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President’s Report
to the TRU Board of Governors

News

► The E-Spirit Gathering and Awards Gala will be hosted by School of Business and Economics during the week of May 13-17, 2013. Three hundred Aboriginal high school students from across Canada will be on campus because of the efforts of Dr. Hafiz Rahman, Associate Dean SoBE.

► The School of Nursing, who have done several field school semesters in Lesotho, hosted Her Excellency Dr. Mathabo Tsepa, High Commissioner and Mr. Khoshi Malie, Counselor of Lesotho at TRU on Jan. 18. They toured campus, met with representatives from all of the University’s faculties, TRU World and the Global Health Committee and sat in on Dr. Susan Duncan’s Community Development seminar.

► The Honourable Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Cultural Affairs, Jason Kenney visited TRU on Jan. 27, among the groups he addressed were the International Student Advisors. Kenney was accompanied by the Honourable Cathy McLeod, MP for Kamloops Thompson Cariboo and the Honourable Terry Lake, Minister of Environment and MLA for Kamloops North Thompson.

► Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) president Judith Shamian and a CNA team were at TRU Dec. 11 and 12 as part of their mission to engage nurses, other health-care providers, government decision-makers and the media in a national dialogue on the future of Canada’s health system. They included nursing faculty and students as they tackled a range of health-care issues that affect nurses and have an impact on the health of Canadians.

► The School of Tourism changed its name on Dec. 19, to the Faculty of Adventure, Culinary Arts and Tourism, with new acronym, ACT.

► The TRU Leaders Student Leadership Program, a non-credit certificate program offered free to all TRU students who would like to develop and reach their leadership potential, awarded more than 70 Personal Leadership and Community Leadership Certificates for becoming involved with organizations such as the Kamloops YM/YWCA, the Kamloops Food Bank, and the United Way.

► Peter Mansbridge, host of CBC’s The National, captivated an audience of nearly 500 on Jan. 19 as part of the TRU Students’ Union Common Voices Speaker Series. He provided insights on a broadcast career going back to the late 1960s.

► More than 300 students took part in Winter Orientation 2012 on Jan. 20 at the Tournament Capital Centre. Students were given a brief meet-and-greet in meeting rooms with respective faculty before heading courtside to watch the women’s and men’s WolfPack volleyball teams take on the Brandon Bob Cats.

► Networking 411 on Jan. 24 introduced Faculty of Arts students to working professionals from a range of fields in an event modeled after speed dating. Networking 411 events are part of the Career Mentoring program coordinated by TRU Alumni & Friends and TRU Career Education.

► TRU earned a silver rating from the Association for the Advancement for the Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) for its green tracking system for the fiscal year 2010–2011. Four main sections made up the scoring: Education & Research; Operations; Planning, Administration & Engagement; and Innovation.

► TRU’s Department of Aboriginal Education released a specialized online resource collection of literature, documents, photos, videos and web links. Aboriginal Education Resource Online (AERO) is intended to support students throughout their educational experience as well as supporting faculty in their teaching or research endeavours. http://www.tru.ca/aero

► International Days, Feb. 6 to 10, was a celebration of more than 80 countries represented on campus and 1,600 students from those countries. This year’s program featured keynote speakers Dr. Gwynne Dyer and Captain Charles Moore, and lectures by six guest scholars. Other highlights included an International Leadership Forum, Global Village, outdoor snowboard demonstration, Flag Parade, International Showcase, and global cooking show.

► International Sweater Day, Feb. 9, demonstrates how dressing a little warmer can affect Green House Gas Emissions. TRU Facilities turned the temperature down by three degrees in all buildings to illustrate the savings and reduction in emissions.
Achievements:

- **Janine Chan, Respiratory Therapy and Chelsea Corsi, Wellness Centre**
  Janine Chan, and Chelsea Corsi, received a seed grant from the Canadian Action Network for the Advancement, Dissemination and Adoption of Practice-informed Tobacco Treatment (CAN-ADAPTT) for their project entitled: “Coordination of a comprehensive and sustainable tobacco prevention, education, and cessation action plan at Thompson Rivers University.” The project includes opportunities for Respiratory Therapy students to engage in health promotion activities on campus in collaboration with the Wellness Centre, such as the 7th Annual Great Canadian Smoke-out Challenge on Jan. 27.

- **Russell Currie, School of Business and Economics**
  Russell Currie, Dean SoBE has been appointed to the Board of Directors for New Ventures BC, the highest profile entrepreneurial development organization in BC.

- **Karen Hofmann, English & Modern Languages**
  Karen Hofmann’s short story, *Billeh and the Bee Man* won the 14th annual Okanagan Short Story Contest, sponsored by UBC’s Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies, CBC Radio One, the Canada Council for the Arts, and the Okanagan Regional Library. This is the second time Karen has won, she also won in 2007 with *Canoe*.

- **Janice Karpluk and Karalyn Mayne, EUREKA! Science Program**
  Janice Karpluk and Karalyn Mayne received an NSERC PromoScience grant to extend the Eureka! Science camp experiences to reach Aboriginal children on reserves in the rural interior of BC.

- **Laura Lamb, Economics**
  Laura Lamb has been requested to appear before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance and take part in a panel of witnesses in relation to the study on tax incentives for charitable donations. Laura and Belayet Hossain have been conducting an empirical study to determine the impact of tax incentives on various charitable donations.

