

President's Report

to the TRU Board of Governors

News

► **Two physics students launch first-ever TRU high-altitude balloon**

TRU physics students Adam Limber and Scott Sternig launched a high-altitude balloon in April as part of a directed studies class, becoming the first TRU physics students to have a successful flight. The balloon and payload, launched in Strathmore, Alberta, reached an altitude of 98,000 feet. Data collected included photos of near space.

► **TRU students organize first-ever Pride Parade in Kamloops**

The first-ever Pride Parade in Kamloops on April 5 attracted upwards of 400 people to the TRU campus. Participants peacefully carried signs, shouted slogans, and walked through the campus in celebration of diversity, equality, and unity. Speeches preceded the walk.

► **Merit Awards honour excellence in teaching and research**

TRU's annual event on April 24 recognized staff and faculty with 10 to 35 years of service, and presented 10 Merit Award plaques to the following individuals:

- **Peter Tsigaris** - TRU Master Teacher Award
- **Peter Murphy** - TRU Master Scholar Award
- **David Scheffel** - TRU Faculty Award for Excellence in Internationalization
- **Renée Anderson** - TRU Teaching Excellence Award
- **Richard Brewster** - TRU Teaching Excellence Award
- **Kingsley Donkor** - TRU Award for Excellence in Scholarship
- **Mohamed Tawhid** - TRU Award for Excellence in Scholarship
- **Christine Anderson** - TRU Distinguished Service Award
- **Annette Dominik** - TRU Distinguished Service Award
- **Yoshie Ozawa** - TRU Distinguished Service Award

► **Tianjin University's President part of delegation to TRU**

Tianjin University officials visited TRU on April 26 to meet with various officials, including President Alan Shaver and faculty and personnel in the School of Business and Economics.

► **Graduating BFA students exhibit in year-end show**

"Every Part is Crucial", the annual year-end show by graduating Visual Arts students, ran April 27 to May 5 and featured more than 70 pieces by 18 students.



Kamloops' first Pride Parade was organized by TRU students

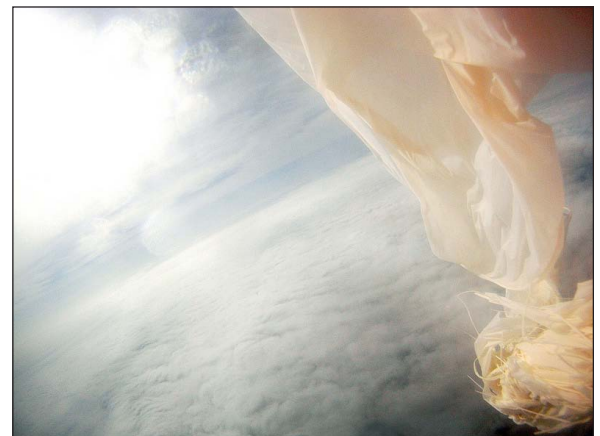


Image captured from Limber and Sternig's high-altitude balloon



Jianbiao Ma (left), President of Tianjin University of Technology (China) and TRU President Alan Shaver



Above: The top three finishers in the senior category of the regional BC High School Math Contest were Grade 12 students Hayley Tomkins, Keiran Rutherford, and David Langevin. Above right: Dr. Shaver was one of over 40 participants cleaning up the campus at the annual Trash Bash. Right: BC Premier Christy Clark announces \$1.6 million in funding towards new heavy equipment operator training programs at TRU.



► **Making diversity work on campus**

TRU hosted the 2012 BC Academic Advising Association conference on April 30. TRU World International Student Advisor and BBA alumnus (2011) Jamshid Mirzabekov gave the keynote address.

► **Old Main faculty and staff move to Library during construction**

Phase one of the revitalization of Old Main began May 1 and will continue to the end of August with the addition of the third floor and a face lift to the outside of the building. Human Resources and other faculty and staff have moved to the gym and Library. <http://www.tru.ca/oldmain.html>

► **Day of Arts and Science brings prospective students to campus**

High school students from around the region experienced TRU through abbreviated courses and other activities during the annual event on May 3. Among the courses: "Protest and Political Change" (Political Science), "I didn't know THAT was a comic!" (New Media), "Language Guaranteed to Get You In Trouble" (English), and "The Human Machines: Test Your Response" (Biology).

