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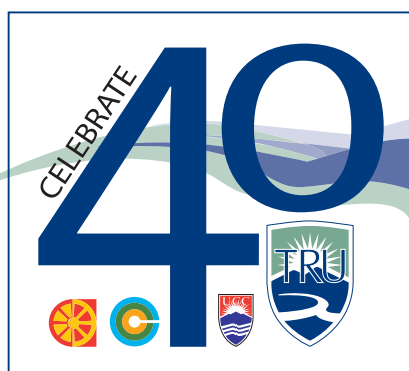
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### Sept

- 11..... Home Care Attendant Chapter Speaker Series ..... 10am – 12pm  
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- 16..... Cultural Event Series – Shane Philips..... 12:30pm (Free)  
*Clock Tower – Alumni Theatre – [www.tru.ca/events](http://www.tru.ca/events)*
- 18 ..... Soccer – TRU Soccer Alumni Event ..... 11am (women) & 1pm (men)  
*vs Vancouver Island U – [www.tru.ca/athletics](http://www.tru.ca/athletics)*

### Oct

- 1 ..... Sports Task Force Fundraising Night An Evening in Vegas ..... 7pm  
*Providing Student Athletes with Scholarship and Bursary funding  
[www.tru.ca/athletics/events](http://www.tru.ca/athletics/events)*
- 12 – 15 .... 2010 Ping Canadian College Athletic Association  
Golf National Championship – *Dunes of Kamloops*
- 21 ..... Cultural Event Series – Human Statues ..... 12:30pm (Free)  
*Clock Tower – Alumni Theatre – [www.tru.ca/events](http://www.tru.ca/events)*
- 29 ..... Basketball – Home Opener..... 6pm (women) & 8pm (men)  
*vs Alberta – [www.tru.ca/athletics](http://www.tru.ca/athletics)*

### Nov

- 5 ..... Basketball – TRU Basketball Alumni Event..... 6pm (women) & 8pm (men)  
*vs TWU – [www.tru.ca/athletics](http://www.tru.ca/athletics)*
- 12 ..... Volleyball – Home Opener..... 6pm (women) & 8pm (men)  
*vs Manitoba – [www.tru.ca/athletics](http://www.tru.ca/athletics)*
- 26 ..... Volleyball – TRU Volleyball Alumni Event ..... 6pm (men) & 8pm (women)  
*vs Alberta – [www.tru.ca/athletics](http://www.tru.ca/athletics)*

### Feb

- 5..... TRU Foundation Fundraising Gala – Super Natural British Columbia  
*Proceeds towards financial aid for TRU students – [www.tru.ca/foundation](http://www.tru.ca/foundation)*
- 7 – 11 ..... International Days  
*Five Day Festival of World Cultures at TRU – [www.tru.ca/internationaldays](http://www.tru.ca/internationaldays)*

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Shortlisted entries will be posted on  
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*TRU Alumni & Friends Association Chair – Susan McIntyre*

## Welcome Back

In our busy lives, there are many activities competing for our time. When you have a moment to read this issue of Bridges magazine you'll get a glimpse of some of the remarkable things TRU Alumni & Friends are doing with their time. They are on pirate patrol over the Gulf of Aden, trekking the rugged trails of Nootka Island to prove that disability is not an inability and combating poverty in a small African village by pigging it forward.

This month, it will be worth stopping for the University's anniversary celebration. Forty years of history for Cariboo College, the University College of the Cariboo, Open Learning and Thompson Rivers University is just the event to attend in 2010. You and your families are invited to share our celebration and recognize the last 40 years.

Besides connecting with classmates and faculty, discover TRU as it has grown and evolved today. The new House of Learning will be a highlight for all to see. Friday will be geared towards family activities, including prizes, buskers, tours of the garden, speakers, breakfasts and much

more. Spend the day making connections with Alumni & Friends and current students. Stay for dinner, music and a great fireworks display to end the evening. Check the schedule of events at **[www.tru.ca/40](http://www.tru.ca/40)** to see what your faculty is doing. Don't miss the antique car show and the tool display, courtesy of the School of Trades & Technology. Imagine sharing this history with your kids and sharing your experience.

Mark the dates now, and make plans to attend, September 8 through 12.

On behalf of the Alumni & Friends Association and Thompson Rivers University, we look forward to seeing you there.

*Come take a walk with us...  
Revisit, remember and reconnect.*

*Susan McIntyre*

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Details on the opportunities listed above available at:

**[www.tru.ca/40](http://www.tru.ca/40)**

# Campus Commons



## President and Vice-Chancellor

Dr. Alan Shaver, *Announced June 2*

The Vice-President Academic and Provost at Dalhousie University since 2006, Dr. Shaver will begin his new position as President and Vice-Chancellor of TRU on December 1, 2010.

