President’s Report

News

► Funding for Trades Training Equipment
On Feb. 4 Hon. Andrew Wilkinson, Minister of Advanced Education, visited the Kamloops campus to announce $325,274 in funding for TRU to purchase new trades training equipment to support trades students entering in-demand occupations. Wilkinson also visited the Williams Lake campus Jan. 16. [Link to announcement]

► Mistletoe Creates a Fever
Ground-breaking findings by Cynthia Ross Friedman, Biological Sciences and a team of researchers including Mark Paetkau, Physics and undergraduate student Rolena deBruyn (’14) were published on Feb. 9 in Nature Communications, one of the highest-ranked multidisciplinary journals in the world. The paper confirms that seed dispersal in dwarf mistletoe is triggered by thermogenesis. [Link to announcement]

► TRU Law Launches New Journal
The Faculty of Law launched the Canadian Journal of Comparative and Contemporary Law (CJCCL) with its inaugural issue Feb. 2. Edited by faculty members Robert Diab, Chris Hunt and Lorne Neudorf, the first issue examines the intersection between health law and human rights, and features contributions from some of the leading scholars in these fields. [Link to announcement]

► Campus Architecture Achieves Gold
On Jan. 30 the Brown Family House of Learning obtained LEED Gold Certification from the Canada Green Building Council for its environmentally-conscious design and construction. [Link to announcement]

► Couple Gives Back to their Profession and to TRU Law
On Jan. 23 Master Rob McDiarmid and Ms. Sharon Matthews, QC, were honoured with the naming of the McDiarmid Seminar Room in Old Main in recognition of their advocacy for the establishment of TRU’s Faculty of Law. The couple donated $50,000 to the law program. [Link to announcement]

► Cornel West
The TRUSU Common Voices Lecture Series presented a free public talk by civil rights activist Dr. Cornel West on Jan. 29. West has taught at both Princeton and Harvard, and has written books that include Race Matters, Democracy Matters, and the memoir Brother West: Living and Loving Out Loud. [Link to announcement]
News

► Tourism Faculty Invited to Norway
With funding from the Norwegian government, John Hull and Anne Terwiel travelled to Norway alongside Sun Peaks executives on Jan. 19 to lead workshops on ski resort customer excellence. TRU and Sun Peaks frequently collaborate as part of the Alliance for Mountain Environments.


► Delegation from China
Delegates from Yongzhou Vocational Technical College visited campus on Feb. 9-10 to discuss potential articulation and visit student programs with TRU representatives.

► Law Student Conference
TRU Society of Law Students’ third annual conference “Trending Now #NewLaw” took place Feb. 4-5, with keynotes by BC Information and Privacy Commissioner Elizabeth Denham, legal futurist Mitch Kowalski, Chief Judge Thomas Crabtree, and Judge Len Marchand.


► CommUnity Innovation Lab
TRU partnered with the Fresh Outlook Foundation (FOF) to host the CommUnity Innovation Lab in Kamloops Feb. 3-5. Participants explored opportunities to accelerate sustainability in BC communities.

► Privacy/Information Security Awareness Day
TRU’s first Privacy/Information Security Awareness Day was held Feb. 5, featuring speakers David Hill and Krista Lussier, a CIO panel, and a smartphone bootcamp workshop.

► 11th Annual Teaching Practices Colloquium
“ Igniting the Spark in Teaching and Learning” was the theme of the Teaching Practices Colloquium on Feb. 16. TRU instructors shared their experiences in kindling a passionate learning atmosphere and engaging students’ interest.

www.tru.ca/tpc

► Family Night of Science
On Feb. 17, the Faculty of Science opened its doors to the community to showcase its programs through hands-on activities, including chemistry and physics magic shows.

► Sweater Day 2015
On Feb. 5 TRU students, faculty and staff showed off their sweaters on Student Street as part of TRU’s participation in National Sweater Day. TRU turned down the heat to 20 degrees to help fight climate change.

► Co-creating an Inclusive Campus Community
TRU’s annual Inservice Day on Feb. 18 focused on diversity, with a keynote by comedian and mental health speaker Victoria Maxwell, and group sessions on diverse identity, equity, sexuality and gender, and mental health.

► Lunch with the President
The semester’s first Lunch for Faculty and Staff was held on Jan. 30. Lunch with the President for Students took place on Jan. 27 and Feb. 3. An appreciation lunch for those responding to the snow day was held Feb. 5.

Achievements

► Lea Bucknell, Visual Arts, won the “Emerging Artist” award at the 2015 Mayor’s Gala for the Arts held on Jan. 31 in Kamloops.