► **Trash Bash attracts more than 40 participants**

The TRU community teamed up to collect more than 20 bags of garbage on the TRU campus and some of the surrounding gullies on May 3.

► **Premier announces \$1.6 million in retraining dollars**

The provincial government announced on May 4 it will commit \$1.6 million to fund three new programs developed at TRU, through the Canada-British Columbia Labour Market Agreement. The new Heavy Equipment Operator – Forest Harvesting, Heavy Equipment Operator – Civil and Mining, and Logging Truck Driver training programs will address the skills shortage in these occupations and prepare participants for jobs in the Thompson-Nicola and Cariboo.

► **High school math students write contest at TRU**

More than 70 "mathletes" in grades 8 through 12 were at the Irving K. Barber British Columbia Centre on May 4 to write the regional portion of the BC High School Math Contest. Originally started by Cariboo College 40 years ago, the contest grew to include the Okanagan and eventually the entire province.

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► Annual plant sale raises money for TRU Horticulture

About 400 people turned out for the annual Friends of the Garden fundraising plant sale on May 5. With plants ranging from \$2 to \$15, the sale raised a few thousand dollars for TRU Horticulture projects as well as for the Friends of the Garden Society to conduct garden tours and other educational initiatives.

► TRU Deans visit La Sabana University, Columbia

Dean of Nursing **Dr. Barbara Paterson** visited La Sabana University in Columbia from May 1 to 9 with fellow deans, **Dr. Charles Webber** and **Dr. Michael Mehta**, as well as **Dr. Wes Koczka** from TRU World, to discuss possible opportunities for joint ventures with TRU. On May 8 and 9, Dr. Paterson addressed approximately 1000 nurses and nursing students as the keynote speaker at the Congress for Nursing Research, sponsored by the University of La Sabana. Dr. Paterson spoke about her research in diabetes self-management and the politics of HIV/AIDS care and prevention.

► Building healthy and safe communities for children

The 2012 Cities Fit for Children Provincial Summit on May 10 and 11 in Kamloops was assisted by the Small Cities CURA, TRU's Faculty of Arts and the Early Childhood Education program. The summit is dedicated to the sustainable development of cities by building healthy and safe communities.

► WolfPack baseball team hosts Canadian College Baseball conference championship

The TRU WolfPack welcomed defending champs Prairie Baseball Academy Dawgs, (Lethbridge), University of Calgary Dinos, Vancouver Island Baseball Institute Mariners (Nanaimo), and Okanagan College Coyotes (Kelowna) to Norbrock Stadium.

► Indigenous language conference has international attendance

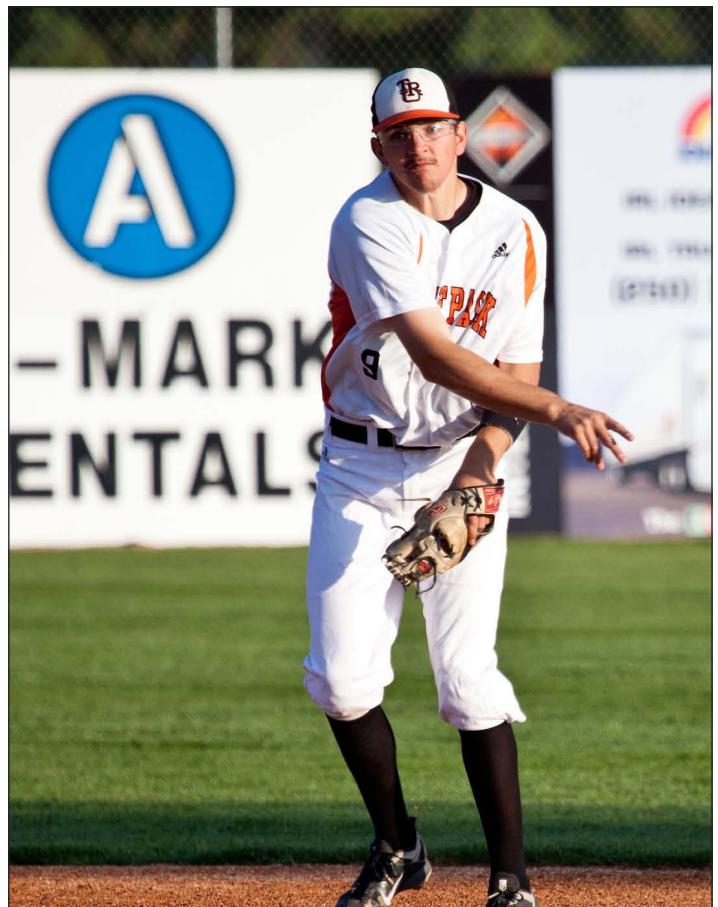
May 17-19, the 19th Stabilizing Indigenous Languages Symposium (SILS) featured presentations and papers across the spectrum of Indigenous language from traditional teaching and learning to research, with speakers from across Canada and the USA, and other nations such as Chile and New Zealand. About 150 participants attended.
www.tru.ca/sils.html