*"There is a pioneering spirit in Kamloops and in the past 40 years it has built an innovative and dynamic institution. Many of the great Canadian universities are founded upon the vision of pioneers such as fur trader James McGill and British colonial administrator Lord Dalhousie. Both believed that society must be built on education and free thought. That legacy of vision and spirit continues at TRU. It is time to take that legacy onto the global stage and continue innovating strategically to build a better world."*



## Faculty of Science

Dean Dr. Tom Dickinson  
*Appointed April 1*

*"I have enjoyed being part of the senior leadership team at TRU and I find the mixture of jobs that make up the Dean's position both challenging and rewarding. I am looking forward to working with a really fine group of colleagues to deliver what I think is an exceptionally good undergraduate science education."*



## School of Nursing

Dean Dr. Barbara Paterson  
*Appointed July 15*

*"I am excited about working with the faculty at Thompson Rivers University School of Nursing because I appreciate their commitment to student learning and to the scholarship of teaching. I am confident that as we work together with our community partners we will contribute to the reputation of the School of Nursing as being among the best in Canada."*



## TRU World

AVP, Dr. Wesley Koczka  
*Appointed May 1*

*"TRU has an excellent reputation around the world for its programs and marketing innovation. I am excited to continue the momentum. The individuals at TRU World who have created an enterprise hosting more than 2,000 students from 90 countries on the Kamloops campus, and has more than 1,000 students enrolled in programs in China, India, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand."*



## Williams Lake

Director Dr. Ray Sanders  
*Appointed September 1*

*"I am very pleased to be given the opportunity to work with the community and to live in Williams Lake. I fully understand the ever changing and transformational role that post secondary schools play in the lives of local citizens. I also understand TRU's unique role in economic development as it partners with business and industry to provide entry-level and upgrade-training for workers and employers in the Cariboo."*



# Campus Commons



## New academic model for the Williams Lake campus

A new academic model is rolling out at the Williams Lake campus. Intended to boost enrolment and student success, the model is the result of extensive community feedback.

In September the Williams Lake Campus is offering a new cohort model to guarantee courses in first and second year arts, first-year science and university prep programs.

Provost and Vice-President of Academic, Dr. Ulrich Scheck, has put administrative and marketing support toward a model that guarantees courses in the campus's first and second-year university offerings in arts, first-year sciences and university preparation.

"TRU is committed to creating a vibrant and sustainable campus in Williams Lake," said Scheck. "The new roster of vocational, skills-based and academic courses combined with a cohort model, will greatly benefit our students and the Williams Lake community."

The program is detailed at [www.tru.ca/williamslake](http://www.tru.ca/williamslake)

## TRU Friends of the Gardens & Thompson Shuswap Master Gardeners have teamed up to present...

Fall 2010 Master Gardener Basic Training Program at the TRU Horticulture Building House 10. This program will appeal to enthusiastic home gardeners wanting to take their knowledge, passion and love of gardening to new heights. The intensive training program provides information on all gardening basics and trends. The program emphasizes environmentally responsible, sustainable gardening practices. Open to all, the course runs every Saturday from September 11 to December 11.

Email: [plants4@telus.net](mailto:plants4@telus.net)



## Bilingual signs stop traffic at TRU

*Estil*, is the Secwepemctsin word for 'stop'. The bilingual signs are the first significant public indicator that TRU is located in the heart of Secwepemc territory. Search [www.tru.ca/newsroom](http://www.tru.ca/newsroom) for the audio clip to learn how to say 'Estil' in Secwepemctsin.



Wendy McKenzie,  
Nursing Educator, School of Nursing,  
Thompson Rivers University

## Pig it forward

by Wendy McKenzie

Thank you "Bridges"

Your article and cover photo in the Spring 2010 issue of Bridges led to the ICU nurses at Royal Inland hospital holding a quick fundraiser to purchase piglets for the "Pig it forward" Project in Lesotho. My previous School of Nursing international

practise group started a pig project in Lesotho to combat poverty, and support education and community development. I am pleased to report that the pigs are alive and well and delivered piglets of their own in Aug 2010. These piglets will be given to other village members to raise until everyone has a pig, then pigs will be forwarded to the next village. There is also an expectation of mentorship for the appropriate knowledge and skills to be learned to ensure the well-being of the animals. The new project placed two pigs with a child-led household in a village near Maseru. Supported by community mentors to provide agricultural and business assistance enables the children to learn new skills, attend school and combat poverty. It is from these children that we will buy future pigs for the program. I would like to thank all alumni members for their continued interest and support in this very exciting project.





*Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2010 Bridges survey and congratulations to Erin!*

## iWin!

As the Grand Prize winner of the Bridges Magazine Survey Contest, Erin Lowe, a 2009 Animal Health Technology Diploma grad was presented with an Apple iPad.

The Alumni & Friends Association will use data collected from the survey to improve the quality and relevance of Bridges Magazine.



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To visit the full TRU website, click here



## A TRU app for that

Simply enter "m.tru.ca" on your mobile device browser, and you'll have instant access to campus services including TRU News and Events, Food Services Information, WolfPack updates, Computer Lab Availability, Wireless Printers, Campus Maps, Telbook and Security contacts.

## New season for Actors Workshop Theatre

Fresh off the recent Mainstage Festival in July, TRU Actors Workshop program coordinator, Wesley Eccleston is eager to begin the new term with students and community. "This year we are honouring the theatrical past and present. Our 2010-11 season includes classics and contemporary productions that will showcase the depth of our acting base, and appeal to the general public."



### Friends take friends on tour

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Based in part on the need for some of the productions' larger cast numbers, AWT is experimenting with their casting methods and inviting TRU community members past and present to join their ranks.