► Naowarat (Ann) Cheeptham, Biological Sciences, will be featured on the Mar. 5 episode of The Nature of Things. Filmed at TRU in her microbiology lab last July, the segment focuses on her research into cave microbes for new antibiotic sources. The show airs at 8 p.m. Pacific on CBC.

► Robert Diab, Law, was interviewed by CBC Television about Bill C-51, the new Canadian Anti-Terrorism Act, on Feb. 2. Diab, who has followed the evolution of criminal law since 9/11, will be releasing his book The Harbinger Theory this spring.

► First-year Arts student Sara Gillis was part of a team of 15 who launched Canada’s first “gamified” smart phone app supporting youth with mental illness. Gillis presented “Booster Buddy” at the international E-Mental Health Conference in Vancouver.

► Rosalie Hilde, Marketing, International Business and Entrepreneurship, was elected as division treasurer for Critical Management Studies at the Academy of Management in August 2014 for a 3-year term.

Psychology student Sara Gillis shows off the Booster Buddy app for youth with mental illness
Achievements

► Karl Hutchings, Anthropology, was featured in online articles by both LiveScience and Archaeology in January for his research and empirical evidence supporting the use of Paleoindian spear-throwing tools. Hutchings was also interviewed about his work by Bob McDonald of CBC Radio's Quirks and Quarks Feb. 7.

► Warveni Jap, Marketing, International Business and Entrepreneurship, has been selected as track chair in General Business by the City University of Hong Kong, Xi'an Jiaotong University, and the University of South Carolina for the July 2015 China International Marketing Conference in Xi'an, China.

► Brian Mackay, AVP Information Technology Services and CIO, was appointed as chair of the Nominating and Governance Review Committee for BCNET, a not-for-profit shared IT services organization.

► TRU Law professor Lorne Neudorf’s research on the independence of the judiciary was recently cited by Gabriela Knaul, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers, writing in the Journal of Parliamentary and Political Law in an article entitled “The Independence of Judges and Lawyers as a Principle of Democracy”.

► The new addition to Old Main by Diamond and Schmitt Architects was featured in a 5-page article in Canadian Architect Magazine’s January 2015 issue, and in an article in online journal Canadian Facilities Management and Design on Jan. 22.

► Brenda Thompson, Journalism, Communications and New Media, has been selected as a judge for the 66th annual National Newspaper Awards, which will be held this May in Toronto.

► TRU Honorary Doctorate and well-known author Richard Wagamese won the “Literary Arts” award at the Mayor’s Gala for the Arts held on Jan. 31 in Kamloops.

► Law student James Wegener was interviewed in October 2014 by National, a magazine published by the Canadian Bar Association, about his trip to the American Bar Association’s Techshow conference in Chicago, IL.

► TRU WolfPack took home both Men’s and Women’s Presidents Cup trophies in January against UBCO. The Presidents Cup competition is based on most point wins between the two schools in volleyball, basketball, and soccer.

UBCO Athletics Director Rob Johnson presents TRU player Josh Wolfram with the Presidents’ Cup trophies.

Credentials Earned

Congratulations to faculty and staff who received their master’s or PhD in the past six months. If you know someone who has achieved theirs, please email the name of the recipient, title of degree and institution to president@tru.ca.

► Surrinder Dhanjal, Computing Science: (2nd) PhD in Computing Science, Thapar University, India.

Publications

Presentations

► Chris Hunt, Law


► Warveni Jap, Marketing, International Business and Entrepreneurship


► Muhammad Mohiuddin, Marketing, International Business and Entrepreneurship


► Lorne Neudorf, Law


► Christopher Walmsley, Social Work

Publications

PATENTS

- Dipesh Prema, Physical Sciences

MAGAZINES

- Christopher Walmsley, Social Work

JOURNALS

- Sheila Blackstock, Nursing
- Tesh Dagne, Law
- Karl Hutchings, Anthropology
- Janna Promislow, Law

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 25
  Research Across the Disciplines: The Place Group Tackles a Green Guide
  Nancy Flood, Ginny Ratsoy, Lyn Baldwin and Elizabeth Templeman present on their Green Guide, tentatively titled Interdisciplinary Place-based Pedagogy, and the rationale for place-based activities.
  http://events.tru.ca/event/2015/research-across-disciplines-place-group-tackles-green-guide

- Feb. 27
  Experiential Learning Series: Developing an Undergraduate Student Journal
  Mohammad Mahbobi presents “Developing an Undergraduate Student Journal” as part of the Experiential Learning Series.
  http://inside.tru.ca/2015/01/12/experiential-learning-series-winter-schedule/

- Feb. 27
  Cariboo Regional Skills Competition and Try-A-Trade
  Secondary and post-secondary trades students compete in their areas of study. Try-A-Trade invites youth and the public to learn more about six different trades at the School of Trades and Technology.