► Chair Leadership Award

David Sheets, Respiratory Therapy, is the recipient of this year's Chair Leadership Award, which recognizes individuals who demonstrate outstanding leadership qualities and abilities in carrying out their role as Chair at TRU. Sheets was presented with the award on May 22 and was also given a gift certificate in the amount of \$1,500 to attend a Leadership workshop/conference of his choice.



The annual Friends of the Garden plant sale raises funds for TRU Horticulture projects and the Friends of the Garden Society.



TRU's Tyler Lowey throws to first base during the opening game of the CCBC championship. Lowey returned to baseball this May after losing an eye at a game in October 2011.

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► Taiwanese delegation visits TRU

A delegation from the National Taichung University of Education in Taiwan visited the TRU campus on May 22 to meet with various officials regarding accreditation, including President Alan Shaver and TRU World personnel.

► Dinner honours TRU retirees

The following retirees were honoured at the annual Retirement Dinner on May 17: Carole Hebden, James Hoffman, Nancy Levesque, David Lidster, Maria MacIntosh, Carol Wiggins, and June Williams.

Achievements

► From March 14-17, **Darlene Kalyinka**, **Marnie Blair** and **Donald Lawrence**, Visual Arts, took six Visual Arts students to New Orleans for the Southern Graphics Council's annual International Conference of Printmakers, which includes a mix of academic forums, studio-based workshops, and exhibitions involving about 2500 participants. Kalyinka's work, *Scything*, (etching and artist's book 2010), appeared in "Monumental Ideas in Miniature Books II", a travelling international exhibition that coincided with the conference. Lawrence's print, *At Sea, Tasmania* received the Best in Show award during the Members' Portfolio exhibition at the conference. Funding towards the students' trip was received from CUEF and the Visual Arts Student Association.

► **Star Mahara**, Nursing, was a member of the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing (CASN) Task Force that organized the national event, "Cultural Competence and Cultural Safety in Nursing Education: A Knowledge Translation Symposium", held March 19 and 20 in Toronto. She was joined by **Colleen Varcoe** and **Victoria Smye** in a panel discussion: "Sharing emerging perspectives on concepts of cultural competence, cultural safety, and equity". Fourth Year TRU BScN students **Louise Chursinoff** and **Jessica Purjue** were invited student participants based on their backgrounds in cultural safety with Aboriginal peoples.

► On April 4, TRU BSc students **Jillian Rutherford**, **Paige Hegadoren**, and **Priya Parekh** presented at the Annual

Regional Undergraduate Research Day at UBC-O in Kelowna (held in conjunction with the Irving K. Barber School of Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference). Out of 32 posters and 31 oral presentations at the conference, Rutherford won Best Oral Presentation (overall) for her talk titled, "Using Operant Conditioning to Facilitate Physiological Sampling from Captive Ungulates." Hegadoren won third place for Best Poster Presentation for her poster, "Physical Factors Affecting Infrared Thermography as an Early Disease Detection Method in Cattle." Parekh's well-received poster was titled, "The Influence of Wind Speed on the Dispersal of Dormant Stages of *Artemia franciscana*."

