

President's Report

News

► Harnessing the Sun

The Office of Environment & Sustainability has recently partnered with the TRU Students' Union to install 40 solar panels on the roof of the Campus Activity Centre to create electrical power for TRUSU's Independent Centre. The new solar panels will help TRU meet its 2016 target to reduce campus energy consumption by 25 percent of 2010 figures.

<http://inside.tru.ca/2014/12/05/harnessing-the-sun/>

► Bold Plan Will Guide TRU's Sustainability Efforts

TRU's new Strategic Sustainability Plan outlines how the university will measure and monitor carbon footprint reduction over the next five years. Five months of consultation gathered input from TRU and the Kamloops community. Initiatives include water usage reduction and protection for environmentally sensitive areas on campus.

<http://inside.tru.ca/2014/12/05/bold-plan-will-guide-trus-sustainability-efforts/>

► Philosophy, History, and Politics Undergraduate Conference

Undergraduate students from TRU and other institutions in BC, Alberta, Ontario, and Washington State showcased their research with paper presentations at the 8th annual PHP Conference Jan. 15 – 18. This year's program included topics like "The Aura in Fakes", "Where Canada Fits into China, a Going Out Strategy", and "Fusion: The Circle of Life".

www.tru.ca/phpconf

► First Snow Day

A snowstorm closed the campus for the first time ever on Jan. 5, the first day of winter semester. The TRU Alerts system broadcast the campus closure on the TRU homepage and sent notifications via text or email to those who have signed up for the alerts. The near-record snowfall also affected a transformer at the Campus Activity Centre, closing the CAC until backup generators were installed. Full services at the CAC resumed Jan. 9.

Sign up for TRU Alerts at www.tru.ca/alerts

► ScotiaMcLeod Donation

On Jan. 8, ScotiaMcLeod Consenheim Wealth Management donated \$5,000 to TRU to match funds raised by last summer's TRU Foundation Golf Tournament raffle ticket sales.



Front cover of the new five-year Strategic Sustainability plan for 2014-19.



First TRU Snow Day on record.



Les Consenheim presents a \$5,000 donation to match funds raised by the TRU Foundation Golf Tournament.

Achievements

- **Jim Hu**, English as a Second Language, was selected by TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) International in October 2014 to judge 17 applications for the TESOL/TEFL Travel grant.
- **Jeff McLaughlin's Biomedical Ethics students** completed a new group project aiming to apply classroom learning to ethics issues in the real world and make a difference in the community. Thirty students organized and ran a very successful campaign about organ donation on campus this fall, signing up 102 new organ donors and 90 blood donors and helping save lives. With their feedback on the experience, Jeff plans to assign similar experiential learning projects in two more ethics classes this term.

Publications

PRESENTATIONS

- **Margaret Hall**, Law
Hall, Margaret. "Positive Right and Mental Health Identities: Enabling Social Response." Vulnerability and Human Condition Initiative Workshop. University of Miami School of Law. Miami, FL. November 13-14, 2014.

JOURNALS

- **Susan Duncan**, Nursing
Duncan, Susan, Patricia Anne Rodney, and Sally Thorne. "Forging a Strong Nursing Future: Insights from the Canadian Context." *Journal of Research in Nursing*. 19.7-8 (2014): 621-633.
Duncan, Susan, Sally Thorne, and Patricia Rodney. "Evolving Trends in Nurse Regulation: What Are the Policy Impacts for Nursing's Social Mandate?" *Nursing Inquiry*. (2014): n. pag. Web.
- **Muhammad Mohiuddin**, Marketing, International Business and Entrepreneurship
Al-Mamun, Abdullah, Muhammad Mohiuddin and Saminathan Mariapun. (2014). "Investigating the Effects of Amanah Ikhtiar Malaysia's Microcredit Programmes on Employment in Rural Malaysia." *Journal of Southeast Asian Economies*. 31.3 (2014): 471-483.
Islam, Ayub Mohammad, Asadul Hoque, Muhammad Mohiuddin, and Zhan Su. "Analysis of Capital-Labor Productivity for Firm Level Total Productivity Performance of Pharmaceutical Industries in Developing Countries." *Academy of Taiwan Business Management Review*. 10.3 (2014): 20-27.
- **Nelaine Mora-Diez**, Physical Sciences, **Yulia Egorova** (BSc '12), and **Hart Plommer** (BSc '13)
Mora-Diez, Nelanie, Yulia Egorova, Hart Plommer, and Peter R. Tremaine. "Theoretical Study of Deuterium Isotope Effects on Acid-Base Equilibria under Ambient and Hydrothermal Conditions." *RSC Advances*. 12 (2015): 9097-9109. Web.

Let's Remember

- **Sandy Beveridge** emigrated to Canada from Scotland upon completing his PhD, and had a 50-year career as a forensic chemist, author, lawyer, and teacher. A world expert on forensics, he spent 30 years in the RCMP's Forensic Science Service. Sandy also taught thousands of students in chemistry and business through TRU Open Learning for 33 years. With a passion for learning, Sandy earned an MBA and an LLB, as well as certifications in shiatsu massage, tarot card reading, and aikido.

