

President's Report

News

► Largest Private Donation in TRU History

Amidst the spectacle of the carnival-themed TRU Foundation Gala on Feb. 15 two significant donations to TRU were announced:

- The **Dr. Donald R. Andrews Law Endowment** of \$100,000 has been established to fund initiatives that will allow TRU Law to be supportive of its students, competitive with other law faculties and at the forefront of legal education.
- A long time friend of TRU, **Ken Lepin** announced his gift of \$2.25 million. This gift brought his life-time contributions to TRU to \$2.5 million, the most generous private donor in the history of the university.

► RBC Supports Women in Trades

On Feb. 12, the RBC Foundation launched the RBC Women in Trades Training Program at TRU, with a commitment of \$700,000, the bank's largest donation in the province outside of the Lower Mainland. Supporting women in trades foundation programs with bursaries and mentorship, the program includes the RBC Bursary for Learning Success (70 bursaries of \$3,000 each awarded over 10 years), RBC Leadership Training for volunteer female mentors, and an RBC Mentorship Coordinator.
<http://inside.tru.ca/2014/02/12/700000-grant-from-rbc-foundation-launches-the-rbc-women-in-trades-training-program/>

► CIBC Donation Supports Business Students

On Jan. 16, CIBC donated \$150,000 to the TRU School of Business and Economics to support 70 renewable awards in the Bachelor of Business Administration program over the next five years. The CIBC Awards in Business Administration, valued at \$2,000 annually for up to five years, will be awarded to 13 undergraduates in the program. An additional \$4,000 scholarship will be awarded each year to a student who is considered to have achieved exemplary performance in the program.
<http://inside.tru.ca/2014/01/16/cibc-donates-150000-to-support-business-students-at-thompson-rivers-university/>

► Strategic Priorities Lunch with the President

TRU students had an opportunity to discuss the draft Strategic Priorities document at lunches with President Alan Shaver on Feb. 4, 6 and 11. Faculty and staff joined Dr. Shaver for a similar event on Jan. 30.

www.tru.ca/president/strategicpriorities

► Athletic Donor Reception

A reception to thank the many donors who contribute to TRU Athletics was held Jan. 31 in the WolfDen at the TCC, where the WolfPack Donor Wall was updated with over 40 new donors.

► 10th Annual Teaching Practices Colloquium

"Beyond the Boundaries: 21st Century Education" was the theme of the Teaching Practices Colloquium on Feb. 17. TRU instructors shared their scholarly teaching practices and discussed how to foster effective learning in a 21st century post-secondary setting.
www.tru.ca/tpc

► A Modern University

TRU's annual Professional Development Day on Feb. 19 featured discussions on the President's vision of "A Modern University", talks on building student success, building sustainability, and building innovative practices and experience, and a TRU brand orientation presentation and activity.

► Sweater Day 2014

On a -20 degree morning, TRU students, faculty and staff showed off their best—or worst—sweaters on Student Street as part of TRU's participation in National Sweater Day on Feb. 6. TRU turned down the heat from 23 degrees Celsius to 21 degrees to help fight climate change. Last year roughly 40 gigajoules of natural gas heat was saved on the day, resulting in energy cost savings of \$400.

► Legal Information Service Launched

TRU Law launched its new Legal Information Service on Jan. 30, offering information (not legal advice) on a range of legal issues. Law students will provide general legal information and referrals to the Kamloops community and TRU students, as well as assisting TRU students involved in student appeals.



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RBC's \$700,000 donation will support the RBC Women in Trades Program with bursaries and a mentorship program.



BBA students Leanne Hawryluk, Joshua Gibson, Meagan Blyth, Jeremy Gwale, and Cailee Miner received CIBC awards.

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► **TELUS Establishes Science Endowment**

TELUS made a \$100,000 investment to establish the TELUS Excellence in Science Endowment Fund commemorating the opening of their new Data Centre on McGill. This fund is the largest corporate endowment in Science at TRU and will provide one award for an undergraduate student in Mathematics, Statistics or Computing Science and one award for a graduate student who is conducting research on a project that deals with Optimization and Decision Science.

► **WolfPack Versus the Heat in President's Cup**

At the conclusion of the WolfPack men's basketball final home game of the season on Feb. 15, TRU won the men's trophy for the first annual "President's Cup", a competition between TRU's WolfPack and UBC-Okanagan's the Heat. Points were awarded for head-to-head PACWEST/Canada West victories in men's and women's soccer, volleyball, golf and basketball throughout the year. UBCO took home the women's trophy.

► **Chamber of Commerce Social**

The Career Education department hosted its first social for local businesses and organizations from the Kamloops Chamber of Commerce on Feb. 5. Over 80 Chamber members were in attendance, along with faculty, staff and students, including Bachelor of Business Administration student

Megan Higgins, who shared her perspective as a Co-op student. TRU had been on a waitlist for over two years for the opportunity to host a Chamber social.

