

# President's Report

## to the TRU Board of Governors

### News

- ▶ TRU School of Trades and Technology hosted the **Cariboo Regional Skills, Cariboo Junior Skills Competitions and TRU Try-A-Trade** on March 2. The Cariboo Regional Skills Competition was primarily for secondary students although some post-secondary competitions were held as a "warm-up" to the Skills BC competition. Gold medal winners in the Cariboo Regional Skills Competition will compete in the Skills BC competition. The full list of results is here <http://newsroom.blog.mytru.ca/2012/03/23/there-is-still-gold-in-the-cariboo>
- ▶ The TRU Community **Budget Meeting** was held Thursday, March 8 in the Irving K. Barber Centre. TRU community members who could not be on campus to attend this meeting were able to participate via a secure website link. Following the presentation, feedback and suggestions were accepted. All submissions received were posted to a website through the myTRU portal (<https://myTRU.ca>) and could be freely accessed by TRU community members.
- ▶ Another successful **Job Fair** was held March 8 in the Campus Activity Centre. Students had an opportunity to meet recruiters from 50 companies.
- ▶ **Aboriginal Awareness week** was held March 12 – 16. Events included a display and teaching of Lehal, a traditional game from the Interior region, a storyteller's gala, Elder's luncheon and the National Centre on First Nations Governance forum.
- ▶ **Rang De Basanti (Colors of Spring)**, celebrating three Indian Festivals, Holi/Hola Mohalla, Vaisakhi and Ram Navami, was held March 16 by TRUSU India Club. The annual event featured an Indian food buffet, cultural performances and colour play. The 5 hour long evening was attended by 400 people, including students from different countries, MPs, MLAs and other community members.
- ▶ The TRU Pan-Africa Club held their annual **Africa Gala** night on March 17. The club showcased the spirit and beauty of Africa through the theme Walk With Us Through Africa featuring poetry, drama, dance, a talent and fashion show and more.
- ▶ **WolfPack** honoured its athletes at the annual **award banquet** on March 22. The athletes of the year were basketball players Diane Schuetze and Chas Kok. The Dr. Roger H. Barnsley Scholar/Athlete award went to baseball player Alex Condon and soccer player Ashley Piggot. Both players won this honor in 2010 – 11. The TRU Sports Task force athletes of the year award went to hockey player Andrew Fisher and women's basketball's Jen Ju. Badminton coach Brad Pape, who is retiring after coaching for 28 years, was given the TRU WolfPack Appreciation Award.
- ▶ The **Tiny Tots Traditional Pow Wow** was held on March 23 and 24 in the TRU Gymnasium. This is the second year of the event that was started with the efforts of TRU Social Work students.
- ▶ Twenty-four **international students participated in a hockey scrimmage** during intermission as the Kamloops Blazers began their run for the Memorial Cup on March 24.
- ▶ The President's Lecture Series featured India's **Kartikeya Sarabhai**, a global leader in environment and sustainable development. His talk, "Sustainability in India: Learnings and Challenges" was on Wednesday, March 21.
- ▶ Culinary Arts, Retail Meat Processing and Agricultural Science 2200 hosted **Sustainable Beef Day** on March 28. Research posters on topics relating to beef impacts on human and environmental health were displayed and delicious beef dishes made from local grass fed and natural grain-finished beef were featured on the menu.
- ▶ The School of Trades and Technology, in collaboration with TRU World, provided a group of Electrical/Instrumentation Mechanical students the opportunity to travel to central Mexico and install solar panels in an indigenous community that is completely off the grid. This is the first **international practicum** for the School of Trades and Technology and hopefully just the beginning of many more opportunities for our students to develop their applied skills while participating in such worthwhile projects.