- **Catherine Ortner**, Psychology
Pasini, Margherita, Rita Berto, Margherita Brondino, Rob Hall, and Catherine Ortner. "How to Measure the Restorative Quality of Environments: The PRS-11." *Procedia – Social and Behavioral Sciences*. 159 (2014): 293-297.
- **Carol Rees**, Education
Rees, Carol. "Developing Awareness of Connections between Science, Technology and the Environment through Participation in a Game-Like Approach to Curriculum." *Brazilian Journal of Research in Science Education*. 14.2 (2014): 147-157.
- **Tyler Turner**, Physical Sciences, and **John Church**, NRS
Turner, T.D, W.J. Meadus, C. Mapiye, P. Vahmani, Ó. López-Campos, P. Duff, D.C. Rolland, J.S. Church, and M.E.R. Dugan. "Isolation of α -Linolenic Acid Biohydrogenation Products by Combined Silver Ion Solid Phase Extraction and Semi-Preparative High Performance Liquid Chromatography." *Journal of Chromatography B*. 980 (2015): 34-40. Web.

BOOKS

- **Will Garrett-Petts**, AVP Research and Graduate Studies, **James Hoffman**, Professor Emeritus, and **Ginny Ratsoy**, English and Modern Languages
Garrett-Petts, W.F, James Hoffman, and Ginny Ratsoy, eds. *Whose Culture Is it, Anyway? Community Engagement in Small Cities*. Vancouver: New Star Books, 2014.



Upcoming Events

► Jan. 27

Networking 411: Business

This speed networking event gives students an opportunity to ask career-focussed questions of working professionals who have first-hand experience in students' fields of study. Open to all TRU students.

<http://events.tru.ca/event/2014/networking-411>

► Jan. 28

Networking 411: All areas of study

This speed networking event features professionals from many disciplines.

<http://events.tru.ca/event/2014/networking-411-all-areas-areas-study>

► Jan. 29

Live at TRU! Series: Maxim Bernard

Pianist Maxim Bernard performs Romeo and Juliet Overture-Fantasy by Tchaikovsky/Naoumoff at the Alumni Theatre, 12:30 to 1:30pm. Free and open to the public.

<http://events.tru.ca/event/2014/live-tru-maxim-bernard>

► Jan. 29

Common Voices Series: Cornel West

American philosopher, political activist, author, and university professor Dr. Cornel West will present at TRU as part of TRUSU's Common Voices Series. Seating for this free event is limited – tickets available from TRUSU starting Jan. 12.

<http://events.tru.ca/event/2014/common-voices-series-cornel-west>

► Feb. 3

CommUnity Innovation Lab

The Fresh Outlook Foundation in partnership with TRU and other organizations, will host the first-ever CommUnity Innovation Lab in Kamloops.

<http://events.tru.ca/event/2014/community-innovation-lab>

► Feb. 5

Privacy/Security Day

Learn more about security, privacy, and best practices that all organizations face around issues like cloud services, social media, big data, the internet-of-things, and mobile devices.

<http://events.tru.ca/event/2015/privacysecurity-day>

► Feb. 9

BC Family Day

TRU will be closed for the statutory holiday.

► Feb. 12

Live at TRU! Series: Diyet

Yukon-based alternative folk artist Diyet performs at the Alumni Theatre, 12:30pm to 1:30pm. Free and open to the public.

<http://events.tru.ca/event/2014/live-tru-diyet>

► Feb. 16

Teaching Practices Colloquium

Dr. Billy Strean, University of Alberta, gives the keynote address at the 11th annual forum. This year's theme is "Igniting the Spark in Teaching and Learning".

<http://www.tru.ca/tpc.html>

► Feb. 16-20

Reading Break

Mid-semester break for most students and programs. TRU will remain open.

<http://events.tru.ca/event/2014/mid-semester-break-2015>

► Feb. 18

TRU Inservice Day

Co-creating an Inclusive Campus Community – Diverse & Equitable

www.tru.ca/hr

► Mar. 5

Job Fair

The annual Job Fair brings dozens of organizations from a range of industries looking to network with students. About 1,500 students attend each year.

www.tru.ca/jobfair

► Mar. 6

Last day to Withdraw from a Semester Course

This is the last date to withdraw from a semester course.

<http://events.tru.ca/event/2014/deadline-5>

► Mar. 12

Live at TRU! Eh 440

Toronto-based a cappella group Eh 440 performs at the Alumni Theatre, 12:30pm to 1:30pm. Free and open to the public.

<http://events.tru.ca/event/2014/live-tru-eh-440>

► Mar. 12

Science Seminar Series: Dr. Teruo Sone

Teruo Sone, Associate Professor of Hokkaido University, Japan, will present on "Screening, Characterization, and Application of the Phytase Capable of Releasing Myo-inositol from Phytic Acid".

<http://www.tru.ca/science/news/seminars.html>