► **Chinese New Year Dinner and Dance**

Students, faculty, staff and community members celebrated Chinese New Year at the annual gala hosted by the TRUSU Chinese Students and Scholars Association Jan. 31. Guests enjoyed dinner and performances, fireworks and dancing to ring in the Year of the Horse.

► **Wildlife Habitat Canada Awards Natural Resource Science Faculty**

Natural Resource Science faculty members **Catherine Tarasoff, Tom Pypker, Brian Heise and Wendy Gardner** were awarded \$25,000 by Wildlife Habitat Canada to research low-cost benthic barriers as an effective yellow flag iris control mechanism in high priority waterfowl habitat areas.

Achievements

► **Alanna Bekkering**, fifth-year WolfPack soccer player, has been nominated for the Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association Athlete of the Year. Awards will be presented by Sport BC on March 5.

► Respiratory Therapy alumna **Ingrid Hakanson** ('07) is part of the cast of a six-part Knowledge Network television series, "Emergency Room: Life and Death at Vancouver General Hospital", that shares the stories of the clinicians and staff who work in one of Canada's busiest emergency departments, as well as the patients they serve. Episodes are available on the Knowledge Network website.

► **Jeff McLaughlin**, Philosophy, has been invited to give the keynote address at the 2014 Human Rights and Genocide Symposium, held in April for all high school students in Kelowna.

► The **School of Nursing** has been approved for an accreditation review by the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing (CASN) in March, 2015. The CASN Accreditation Bureau encourages greater collaboration among Canadian nursing institutions and this will include TRU in the national voice of Nursing.

► The **School of Trades and Technology's Dream Home** won gold at the Canadian Home Builders' Association (CHBA) of BC's Georgie Awards for Best Public-Private Partnership. Winners were announced at a gala event Feb. 1 in Vancouver.



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Publications

PRESENTATIONS

- **Will Garrett-Petts**, Associate Vice-President, Research and Graduate Studies
Garrett-Petts, W.F. "The Rhetoric of the Project: Art at Work and Workers as Artists." The Spectres of Evaluation Conference. University of Melbourne. February 6 – 7, '14.

JOURNALS

- **Les Mathews**, Respiratory Therapy and **Normand Fortier**, Physics
Mathews, Les, and Normand Fortier. "The Rematee Bumper Belt Positional Therapy Device for Snoring and Obstructive Sleep Apnea: Positional Effectiveness in Healthy Subjects." *Canadian Journal of Respiratory Therapy*. 49.4 (2013): 11-14.
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Ballantyne, Drew, John Hribljan, Thomas Pypker, and Rodney Chimner. "Long-term Water Table Manipulations Alter Peatland Gaseous Carbon Fluxes in Northern Michigan." *Wetlands Ecology and Management*. 22 (2014): 35-47.
- **Jessica Risley** ('12), **Laiel Soliman** and **Kingsley Donkor**, Chemistry
Risley, Jessica, Soliman Laiel, and Kingsley K. Donkor. "Characterization of the Interaction Between Lantibiotics, Nisin and Dauramycin, and Beta-Lactoglobulin by Affinity Capillary Electrophoresis." *Chromatographia*. 76 (23-24) (2013): 1773–77.
- **Laiel Soliman** and **Kingsley Donkor**, Chemistry
Soliman, Laiel C, and Kingsley K. Donkor. "Micellar Electrokinetic Chromatography Method Development for Simultaneous Determination of Thiabendazole, Carbendazim, and Fuberidazole." *Journal of Environmental Science and Health. Part B*, 49. (2014): 153-158.

- **Julia Wells**, Library
Wells, Julia. "The Female Librarian in Film: Has the Image Changed in 60 Years?" *School of Library and Information Science Student Research Journal*. 3.2 (2013): Article 2. Online.

CHAPTERS

- **Bruce Baugh**, Philosophy
Baugh, Bruce and Mike Collier. "Walking in André and Nadja's Footsteps: A Reminiscence." *Selected Essays from the On Walking Conference*. Ed. Heather H. Yeung. The University of Sutherland, 2014. 10-36. Online.
- **Will Garrett-Petts**, Associate Vice-President, Research and Graduate Studies, and **Bonnie Klohn** (BIS '12)
Garrett-Petts, W.F., and Bonnie Klohn. "Art in the Public Sphere: What Artists and Community Partners Say about 'Artistic Research' and the Artistic Animation of Smaller Communities." Ed. Nancy Duxbury. *Animation of Public Space through The Arts: Towards More Sustainable Communities*. 2013. 71-96.