- **Giuseppe Liberatore, Management**
  Giuseppe Liberatore was re-elected for a third term as Chair of the Canadian Sport Centre (soon to be the Canadian Sport Institute).

- **Christina Nilsen, Library**
  Christina Nilsen’s research project regarding information literacy instruction and library instructional programs, was selected by the International Federation of Library Association (IFLA)’s 2010 Researcher-Librarian Partnership Initiative as the best research project of the year. Christina has been invited by IFLA to present her findings in Helsinki, Finland at the Library Theory and Research section of IFLA’s annual congress.

- **Brian Ross, QC, Board of Governors**
  Brain Ross has been appointed Queen’s Council by the Attorney General. The Queen’s designation is an honour conferred on members of the legal profession to recognize exceptional merit and contribution.

- **Kathie Ross, Open Learning Faculty Mentor**
  Kathie, an MEd (Distance) Candidate at Athabasca University, was awarded their Excellence in Research Scholarship for academic performance (achieving a cumulative AU GPA of 3.95), and demonstrating potential to make a significant contribution to the research area of study. Her thesis research is on influential factors in the selection delivery modalities for accounting professional development.

- **Kevin Sherman, Science Alumnus**
  Recent BSc graduate, Kevin Sherman, was awarded a prestigious Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT/Monbukagakusho) scholarship for graduate studies in Japan starting in April 2012. The MEXT scholarship will support Kevin to study Japanese language and obtain his MSc in applied microbiology at the Division of Applied Biosciences, Graduate School of Agriculture, Hokkaido University, in Sapporo, Japan. Kevin will also have the option to extend his MEXT scholarship for doctoral work there after he obtains his MSc.

- **Richard Wagamese, Honorary Degree Recipient, 2010.**
  Author Richard Wagamese was awarded the National Aboriginal Achievement Award for Media & Communications.

- **Sabrina Weeks, Admissions**
  Sabrina Weeks & Swing Cat Bounce won the New Artist of the Year Award at the 15th annual Maple Blues Awards in Toronto.
Presentations:

- **Naowarat (Ann) Cheeptham, Microbiology**

- **Norm Friesen, Education**


- **Che-hui (Eric) Lien, Management**

Journals:

- **Lloyd Bennett, Visual & Performing Arts**

- **Naowarat (Ann) Cheeptham, Microbiology**


- **Norm Friesen, Education**

- **Wendy Gardner, Natural Resource Sciences**

- **Joanne Rosvick, Physics**

- **Hasnat Dewan, Economics**

- **Laura Lamb and Peter Tsigaris, Economics**

- **Che-Hui (Eric) Lien, Management**
Upcoming Events:

- **Feb 29 to Mar 3**
  The WolfPack hosts colleges and universities from across Canada competing in the Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) Badminton Championships at the Tournament Capital Centre.

- **March 1–3 and 8–10**

- **March 8**
  TRU Job Fair 2012 is open to all students to network, identify job openings, explore career options and set up interviews. Employers at the annual event share information on careers and job opportunities, and recruit talent.

- **March 30–31**
  The 7th Annual TRU Undergraduate Student Innovation and Research Conference, hosted by Research, Innovation and Graduate Studies, features oral presentations, art exhibitions, displays, research posters and performances by undergraduate students. [http://www.tru.ca/rigs/undergrad/conference.html](http://www.tru.ca/rigs/undergrad/conference.html)

- **April 2**

Obituaries:

- **Cameron Beddome, Open Learning**
  Cameron Beddome joined TRU Open Learning as Chief Recruitment Officer and moved to Kamloops with his family in 2007. He was passionate about improving student service and helped set a gold standard for student support at TRU. He was also instrumental in the difficult task of leading the change of information systems at OL. Cameron had a great sense of fun and enjoyed the odd practical joke with his colleagues. He will be remembered for his great rapport with everyone he worked with and how active he was with the United Way campaigns on campus.

- **Dr. Roelof Kars Brouwer, Computing Science**
  Roelof Brouwer came to Cariboo College in 1986 to teach in the Computing Science department. He received scholarly merit awards in 1998 and 2004, and was named Professor Emeritus in 2007. During his career he contributed substantially to curriculum development leading to the establishment of two degree programs, and was instrumental in UCC’s adoption of its first Learning Management System and taught and published extensively in the theoretical side of artificial intelligence and held NSERC grants for many years. He taught for the last time in Winter 2011. Dr. Roelof Kars Brouwer will be remembered for his significant contributions to the development of TRU.

- **Bryan Richards, University Prep**
  Bryan Richards began as a sessional faculty member at UCC in 1992. He was a passionate instructor of computing in the University Preparation department, and was instrumental in developing upper level UPrep courses. He contributed on many committees, updated courses to keep up with developments in his field, and chaired the computing articulation process for many years and will be remembered for his gifted teaching and contributions to the university community.

Books:

- **Lloyd Bennett, Visual & Performing Arts**

- **Harold Richins, Adventure, Culinary Arts and Tourism**

- **Co-Edited**
  Darryl Carlyle-Moses, Geography

- **Norm Friesen, Education**

- **Chapters**
  **Norm Friesen, Education**