**Contact Eccleston** for more information on casting call dates and times at **250.828.5020**.

One would think they have their hands full, but AWT is still providing an encore or two. The program is formally partnering with Western Canada Theatre, on and offstage. Their February production of "Wit" will also feature university actors. Canadian acting celeb, Lorne Cardinal, performs in "Thunderstick" at WCT, and will be guest lecturing at TRU about the acting scene.



*Dr. Lorne Cardinal receiving his honorary degree from Chancellor Nancy Greene Raine in 2009.*

**For tickets call the Box Office at 250.377.6100**

### 2010 - 2011 Season

#### › The Tempest

– by William Shakespeare  
Directed by James Hoffman

**October 28-30**

**November 4-6**

*Matinee: Friday, November 5*

#### › Tales of the

**Lost Formicans**

– by Constance Cogden  
Directed by Robin Nichol

**January 13-15, 20-22**

*Matinee: Friday, January 21*

#### › Antigone

– by Jean Anouilh  
Directed by Heidi Verwey

**March 10-12, 17-19**

*Matinee: Friday, March 18*

#### › 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Directors Festival

**April 11-16**



# Research Review

## TRU Science grads among nation's best

Six 2010 graduates from Thompson Rivers University's Faculty of Science are among the winners of some of Canada's most prestigious graduate student research awards.

Announced recently by the federally funded research agency (Natural Sciences and Engineering Council of Canada), the awards are for high-calibre scholars at the master's, doctoral and postdoctoral levels, as well as investments in a wide range of research projects in areas such as computing science, environmental sciences, life sciences and engineering. Eight TRU students applied for scholarships this semester, six were successful – an exceptionally high success rate of 75 per cent.

The criteria for selection given by NSERC is that the student must have a first-class standing in each of their last two years, and only the best will be selected. Once academic excellence is established, the other criteria are research potential/ability and communication, interpersonal and leadership abilities. This information is gleaned from the student's application, and the letters of recommendation written by faculty who have first-hand knowledge of the student's abilities. Without exception, the successful students have worked on research projects one-on-one with TRU faculty – one of the major benefits of the educational experience at TRU.

**Samantha Keller** (*far left*) is one of five students who have won an Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarship of \$17,500. Supervised by Dr. Kingsley Donkor and Nela Mora-Diez, Sam has majored in organic chemistry and is heading to the University of Calgary where she will study Physical Organic Chemistry research related to solar energy materials.

**Marisa Azad**, graduate of cellular and molecular biology, is the recipient of NSERC's prestigious Julie Payette Research Scholarship of \$25,000. Awarded to only 24 of the most outstanding graduate students in the country, Marisa's research projects at TRU have been supervised by Dr. Heidi Huttunen-Hennelly and Dr. Cindy Ross Friedman and focused on the discovery of a protein design that promises to deliver new drugs.

Marisa is heading to McMaster University for a combined

MD/PhD program where she'll be working practical research projects en route to becoming a physician.

**Alysa McCall**, a biology student has spent summers studying small grassland mammals (deer mice, voles). Her more current work has been researching spadefoot toads under the supervision of Karl Larsen. This fall at the University of Alberta, Alysa will turn her attention from small mammals to the largest carnivores on the continent, polar bears.

**Scott Foubister** is a physics major whose research projects have been supervised by Dr. Normand Fortier. He is heading to the University of Waterloo (UW) for a research position at the Institute for Quantum Computing (IQC) for a Master of Physics degree in quantum information. At the IQC he will be part of a multi-disciplinary group researching quantum devices and their applications. He has been offered \$21,000 plus a \$10,000 entrance scholarship from the IQC. Plus the NSERC – that's nearly \$45,000 for his first year at UW!

**Kendra Robinson**, who majored in biology and conducted research supervised by Dr. Lyn Baldwin, has been accepted into the master's program at the Pacific Salmon Ecology and Conservation laboratory at UBC. Very much interested in salmonid ecology, the offers of additional scholarship incentives helped her along with the graduate school decision.

**Brittany Dever**, a Brocklehurst Secondary grad in 2006, has been accepted to the University of Alberta. Her analytical chemistry research on lantibiotics with supervisor Dr. Kingsley Donkor, has secured her an \$11,000 Queen Elizabeth II entrance scholarship as one of the top four students applying to the Chemical Biology PhD program.



*"I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to the scholarship recipients from Thompson Rivers University. This achievement is a testament to your hard work and dedication and the high-calibre education you have received from TRU."*

*Cathy McLeod, MP for Kamloops– Thompson– Cariboo.*



# Student Street

## Green dreams

The green dream home started with Jody Martens, a first-year student in the Architectural and Engineering Technology Program. Her design won the Equilibrium™ House Design competition, earned her a handsome scholarship and was used as the blueprint to build the 2010 Training House at Sun Rivers Golf Resort Community.



Just over a year later, a 3,000-square-foot home stands at 1858 Ironwood Terrace in Sun Rivers and is so loaded with energy-efficient features that the estimated net cost for a year's worth of electricity will be zero.

An extended list of features, ranging from 2.5-cm-thick recycled rubber shingles to a living-room waterfall that balances interior humidity, make it one of the most technically complex and modern homes in existence.

The house is the product of a collaboration among several organizations, including the Canadian Home Builders Association, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. and Thompson Rivers University, and is one of 15 CMHC supported 'Equilibrium' green home projects that are either complete or underway across Canada.

TRU's construction trades programs provided the student labour to build it.