*Recruiters from 50 different companies participated in the 2012 Job Fair*



*400 people attended this year's celebration of three Indian Festivals at Rang de Basanti*



*Kartikeya Sarabhai spoke with students about sustainability in India as part of his visit for the President's Lecture Series*

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## News *continued*

- ▶ TRU Alumni and Friends Association has announced its **Distinguished Alumni for 2012**. They will be recognized for their outstanding community contributions and professional achievements at a dinner in their honour on Friday, April 13 in the TRU Grand Hall. The Distinguished Alumni are:
  - Amanda Jones, BSc in progress, Neil Russell Student Leadership Award
  - Raj Chahal, BSW 2002, Grace Chronister Award
  - Paul Houle, BSc 2001, Science Research Award
  - James McCreath, Bjour 2002, Community Service Award
  - KPMG, Community Milestone Achievement Award
- ▶ Thirty students were displaced in the recent apartment fire at **Copper Ridge Court**. The outpouring of support from the TRU community included a Note Exchange, a fundraising dinner, and the establishment of an emergency bursary fund through the TRU Foundation.
- ▶ **The Right Honourable Beverly McLachlin, PC, Chief Justice of Canada**, gave a presentation titled "Legal Education and the Challenges of Access to Justice" on February 27 at the Irving K. Barber British Columbia Centre.
- ▶ The newly renovated space at **TRU's Main Library** was re-dedicated in February. Originally opened in May 1976 and expanded to double its size in 1991, the reconfiguration of TRU's Main Library is a result of the recently opened Brown Family House of Learning. The improved student space, which encourages collaborative learning, has added more computers, more study spaces and 3 kilometers of compact shelving that can hold nearly 44 metric tonnes of books and periodicals that can be moved by a finger. The redesign includes dedicated, secure space for 90 graduate students and their supervisors who are able to access the space any time, day or night, complete with kitchen.



*Ian Hanomansing speaks on  
"Five Things that Make Canada Great  
that Most of Us Take for Granted"  
at the 2012 DAA Awards*

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## Appointments:

- ▶ **Dr. Will Garrett-Petts** has been announced as the next Associate Vice-President of Research and Graduate Studies for a five-year term beginning 1 July 2012. Well known at TRU, Dr. Garrett-Petts began his career with Cariboo College in 1984 and has held many roles as the college evolved into the university it is today, including Instructor, Professor, and most recently, Associate Dean of Arts.



*The Right Honourable Beverly  
McLachlin, PC, Chief Justice of Canada*

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## Achievements:

- ▶ **Rosalie Hilde, Faculty of Business - OL**  
For maintaining one of the highest GPAs in 2011, Rosalie was a 2011 Athabasca University Doctoral Level Student Research Award recipient. The one-time award provides recognition and support for exceptional students pursuing a doctoral degree at Athabasca University in Business Administration or in Education with a specialization in Distance Education.
- ▶ **Karen Hofmann, English and Modern Languages**  
Karen's short story, "The Burgess Shale", has been shortlisted as one of the top ten English language selections for the CBC Short Story Prize. The 10 English and 10 French texts were selected from over 3,750 short stories received from across the country. The winners, as selected by the CBC jury, were announced Monday, March 26.



*Alan Shaver, TRU President and Vice-Chancellor;  
Al Raine, Sun Peaks Mayor; Kathy Gaynor,  
Interim Library Director; and the Sage Hills  
Drum & Dancer Group*

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## Achievements *continued*

### ► **Mary Hemmings, Faculty of Law**

In early March Mary Hemmings appeared before the Bill C-11 Committee meeting in Ottawa. She was the only librarian called to speak on the Copyright Modernization Act.

### ► **The Brown Family House of Learning**

The Library Design Showcase presented by the American Library Association highlights four Canadian libraries designed by Diamond Schmitt Architects. The annual presentation celebrates the best in new and newly renovated libraries in North America. For The Shape of Things category, the ALA singled out the Brown Family House of Learning. The showcase, now in its 24th year, is published online from March 9 – 14 at <http://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/librarydesign12> and in the April edition of *American Libraries*.