► **Natalie Clark**, Social Work and Human Service, presented her winning entry in the Changemakers Initiative: Inspiring Approaches for First Nations, Métis and Inuit Learning competition at the Ashoka Canada Changemakers award dinner April 17. "Clleq'melt: Groups for Aboriginal Children and Youth in Schools and Community", her project with School District #73 and the Interior Indian Friendship Society, was selected from over 266 entries for one of two Vancouver Foundation Awards of \$5000. www.changemakers.com

► TRU Trades and Technology students won silver and bronze medals at the Provincial Skills Canada Competition held on April 18. Winning silver were **Zak Udall** (Welding), **Jesse Carlson** (Industrial Wiring) and **Dave Penner** (Plumbing). Winning bronze were **Brian Young** (Carpentry) and **Shane Waters** (Welding).



Dr. Cinel and Dr. Brewer's HP Catalyst project, part of the Multi-Versity Consortium, investigates how online learners experience laboratory work.



Nursing faculty Renée Anderson was recognized for Excellence in Nursing Education by the College of Registered Nurses of BC on April 19 in Vancouver.

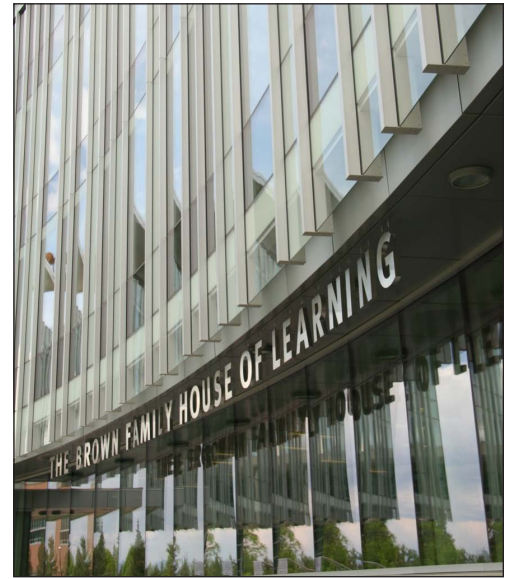
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Above: Dr. Roger Barnsley received the BC Community Achievement Award on April 25.

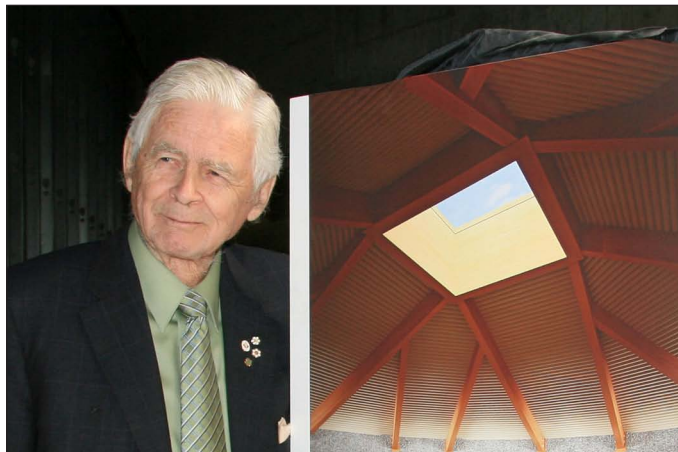
Right: Ashley Morrison won another grant in support of her mountain bluebird research.

Far right: The Brown Family House of Learning has won the Merit Award for Building Projects from the BC Library Association.