Lindsay Langill, Dean of the School of Trades & Technology, noted that the university has partnered with Canadian Home Builders on housing construction projects for 19 years.

"There is no other home or project being done anywhere I know of, to this magnitude, where students learning the trade in the foundation program are getting exposure like this," Langill said. Trades students – carpenters, electricians and plumbers – are all promptly hired because of their familiarity with the green materials and building practices.

The house at 1858 Ironwood Terrace in Sun Rivers is open for tours until November 25, 2010.

Tickets to win the home can be purchased at: [www.kamloopsy.org](http://www.kamloopsy.org)



# Student Street

## Fair Trade Kamloops

*Adina Gray and Jane Komori, from Sa-Hali Secondary man the Free Trade information booth at a Saturday Farmer 's Market.*

When she enrolled in the Master of Business program two years ago, TRU student Adina Gray (BBA '05) expected a degree with typical lectures on corporate finance and strategic management. However, a Business Ethics course taught by TRU Professor, Dr. Andrew Fergus inspired Gray to focus her thesis on fair trade, a system allowing poor farmers from developing countries to receive a fair price for their crops –coffee, cocoa, tea, rice, sugar, etc. and to access global markets on better terms than those offered by conventional trade. In December 2009, Adina travelled to Peru where she spent two weeks visiting a fair trade coffee cooperative, learning about its business practices and interviewing coffee farmers. Moved by their hard work and appreciation of a fair trade system that allows them to feed their families and educate their children, Gray returned determined to share their stories and encourage Canadians to support the system by choosing Fair Trade Certified products whenever possible. With the help of a few enthusiastic volunteers, Gray founded Fair Trade Kamloops, a local advocacy group committed to increasing Fair Trade awareness in the community.

The group's first project included an audit of all local grocery stores, resulting in a list of fair trade products available: coffee, tea, chocolate, rice, sugar and many others. "It is now easier than ever for consumers to make the right choices and this is only the beginning," Gray said. A new campaign initiated by the group aims to bring Fair Trade bananas to Kamloops.



### How can you support fair trade?

› Purchase products with the Fair Trade Certified Logo

› Ask your coffee shop, restaurant or hotel to offer fair trade options

› Educate your friends, family and community groups about fair trade

*Volunteer with Fair Trade Kamloops by contacting them on Facebook or by emailing [fairtradekamloops@gmail.com](mailto:fairtradekamloops@gmail.com)*

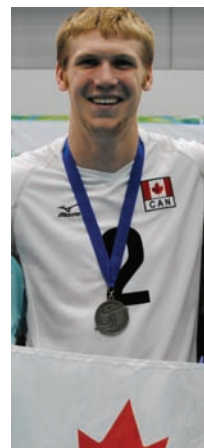
## Summer Setting



*Photo: Nick Procylo/ Vancouver Sun*



Greg Stewart (r), practices with the Canadian Paralympic sitting volleyball team preparing for the world championships held in Edmond, Oklahoma in July. He's also a 7'2" post with the WolfPack men's basketball team.



It was an experience of a lifetime for Colin Carson. The Thompson Rivers University WolfPack setter was part of Canada's silver medal winning national junior men's team at the NORCECA tournament. Carson and the team earned a berth to the 2011 FIVB Junior Championship.





*Norma Watts (BSN '95)  
and Hayley Bennett (BA '10)*

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a mentor  
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**TRU Career Education  
Department**

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With an initial goal to become a clinical psychologist, Bennett had what many undergraduate students entering university from high school have, "premature occupational tracking".

"Grade 12 students are typically familiar with about 20 different career choices," said Susan Forselle TRU Student Employment Coordinator. "They often enter university and choose a degree based on this limited list.

"Through the Career Mentoring Program, our students have access to wonderful TRU Alumni & Friends as career advisors who know the labour market intimately and can provide a glimpse of aspects of careers that we (employment counsellors) are not always able to provide."

For students and mentors who are apprehensive about one-on-one mentoring relationships, the program "Networking 411" has been set up to allow mentors to work in pairs and students to meet them in small groups. Taking on the form of speed dating, this program introduces both the mentor and the protégé to the how-to and benefit of mentor relationships.

The main thing Forselle advises the students/protégés is to be committed and take the opportunity to ask questions. "Find out what your mentor did to get to where they are. What mistakes did they make? What would they do differently if they had the chance? Is it the job they thought it was?"



## Mentoring for Success

Thompson Rivers University student Hayley Bennett (BA '10) was one of the first to sign up for TRU's recently launched Career Mentoring Program.

With her studies this spring, Bennett faced growing indecision about her degree choice. She opted to take an extra step to explore her career options and signed up for the Career Mentor Program. "As an arts student everybody was asking me what I was going to do with my degree," said Bennett, a Bachelor of Arts student majoring in psychology. "After a work placement in mental health, I knew I had to explore all the options available to me."

## Join the TRU Career Mentor Program...

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## A Picture of Support

### Permanent art collection helps graduates build resume

by Sarah Bruce



Fraser Hallett, Fine Arts graduate 2010, sits in front of the TRU arts building while reflecting on his art success up until now.

Each year TRU supports graduating Visual Arts students by selecting a few masterpieces to add to the permanent art collection.

"It is important because it helps build an artist's resume to have had work purchased for the university's permanent collection," said Ernie Kroeger, a TRU Visual and Performing Arts assistant professor.