### ► **Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE)** under Dr. Shahriar Hasan's supervision have won three regional competitions. They have been recognized as regional leaders in the area of Entrepreneurship, Go Green and Financial Education Challenges, and go to the nationals in May. The students presented on the club's community outreach programs, how they effectively empowered others, and how their programs raised the standard of living and quality of life for people in Kamloops.

Since May 2011, SIFE's 79 members have:

- Logged over 8,886 volunteer hours
- Raised over 27,000 pounds of food for local food banks
- Worked with 61 partners
- Received support from 15 sponsors
- Ran 8 programs, directly impacting 222 people

### ► **Alyssa Wack, Respiratory Therapy**

A recent graduate, Alyssa Wack is the 2011 Canadian Society of Respiratory Therapists Gold Medal winner for achieving the highest mark in the country on the national credentialing examination. Alyssa is a Registered Respiratory Therapist currently on staff at BC Children's and Women's Hospital in Vancouver providing neonatal and pediatric intensive care.

### ► **Shirley-Pat Gale, Partner Assisted Learning, Williams Lake**

For her work through the Rotary Club of Williams Lake Daybreak to complete a library project for a rural First Nations community, the Tl'esqox (Toosey) Band and the Government House Literacy Project as His Honour's Literacy Ambassador for the Cariboo Chilcotin, Shirley Gale will receive a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal from the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, The Honourable Steven. L. Point.



*TRU's outstanding students in academics, leadership in school and community, and athletics at the Major Scholarship Reception held in their honour.*

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## Obituaries:

► **Les Batchelor** was a respected builder of the mechanical trades programs at TRU, beginning his mechanic instructor career in 1971, with 21 years of automotive experience. He retired in 1993 as Chair of Mechanical and Welding Trades. Les was an avid hobbyist who loved cars, golf, photography, fishing and camping.

► **Joe Turkenburg** took great pleasure in teaching the craft of baking to Cariboo students from 1974 until he retired in 1991. He thoroughly enjoyed his retirement, working in his garden or workshop, swimming, sailing and travelling with Ria, his wife of 60 years, and remained lifelong friends with his colleagues.

► **Shayla Driver** was a graduate of the Human Service diploma in 2011, working towards her BSW at TRU. She was actively involved in projects addressing the homeless and other marginalized groups, with services to Aboriginal students, and the Gathering Place. An eager, highly engaged student, she was working hard towards the goal of being a social worker, and was always prepared to contribute more to others.

► **Lorence Klassen** was the tool crib attendant for the School of Trades from 1980 until his retirement in 2001. During his retirement Lorence enjoyed traveling with the Shuswap R.V. Club, gardening, woodworking and socializing with friends and family, golfing and curling. He remained active in his community volunteering at Blazer games and driving the Cancer van to Kelowna.

► **Dina Salvatore**, a student pursuing an arts degree en route to career in education had returned to TRU in September 2011 after completing programs in film at the Vancouver Film School and Blanche McDonald for film esthetics. During her first year back at TRU she took classes in theatre production and voice. She was very involved in productions and extra curricular projects and was very well known and liked.



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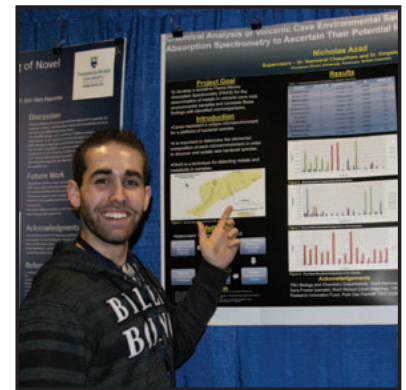
## Publications:

Due to time constraints, a call for submissions of presentations and publications for this issue of the President's Report was not made. Faculty and staff are encouraged to submit the details of their presentations and publications for the next President's Report to the Board of Governors to [insidetru@tru.ca](mailto:insidetru@tru.ca) by Friday, May 11th.