- Feb. 27
  2015 Chinese New Year Celebration
  TRUSU Chinese Students and Scholars Association hosts the 2015 Chinese New Year Dinner and Dance Celebration, which includes performances, fireworks, a fashion show, and a mock Chinese wedding.

- Feb. 27
  Black History Month Caribbean Dinner
  TRUFA Equity Committee and TRUSU Pan African Club host a Caribbean dinner catered by Jam Cam Café in recognition of Black History Month.

- Mar. 2-6
  Aboriginal Awareness Week
  Students, staff, and faculty are invited to learn and participate in some of the diverse cultures of First Nations and Aboriginal communities in this region and all over Canada.

- 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. 5
  Reel Paddling Film Festival
  The Adventure Studies program hosts Rapid Media’s Reel Paddling Film Festival, showcasing the world’s best paddling films.
  http://events.tru.ca/event/2015/reel-paddling-film-festival

- Mar. 5
  Long Night Against Procrastination
  Study sessions, help from students and faculty tutors, and wellness activities will be offered during an overnight study event at the main Library.
  http://events.tru.ca/event/2015/reel-paddling-film-festival
Upcoming Events

► 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. 6
Experiential Learning Series: Putting Ethics in Action
Jeff McLaughlin presents “And Now for Something Completely Different... For Me, Anyway: Putting Ethics in Action” as part of the Experiential Learning Series.
http://inside.tru.ca/2015/01/12/experiential-learning-series-winter-schedule/

► Mar. 10-13
International Days
Celebrate the cultures and diversity of TRU with workshops, presentations, displays, movies, performances, and guest keynote speaker Wade Davis.
www.tru.ca/internationaldays

► Mar. 11
Research Across the Disciplines: What is in a Word?
“What is in a Word? Accelerating Academic Vocabulary Learning across the Curriculum” is presented by Gloria Ramirez.
http://events.tru.ca/event/2015/research-across-disciplines-what-word

► 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”.

► Mar. 13, 20
Essential Public Speaking Tools Workshop
Heidi Verwey leads the workshop in teaching the techniques for confident public speaking. Registration prior to this free session is required.
http://events.tru.ca/event/2014/essential-public-speaking-tools-0

► Mar. 14-15
Annual TRU Powwow
Performances from local and regional participants will be happening at 12:00pm and 7:00pm.
http://events.tru.ca/event/2015/powwow-noon-performances

► Mar. 16
Respiratory Therapy Info Session
Learn more about the Respiratory Therapy program and this exciting health care profession which is in high demand.
http://events.tru.ca/event/2015/respiratory-therapy-info-session

► Mar. 18
Research Across the Disciplines: Research on Education for Canadian Seniors
“Research on Education for Canadian Seniors: One Thing Leads to Another” presented by Ginny Ratsoy.
http://events.tru.ca/event/2015/research-across-disciplines-research-education-canadian-seniors

► Mar. 19
Business Kickstart 101: Marketing Career Panel
The School of Business and Economics presents marketing professionals in a variety of industries.

► Mar. 20
Experiential Learning Series: The Justice and Corporate Accountability Project
Charis Kamphuis presents “Experiential Learning in Legal Education: The Justice and Corporate Accountability Project” as part of the Experiential Learning Series.
http://inside.tru.ca/2015/01/12/experiential-learning-series-winter-schedule/

► Mar. 25
Research Across the Disciplines: Canada's Transition to a Petro State
“Canada’s Transition to a Petro State” presented by Michael Mehta will focus on how to define, measure, and analyze how Canada’s domestic and foreign policy reflects a transition to Petro State status.
http://events.tru.ca/event/2015/research-across-disciplines-canadas-transition-petro-state

► Mar. 26
Science Seminar Series: Dr. Herbert H. Tsang
Herbert H. Tsang, Associate Professor of Trinity Western University, will present at TRU as part of the Science Seminar Series.

► Mar. 28
Relay for Life at TRU
The Residence and TRU WolfPack host TRU’s first Relay for Life event in collaboration with the Canadian Cancer Society, overnight from 7pm to 7am.
http://events.tru.ca/event/2015/relay-life-tru