Each year TRU spends \$1,000 to \$2,000 on pieces created by the graduating students whose final semester is in directed studies. The art is chosen from the graduating students' year-end exhibiton.

Over 100 pieces make up the collection that was started in 1994. The mediums represented are diverse and include etchings, drawings, paintings, photographs, lithographs and silkscreens. There are also several pieces of sculpture and ceramics which are in storage because of limited display space.

This year the committee purchased eight pieces from four students. Three of those pieces were Fraser Hallett's. His oil on canvas painting evokes a French film noir style. They can be displayed individually or as a group.

"They purchased a series of three entitled 'The Watcher'," Hallett said, a TRU Bachelor of Fine Arts graduate. "It's mostly about artificial light and shapes and things that can be mistaken in the darkness; the feeling I get when I'm out at night and constantly see things different the closer or farther I get to it."

"I had different ideas and imagery floating around my head, so I thought that was a good place to go, because something interesting was coming from our common experiences interpreted by the unique machine of my brain," Hallett said, explaining his inspiration for the paintings.

And still inspired by art, Hallett plans to apply for UVIC's education program this winter.

"Apparently they have a dedicated art teacher program instead of just an all inclusive education program," Hallett said, explaining his hopes of wanting to be a high school art teacher. "I really want to focus on skill building. I think one of my biggest frustrations as a high school student was the lack of direct instruction on how to achieve a specific affect, so I'd like to be a lot more hands-on and direct."



The Watcher — by Fraser Hallett



*Matthew Tremblay, Fine Arts graduate 2005, working at the Kamloops Art Gallery, displays the art piece that was bought by TRU when he graduated.*

## The Preparator

Another Visual Arts alumni succeeding in the art world is Matthew Tremblay, who graduated from the TRU Visual Arts program in 2005. He also had several pieces bought for the permanent collection in his graduating year.

Tremblay is now a preparator at the Kamloops Art Gallery.

"I basically do all the technical aspects of show construction: anything that needs to be installed, built or ordered," he said, explaining that he enjoys still being able to work with art for his career path. "I do a little bit of everything."

"Buying pieces for the collection is kind of like speculating," Kroeger said. "You look for the strongest, most interesting pieces. It's a nudge to a student, to go further and become a successful artist or educator. As a teacher you want your students to succeed."

Pieces from TRU's permanent collection are on display in several locations around campus including: Arts & Education, Advising, Registrar's Office, Open Learning, Advancement Office and TRU World.



*Cantharellus infundibuliformis etching – Matthew Tremblay*

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# Track the 'Pack

## Adopt an Athlete

The program is as simple as its title. Student athletes make a great sacrifice in order to perform both in the classroom and on the court, pitch, ice or diamond. Striving for excellence in both realms, leaves little time to work part-time jobs.

The *Adopt an Athlete* program links individuals and businesses with student athletes in various programs. "Some of our benefactors have been involved for years," says Athletic Director Ken Olynik. "We don't tie our benefactors into specific totals. We are grateful for whatever they can contribute."

Since each team is involved in *Adopt an Athlete*, benefactors can specify a sport. The money will go directly to an athlete with that team. Dispersing of the funds falls on the shoulders of the team's head coach.

"Asking for help financially is a very personal thing," Olynik explains. "That is one of the reasons why we stress anonymity on both sides."

However, there is the opportunity for the benefactor to be recognized, and supporters will be issued a tax receipt.

Student athletes write a thank you letter which finds its way to contributors.

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*"I don't know where I would be without the help I received from the Adopt an Athlete program," said one athlete.*

*"Just knowing there is a program around I can turn to if I run into financial difficulty, gives me great piece of mind", says another.*

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If you are interested in the *Adopt an Athlete* program please contact the TRU WolfPack Athletic Office at 250.828.5009, email [cdahl@tru.ca](mailto:cdahl@tru.ca) or a WolfPack coach.

Information is available on the Athletic website: [www.tru.ca/athletics](http://www.tru.ca/athletics)

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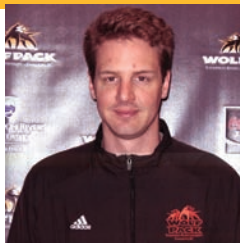
## NEW Faces, NEW Direction

Women's volleyball and men's basketball each hired their second-ever head coaches in Keith Lundgren and Scott Clark respectively. Keith replaces interim coach Cal Wolford and Scott is in for interim coach Thom Gillespie.

Rounding out the trio of newcomers is Lorne Cumming, at the helm of the men's hockey team after a first season headed up by Chris Hans. Hans will still be around as he continues working with the collegiate hockey society.

Since their appointments, the three amigos have been assembling the pieces they hope will transform their programs into perennial powerhouses.

Coach Clark is optimistic about his rookie season with TRU, saying it's full of potential. "We have a blank canvas and the challenge of building from the ground up was something that intrigued me. I felt the community would continue to support the team and my being integral to growing that support is something that is appealing and a lot of fun."



L to R: Keith Lundgren, Scott Clark and Lorne Cumming

*"We have a blank canvas, and the challenge of building from the ground up – was something that intrigued me,"*

*Scott Clark*

Lundgren is equally excited to be in the WolfPack family saying, "I'm a believer in continuous growth, I've seen that trait in the WolfPack culture and I felt it was a great fit for me as coach."