- ▶ **Dr. Bruno Cinel** and **Dr. Sharon Brewer**, Chemistry, were panelists in the recent Sloan Consortium Research Symposium “STEM Online Education: Energizing the Future”, April 19 – May 3. TRU is now an institutional member of the Sloan Consortium (Sloan-C), a non-profit institutional and professional leadership organization dedicated to integrating online education into the mainstream of higher education. Sloan-C leads the HP Catalyst Multi-Versity Consortium, in which Cinel and Brewer represent TRU. www.sloanconsortium.org
- ▶ **Renée Anderson**, Nursing, received the Award of Excellence in Nursing Education at the annual College of Registered Nurses of BC (CRNBC) awards ceremony on April 19 in Vancouver. Through the CRNBC Nursing Excellence Awards registered nurses honour colleagues for outstanding contributions to the nursing profession and for demonstrating excellence in relation to the CRNBC Professional Standards for Registered Nurses and Nurse Practitioners. www.crnbc.ca/crnbc/Awards
- ▶ **Dr. Roger Barnsley**, President Emeritus, **Dave Dickson**, Board of Governors member, and **Ambo Dhaliwal**, TRU Foundation Society member and longtime donor, all received 2012 BC Community Achievement Awards from His Honour, **Steven L. Point**, OBC, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia and the Honourable **Ida Chong**, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development on April 25. www.bcachievement.com
- ▶ **Ashley Morrison** (BSc Honours student) just received a Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society Grant-in-Aid of Research (\$1000) to continue her research this summer on sexual selection and the evolution of ornamental plumage in mountain bluebirds. Acceptance rates are about 20% and she was competing primarily against graduate students. Morrison was also given a free student membership in the Society of Canadian Ornithologists as a runner-up for a Taverner Award this May. The two annual awards usually go to PhD students, so being a runner-up as an undergrad is an impressive feat, another great accomplishment on top of the British Ecological Society Undergraduate Ecological Project Support Grant Morrison won last year.
- ▶ TRU’s **Brown Family House of Learning** has won the 2011 Merit Award for Building Projects from the British Columbia Library Association. **Kathy Gaynor**, Interim University Library Director, accepted the award at the BCCLA’s conference on May 12th. This award follows the American Library Association’s selection of the Brown Family House of Learning for its 24th annual Library Design Showcase in the Shape of Things category in March.
- ▶ Early Childhood Education alumnus **Lin Roth** (Class of 2000) received a BC Ministry of Children and Family Development Child Care Award of Excellence, one of four awards presented. Roth is an exceptional educator and continues to contribute to the ECE program at TRU: she mentors ECE students in community practicum experiences, is an annual guest speaker in classes, and is the secretary of TRU’s advisory board.

Obituaries



The late Irving K. "Ike" Barber with a rendering of the Irving K. Barber British Columbia Centre

- ▶ **Irving K. Barber** will be remembered as one of BC's most prominent entrepreneurs and benefactors of post-secondary education. Ike's belief in education and his vision to help students everywhere access learning will remain an inspiration. The Irving K. Barber B.C. Centre at TRU remains as a testament to his dedication to the academic success of Aboriginal students, community outreach, and engagement in lifelong learning.
- ▶ **Colin Day** was a great friend to TRU since the early days of Cariboo College. He will be remembered for his support of Athletics, his leadership of the Sports Task Force, and his enduring commitment to student athletes and the work of the Foundation. As a prominent member of the Kamloops community, he embraced the grassroots Friends of UCC initiative that ultimately led to the creation of TRU.
- ▶ **Jessica Eaman** was a 4th year student at the University of British Columbia Okanagan (UBC-O). Jessica had just begun her studies at TRU Open Learning, taking a course on Global Climate Change and Regional Impacts towards her degree. Jessica had planned to begin a Master of Arts degree after graduating from UBC-O this spring. The 26-year old also volunteered as a cross-country skiing coach for kids at the Sovereign Lake Nordic Centre near her hometown of Vernon. community, he embraced the grassroots Friends of UCC initiative that ultimately led to the creation of TRU.
- ▶ **Rayel MacDonald** was a 2nd year Nursing student at Williams Lake. Cheerful and compassionate, Rayel will be remembered by her fellow nursing students and instructors as a ray of sunshine that brightened the classroom, a model of professionalism and gentleness with patients, and a strong student. The 20-year-old was very involved in her community as a rugby player and volunteer. All who knew Rayel said you could not help but smile around her. She will be greatly missed. Rayel's family will establish a scholarship in her name.

