Cantelo, have done tremendous work ensuring the students get the best instruction.

## Upcoming Events

### ► Friday, Sept. 30 & Saturday, Oct. 1

The TRU WolfPack men's basketball team will be in Williams Lake to play the UNBC Timberwolves on Sept. 30 and follow that with a clinic on Oct. 1 for boys and girls in grades 8-10.

### ► Friday, Oct. 7

Fall Convocation, Past Board of Governors Chair, Ron Olynyk, will be awarded with an honorary degree for his years of outstanding community work to both TRU and the community.

### ► Thursday, Oct. 13

Cultural Events Series, The Abrams Brothers is the second event of the 2011-12 season, 12:30 pm in the Alumni Theatre, in the Clock Tower building.

### ► Friday, Oct. 14

An Evening in Vegas by the TRU Sports Task Force is the 3rd annual fundraising night. Featuring entertainment, poker and a draw for a trip for 2 to Vegas plus silent auction. Tickets \$100, register online at [www.tru.ca/athletics/community/vegas](http://www.tru.ca/athletics/community/vegas)

### ► Oct. 26 to 29 and Nov. 2 to 5

The TRU Actors Workshop Theatre kicks off the 2011-12 season with a Midsummer Night's Dream.

### ► Friday, Nov. 4

Music in the Round  
Classical music by the Kamloops Symphony, Aboriginal Art tour, silent auction, wine and hors d'oeuvres are part of an evening program in the Irving K. Barber British Columbia Centre. This is a fundraiser for TRU Faculty of Arts student scholarships and bursaries. For more information, call 250-852-7195.

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