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## Upcoming Events:

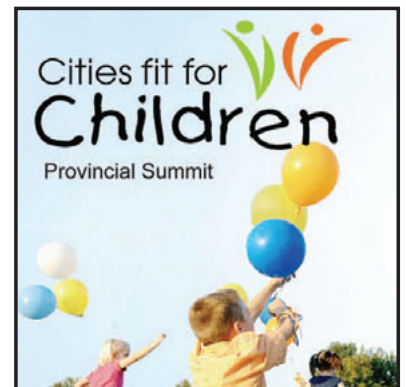
- ▶ **March 30 & 31**  
7th Annual TRU Undergraduate Research & Innovation Conference. More than 100 students will share their research, innovation and creative work.  
More at: [www.tru.ca/rigs/undergrad/conference.html](http://www.tru.ca/rigs/undergrad/conference.html)
- ▶ **March 31**  
Williams Lake Gala. An evening of magic, music and merriment in support of TRU scholarships and bursaries. For more information contact: 250.392.8057
- ▶ **April 2, 10:30 – 12:30**  
Barrett Lecture on Child, Family and Community Welfare. Journalist and novelist Linden MacIntyre of the CBC's Fifth Estate will give the 3rd annual lecture on "Sexual abuse and the media".
- ▶ **April 5 – 7 and 12 – 14**  
Directors Festival. The 13th annual festival showcases senior directing and acting students presenting dramatic and comedic playlets.
- ▶ **April 13, 11am to 3pm**  
TRU Survivors 6.0. Come celebrate the last day of class and enjoy a free BBQ.  
For more information [www.tru.ca/survivors](http://www.tru.ca/survivors)
- ▶ **April 13, 6pm social, 7pm dinner**  
Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner. This year's event will also feature a keynote address by Ian Hanomansing of CBC on the "Five Things that Make Canada Great that Most of Us Take for Granted". Tickets are \$80 each, \$50 for students.  
For more information [www.tru.ca/alumni](http://www.tru.ca/alumni)
- ▶ **April 14**  
Horticulture Horizons. TRU Friends of the Garden and the Horticulture department present the annual symposium featuring keynote speaker Glen Bowman on "How global is your garden?", workshops on food growing and ornamental landscapes, and lunch by Culinary Arts. Tickets \$70, call Kevin Scollon at 250.828.5181 for more information.
- ▶ **April 28**  
Friends of the Garden Plant Sale. Come early for the best selection of annuals, perennials, and grasses at the popular sale in support of TRU's Horticulture Gardens. 9am in the greenhouse behind House 10.
- ▶ **May 3**  
A Day of Arts & Science. Grade 11 high school students are invited to discover TRU and university life through a day of classes and activities in the Arts and Sciences.  
Contact [jkarpluk@tru.ca](mailto:jkarpluk@tru.ca) for more information or to register.
- ▶ **May 10 & 11**  
Cities Fit for Children Provincial Summit. With assistance from Small Cities CURA, the Faculty of Arts and TRU's Early Childhood Education program, the summit is dedicated to the sustainable development of cities by building healthy and safe communities.  
For more information [www.kamloops.ca/citiesfitforchildren/index.shtml](http://www.kamloops.ca/citiesfitforchildren/index.shtml)
- ▶ **May 17 to 19**  
Stabilizing Indigenous Languages Symposium. TRU hosts the 19th annual SILS for its 3rd time in Canada. The conference brings together scholars, language activists, language teachers, Elders, students and others from North America and around the world interested in the revitalization of Indigenous languages. For more information contact Dr. Jack Miller at 250.371.5906



*More than 100 students will share their research at the 7th Annual TRU Undergraduate Research & Innovation Conference*



*Linden MacIntyre of the CBC's Fifth Estate will be giving a lecture on April 2 on "Sexual abuse and the media"*



*Local, municipal and regional leaders involved in policy decisions, designing and building healthy safe communities for Children and families*