With spots to fill on each roster coupled with the fierce competition around recruiting high-calibre student athletes, it's been anything but a summer of tubing the South Thompson for the three new faces. They've been tapping their contacts and casting wide nets for the right combination of skills and character.



## Global Competency

Thompson Rivers University recently announced its approval of a new Global Competency distinction that will become part of the official transcript of graduating students. Newly minted BBA grad Megan Lepp is one of the first students to apply for the recognition of Global Competency.

The distinction represents a unique advantage for TRU students — one that is designed to formally recognize international skills and experience students acquire during their time at TRU.

For Megan, her international experience came from a five-month Study Abroad program in global business at Austria's FH Joanneum University.

"Businesses now are likely to have branches and contacts around the world," Megan said during a phone interview, just before starting her day as Account Coordinator at Pulse Group in Kamloops. "The new global competency distinction shows that I can adapt in the global business model".

"For me, it's also to show potential employers that besides my business acumen, I am well rounded. Many students graduate with BBAs, but not all of them take the initiative to learn more about business outside of their hometown."

Beside Study Abroad, other eligible qualifying categories include foreign language study or other course work with a distinct cross-cultural or international focus, as well as participation in field schools, and international volunteer opportunities.

Global competency is best understood as a body of knowledge, skills, values, and attitudes reflecting a capability for global

citizenship — that is, a capacity to engage effectively in an international environment. In today's globalized world, where economies and societies interact with one another on many levels, this capacity is ever more in demand.

"The opportunity to create their own, unique university experience is attracting students from across Canada and around the world to Thompson Rivers University. The international aspect has become a very important part of that experience," said Josh Keller, TRU's Director of Student Recruitment and Liaison. "The employers of tomorrow want individuals with a global perspective, and TRU's new Global Competency distinction will give our graduates the advantage of being able to demonstrate this in a meaningful way."

TRU is a Canadian leader in internationalization in higher education, and the new Global Competency qualification reflects both the university's commitment to global citizenship and its capacity to establish institution-wide internationalization initiatives.

The Global Competency distinction is available to all TRU students, regardless of their program or field of study. Those meeting the criteria will have it recorded on their official university transcript.

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*"The new global  
competency distinction  
shows that I can adapt in  
the global business model"*

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TRU's history of international engagement dates back over 30 years. International projects and linkages currently extend to more than 45 countries with students from more than 70 nations enrolled at the main campus in Kamloops.

For more info, email [global@tru.ca](mailto:global@tru.ca)

Megan Lepp, BBA '10





# Cover Story

## No Limits —Nootka Trail



*Greg Simmonds, Christine Selinger and Chelsea Selinger*

### A true adventure

## Adventure tourism graduates help first paraplegic to take on Nootka Trail

by Sarah Bruce

Imagine a grueling eight days hiking through thick forests with barely a trail to follow: trudging along damp beaches avoiding the tide and climbing vertical cliffs to carry on through rugged coastal bluffs. Now imagine you don't have use of your legs and you are the first paraplegic to hike the Nootka trail. The 35 kilometre route encircles a remote island off the west coast of northern Vancouver Island and is accessible only by float plane or boat.

Christine Selinger, a young paraplegic and her sister Chelsea Selinger, a student in TRU's Bachelor of Tourism Management (BTM) program along with *Greg Simmonds*, a BTM grad and current Master of Environmental Science candidate, set out in late May to hike the Nootka trail.

Also along was Patrick Lindsay for Adventure Tourism savvy and Nursing grad Roland Moonie for medical support.

The trail is for advanced hikers, Simmonds explained. "Most websites will say it's only for experienced hikers and even experienced hikers should expect to come out with minor injuries. It definitely is not the easiest trail I have done."

A native of Sooke, BC, Simmonds has hiked the majority of trails in Western BC, including the West and North Coast trails as well as the Juan de Fuca Marine trail.

"The terrain is a bit of a West Coast nightmare," Simmonds said. "It's not a very popular trail so it's not very well developed, and it was early season so even the people who would go in hadn't really opened the trail up very much. There were a lot of mud puddles, and by mud puddles I mean you step in them and you are up to your calves. It's a really narrow trail through the forest, and the beaches vary from nice bedrock, which was perfect, to big boulders or pea gravel, which was a nightmare out there."



## A true adventure

More about the trek at [nootkanolimits.com](http://nootkanolimits.com)

When the group ran into some locals living on the island they admitted they hadn't hiked the trail themselves and said they had a name for those who had, Simmonds said. "They wouldn't tell us what it was but you could tell they were thinking that 'you guys are nuts and I have no idea why you would try and do this'."

Despite the physical challenges, the travellers agreed it was a rewarding expedition.

"It was crazy, but amazing," Christine Selinger said. "Really difficult, but at the same time, it was beautiful and great."

"It was more challenging than I expected but that kind of adds to the whole experience of it, if it hadn't been challenging it wouldn't have added to the accomplishment," Chelsea Selinger said.

Christine was in a repelling accident in 2006, when she was 19, and sustained a spinal cord injury. However, her sister said this has not slowed her down.

"They always wanted to do the West Coast trail, but then they decided to start with something smaller and potentially easier," Simmonds said. "Through coffee shop talks it somehow turned into the Nootka trail which is not necessarily smaller or easier."