Presentations

- ▶ **Dr. Robert Androkovich**, Economics
Androkovich, Robert. "Recreational Visits to the Adams River during the Annual Sockeye Run: A Travel Cost Analysis." Department of Economics at UBC-Okanagan, Kelowna, BC, Canada. April 5, 2012.
- ▶ **Dr. Bruno Cinel and Dr. Sharon Brewer**, Chemistry
Cinel, Bruno and Sharon Brewer. "Providing and Evaluating Authentic On-Line Science Laboratory Experiences." HP Catalyst Summit, Beijing, China, April 9-16, 2012.
<http://www8.hp.com/us/en/hp-information/social-innovation/catalyst.html>
- ▶ **Dr. Carol Rees**, Science Education
Rees, C. A. and Scott, J.L. "Shifting Control of Science Inquiry From Teachers to Students: A Teacher Designed Framework." American Educational Research Association (AERA) Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, Canada. April 13-17, 2012.
Rees, C.A. "Teacher/Student On-Line Interaction: Role-Playing Scientists to Augment Hands-On Lab Work in Classrooms." National Association of Research in Science Teaching (NARST) Conference, Indianapolis, IN, USA. March 25-28, 2012.
Rees, C. A. "Steps to Opening Science Inquiry: a New Support Framework." Annual Conference of the Association for Science Teacher Education (ASTE), Clearwater Beach, Florida, USA. Jan. 4-8, 2012.
- ▶ **Dr. Peter Tsigaris**, Economics
Tsigaris, Peter. "Recent world Macroeconomics events and the Canadian Economy." Keynote address to the CIBC Financial Advisors Forum at the Kamloops Convention Centre, Kamloops, BC, Canada. April 25, 2012.

Journals

- ▶ **Dr. Ehsan Latif**, Economics
Latif, Ehsan. "The Impact of Retirement on Health in Canada." Canadian Public Policy, 38.1 March (2012): 15-29.
- ▶ **Dr. Mohammad Mahbobi**, Economics
Mahbobi, Mohammad, and W. A. Kerr. "Possibility of Dumping in a Mixed Duopoly Model." Journal of International Business Research, 11.2 (2012): 73-88.
- ▶ **Dr. Peter Tsigaris**, Economics
Hlouskova, Jaroslava and Panagiotis Tsigaris. "Capital Income Taxation and Risk Taking under Prospect Theory." International Tax and Public Finance. Special Issue 2012. DOI: 10.1007/s10797-012-9224-1

Upcoming Events

► May 25

Spring Convocation, Williams Lake

The 2012 graduating class will convocate at the Gymnasium starting at 5:30 pm. An honorary doctorate will be conferred upon **Paul St. Pierre**, who in his long career in British Columbia as a journalist, author and former Member of Parliament, embodies TRU's commitment to community, diversity, and citizenship.

► June 14 – 15

Spring Convocation, Kamloops

Two ceremonies each day at 10 am and 2 pm feature speeches from valedictorians and the conferring of honorary doctorates. For schedules and other information about the ceremonies, visit the Convocation website at www.tru.ca/convocation.html. Each ceremony will be streamed live over the Internet at www.livestream.com/livetru

► June – July

Indonesian Immersion

TRU will again host Indonesian high school students as part of a multi-week immersion in Kamloops. TRU signed a landmark agreement last July with the Indonesian branch of the International Islamic Education Council to expand teaching and learning opportunities. <http://bit.ly/qmVaE2>

► July 6 – 9

2nd Annual International Research Institute

Organized by the Faculty of Human, Social, and Educational Development, "Language, Culture and Community: Building Collaborative Research Opportunities" will showcase the scholarly activities of faculty, students, and international partners with presentations, research reports, performances, and discussion activities. www.tru.ca/lcc

► July 28 – 29

Kamloops Marathon

A portion of the event proceeds will go to the TRU Foundation in order to set up bursaries for members of the university's cross-country running team. The Kamloops Marathon could attract as many as 500 participants for the 5km, 10km, half and full marathon. <http://bit.ly/lqUT6s>

► August 6 – 11

Summer Camp in Science and Health Science for Aboriginal High School Students

The TRU Faculty of Science, School of Nursing, and the Aboriginal Education Centre with support of School District #73 will host a week of experiential workshops designed for Aboriginal students in grades 8 – 10 from all over BC. The camp is an opportunity for students to learn behind the scenes nursing skills, do hands-on experiments in the lab, and make friends while taking part in fun activities like rock climbing, hiking, and swimming. <http://bit.ly/L7ImWh>



Spring Convocation 2012 will be held in Williams Lake on May 25 and in Kamloops on June 14 and 15. Congratulations, graduates!



High school students from Indonesia treated their host families and the TRU community to a performance of traditional music and dance to mark the end of last year's inaugural visit.



The Kamloops Marathon will run July 28 to 29, with a portion of proceeds going to support TRU's cross-country running team.