BOOKS

- **Will Garrett-Petts**, Associate Vice-President, Research and Graduate Studies
Garrett-Petts, W. F. *Writing About Literature: A Guide for the Student Critic*. 2nd ed. Peterborough, Ont.: Broadview Press, 2013.

Upcoming Events

- **Jan. 17- Mar. 22**
"Cave Microorganisms and Drug Discovery"
This exhibition at the Kamloops Art Gallery is a collaboration between TRU Microbiology researchers and artists, many of them Aboriginal TRU students.
<http://events.tru.ca/event/2014/cave-microorganisms-and-drug-discovery-art-exhibition>
- **Feb. 27-Mar. 1, March 6-8**
Actors Workshop Theatre Presents Beaux' Stratagem
This farcical comedy is set on a riverboat in the mid-nineteenth century and revolves around two young men who plan to steal from young heiresses.
<http://events.tru.ca/event/2013/live-theatre-beaux-stratagem>
- **Feb. 27**
Live at TRU!
The series presents Vancouver improv comedy group Improvaoke.
<http://inside.tru.ca/2013/08/02/2013-14-live-at-tru-series-announced/>
- **Feb. 27**
Research Across the Disciplines Lecture Series: Floriann Fehr
"Understanding the Lived Experience of Student-Parents in Undergraduate Nursing School".
<http://events.tru.ca/event/2014/florriann-fehr-research-across-disciplines-lecture-series>
- **Feb. 28**
Skills Canada Competition and Try-A-Trade
Skills Canada regional competitions feature high school and post-secondary students competing in their areas of study. Try-A-Trade is an opportunity for students and the general public to learn more about trades.
www.tru.ca/trades/about/skills_canada
- **Mar. 1**
11th Annual Popsicle Stick Bridge Contest
Testing which collection of glued sticks can withstand the greatest pounds-per-square inch of pressure. Participants bring their already-crafted bridges to the event.
<http://events.tru.ca/event/2014/11th-annual-popsicle-stick-bridge-contest>

Upcoming Events *continued*

► Mar. 13

Research Across the Disciplines Lecture Series: Tina Block and Ginny Ratsoy

"Reflections on a Multidisciplinary Research Project".

<http://events.tru.ca/event/2014/undergraduate-conference-experience-tru>

► Mar. 6

TRU Job Fair

The annual Job Fair brings more than 40 organizations from a range of industries and sectors. About 1,500 students attend each year.

www.tru.ca/jobfair

► Mar. 6

Research Across the Disciplines Lecture Series: Cynthia Ross Friedman

"The Little Bang Theory: Explosive Seed Discharge in Dwarf Mistletoe".

<http://events.tru.ca/event/2014/little-bang-theory-explosive-seed-discharge-dwarf-mistletoe>

► Mar. 6, 20, 27

Science Seminar Series

Presentations by Dr. Ben Tippett, UBC-O, Dr. Joanne Rosvick, TRU, and TRU Alumni

www.tru.ca/science/news/seminars

► Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27

Environmental Sciences Seminar Series

An MSc Graduate Student Showcase and presentations by Dr. Colin Young, Belize, Don Gayton, FORREX, and Dr. Kingsley Donkor, TRU.

www.tru.ca/science/programs/msces/mscseminar

► Mar. 11

Dean's Speaker Series: Rudy Buttignol

SoBE presents Rudy Buttignol, Chief Executive Officer of Knowledge Network.

www.tru.ca/business/news/kickstart/speakerseries

► Mar. 11-14

International Days

Celebrate the cultures and diversity of TRU with guest speakers, workshops, presentations, displays, movies, performances, and an opening address by human rights advocate Clemantine Wamariya.

www.tru.ca/internationaldays

► Mar. 12

Business Kickstart 101: Career Path Info Session with KPMG

Leading business employers share valuable information about workplace trends and the skills and experience required to get hired. Open to all TRU students and School of Business and Economics alumni.

www.tru.ca/business/news/kickstart

► Mar. 20

Dean's Speaker Series: Geri Prior

SoBE presents Geri Prior, Chief Financial Officer for ICBC.

www.tru.ca/business/news/kickstart/speakerseries

► Mar. 26

Dean's Speaker Series: Douglas Vandro

SoBE presents Douglas Vandro, RBC Olympian, who competed in men's rowing at the 2008 and 2012 Summer Olympic Games.

www.tru.ca/business/news/kickstart/speakerseries

► Mar. 28-29

TRU Undergraduate Student Research & Innovation Conference

TRU student researchers from most areas of study will be featured during this conference.

<http://ugc.sites.tru.ca>

► Apr. 5

Roots2Rock

Music in The Round fundraiser for TRU student awards and bursaries.

www.tru.ca/foundation/roots_to_rock



International Days keynote speaker Clemantine Wamariya is a human rights advocate and former guest on Oprah. Photo Thomas Ondrey, Plain Dealer