"Christine started out really gung-ho and for the first two days she pretty much moved all by herself through the forest, which was hard because she pretty much resorted to crawling or sort of scooting, which was a term we came up with to describe how she moves," Simmonds said. "Once she got to the beach where we were able to use a special three-wheeled (hand-cycle bike), she was good about peddling or steering while we pulled – depending on what obstacles there were. She was very dedicated."

"I can't imagine trying to use only your arms for eight days straight," Simmonds said, and "she was always with a smile on her face."

Her sister recalled: "As soon as she figured out how to adapt and move around she took the bull by the horns."

"The biggest physical challenge for me was having to move fast and never being able to move fast enough," Christine said.

"For the first few days we had to walk through dense forest and I wanted to move on my own but there wasn't enough physically in me to move that fast every day."

One of the biggest obstacles the travellers faced were the pocket beaches. Simmonds described them as short, frequent expanses of shoreline broken up by forests and cliffs. "We'd walk up a cliff, walk through the forest for maybe 200 metres, then go down a cliff and then walk along a pebble beach for another 200 metres. Then go up a cliff, across, down and across the beach, and we'd keep repeating that."

"Fortunately Chelsea, Patrick and myself went through the adventure guide program so we had the rope skills," Simmonds said, summing up how they would strap Christine to a harness with another climber to get her up and down vertical cliffs.

On one day the travellers came across a black bear which spooked Christine. "You know how they say you only have to outrun the slowest person...", she said, not needing to finish the sentence.

But the group was always there to help the slowest person. Christine never had to ask for help. The others travelling would just offer aid; whether it was picking her up and carrying her or pulling her bike like a dog sledding team through deep sand.

"We had an amazing team," Chelsea said. "They were a great group of people and I wouldn't have wanted to share it with anyone else."

"No matter how much we hurt, or how long of a day we had, it was fun to get to know each other and just be there and enjoy that we were able to do this and see everything," Christine said. "There are not a lot of [disabled] people who have done it, but I think a lot of this is because people think they can't and I think that is part of our mission statement that you can; you don't have to hide away." *continued >*



*Surefooting on the smooth, slippery rocks.*

*Corey, Christine, Chelsea and Patrick traverse one of the dozens of pocket beaches on the Nootka Trail.*





# Cover Story

continued >

For the complete album  
of the trip go to

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## Nootka Trail Expedition

**“It was crazy but amazing, really difficult, but at the same time it was beautiful and great.”**

– Christine Selinger



### Who?

(L to R front row)

**Chelsea Selinger**, BTM '08  
sister to Christine

**Christine Selinger**  
paraplegic star

**Roland Moonie**, BSN '06  
medical support

(L to R back row)

**Greg Simmonds**, BTM '09  
island expert

**Patrick Lindsay**,  
Adventure Dip '04  
pack horse

**Ken Attwood**  
photographer

### What?

The 35km  
Nootka Trail through  
rugged coastal  
wilderness.

### When?

For eight days  
in late May 2010.

### Where?

Nootka Island  
off the coast of  
Vancouver Island.

### Why?

For the love of the  
outdoors and to  
prove a disability  
isn't an inability.

**“I can't imagine  
trying to use  
only your arms  
for eight  
days straight.”**

– Greg Simmonds



# Alma Matters

## Alumni & Friends Successes



### Pirate patrol

By Sarah Bruce

When thinking of pirates, treasure, ships and skulls and crossbones come to mind. One might not realize that pirates are still an issue on the seven seas and that Adam Carlson, patrolled to keep the oceans safe.

Carlson attended high school in Kamloops and began his computer science degree in 1991 when the university was called UCC. He was accepted into the military in 1992, went on to complete his degree and join the air force.

In April 2009, Carlson was promoted to major and deployed to begin preparing for Operation Saiph, a six-month maneuver launched last fall to counter piracy and terrorism in the Middle East.

"Our Air Detachment is made up of 11 technicians, eight aircrew and one helicopter," Carlson said. "We were very fortunate to be able to fly almost every day. We would offer a visible deterrent to piracy as well as a bit of flag-waving and reassurance to the merchants sailing through the Gulf of Aden."

Major Adam Carlson pilots the CH-124 Sea King as the rest of the crew conducts a hoist transfer from the helicopter to the flight deck of the Fredericton with a guide line. This training is to allow the flight crew to pickup or transfer a person to another vessel without a landing area or an area fouled with debris making it very dangerous to land the aircraft.



Photo : Cpl. Peter Reed, Formation Imaging Services, Halifax, Nova

"Though it seems like small gestures, these little things made a big difference to those of us away from home,"

— Mjr. Adam Carlson

During our deployment there was not a single act of piracy within our assigned sectors, which I think means we were an effective deterrent."

The highlights of the operation were the places his squadron visited and the support they received from home. For Christmas, the squadron received t-shirts from the police and fire department as part of the hero to hero campaign.

"Though it seems like a small gestures, these little things made a big difference to those of us away from home," Carlson said.



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# Alma Matters

## One degree closer to Med School

by Elise Desjardine, Editor, Open Learning

It takes more than an impressive résumé to be accepted into the competitive echelons of higher education's med schools. With an acceptance rate below 15%, Morgan Evans had to make every effort to remain competitive.

To broaden his academic knowledge and to edge out the competitors, Evans enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts, Psychology program through Thompson Rivers University, Open Learning (TRU-OL) to add to his Bachelor of Science Honours degree from Queen's University.

"The non-paced nature of Open Learning courses allowed me the freedom to study around my other commitments such as work, travel and volunteering opportunities," Evans said, describing the many extracurricular endeavours needed to supplement his CV for medical school.

Transitioning from traditional instructor-led courses – where didactic lecturing is the norm to the independent nature of Open Learning, was initially quite difficult for Evans. The course format and faculty support helped him adjust quickly.

*"The independent nature of Open Learning encourages time management, prioritizing skills, staying caught-up and on top of one's workload and effective usage of available resources. Completing my second degree through Open Learning helped me to refine my study techniques and encompass these skills."*

He's become a fan of the small, neat package of course materials, lack of line-ups for books and instructors. "Course help is available when you need it, the academic counsellor support is very knowledgeable and acquiring transcripts and official documents is quite effortless."

Although he completed many courses in less than a month, the real expedience was being able to gain two years of credits towards his TRU-OL BA, Psych—completing his degree in half the time expected.

Now in his second year at medical school at UBC, Evans recently completed a required rural family practice elective in the Northwest Territories. "I was very fortunate to have been chosen to travel to Inuvik to complete my elective. I worked with a number of general practitioners and several specialists in the hospital clinic, emergency room, operating room and on maternity and long-term care wards. It was a fantastic adventure and rich learning experience."

With two years of undergraduate level medical school to go, Evans embarks upon his clinical training year with gusto as he is well-prepared for the challenge ahead.

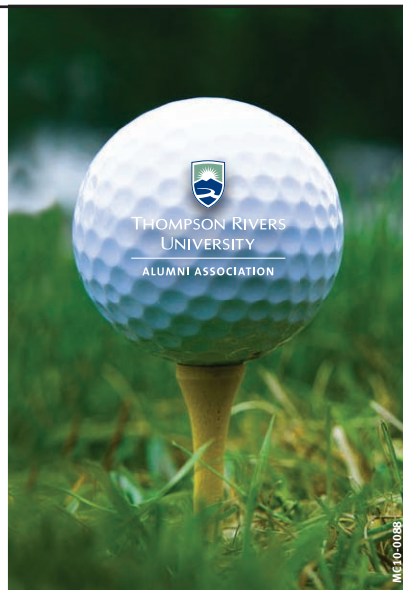


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## Liberal arts undergrad education key to lucrative post grad

Andrew Bratton believes he owes the landing of a lucrative doctoral research opportunity in Scotland to the rich blend of Liberal Arts and business courses during his days at TRU.

Beginning this fall, Bratton embarks on a three-year scholarship at Strathclyde University in Glasgow where he will attempt to decipher the role human resource departments can play in the greening-up of workplaces. Specifically, he will look at what's being done in Glasgow, Copenhagen and Vancouver (BC). The scholarship is valued at \$100,000 Canadian.



This study builds on his Masters research at Edinburgh where Bratton examined how HR in the city of Glasgow could shape green initiatives.

Bratton recognizes there were equally qualified candidates for the award and believes it was his Liberal Arts courses that put him a peg or two ahead.

"Management does not take place in a vacuum. Therefore, the study of management needs to attend to historical, political, and comparative processes," says Bratton, explaining how the likes of history, philosophy, political science, and sociology courses are relevant and often lend understanding to the business world.

Bratton completed his studies at TRU in 2007 and along the way, served on the TRU Board of Governors and on the executive of the TRU Students Union.

So how did those arts courses make him a better candidate for the research scholarship? Those arts courses and their standard volumes of reading, researching and writing honed his debating and critical thinking skills. Through that process, he became better tuned to how the nuances of world trends like gender, ethnicity, inequality, and the environment interact to trigger and shape world events. It's the ability to spot the trends that better equip individuals to make informed decisions whether they're operating on the ground floor, in middle management or in the CEO's chair.

*"Understanding your environment is one of the most important things to being successful in business," says Bratton.*



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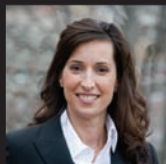
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## A Report to the Community



### *Thompson Rivers University began as Cariboo College in 1970*

*as a community college, delivering career-technical and two-year academic university transfer programs. Originally located at the Kamloops Indian Residential School, there were 30 faculty serving 367 full-time and 200 part-time students.*

*Today, Thompson Rivers University is BC's fourth largest university, with nearly 14,000 students on campus, and another 11,000 registrations for distance and on-line courses. Alongside 2,234 aboriginal students – one of the largest percentages of Aboriginal students in B.C.'s post secondary system – we host over 2,000 international students from 90 countries. This incredibly diverse student body is served by some 1,058 faculty and 667 staff.*

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## The Key founding principles remain; practicality, accessibility and quality programming.

TRU offers over 100 different undergraduate and graduate degree and post-baccalaureate diploma options, including four Masters Degrees and over 75 different professional career diploma and job-entry certificate programs. A list that includes trade-entry and apprenticeship training, university preparation and upgrading for adults. Program choice is augmented by opportunities for co-op education, internships or practicum placements, a Study Abroad program with exchanges to more than 30 different countries. And, in September 2011 students will begin studies at the TRU School of Law, the first new law school in Canada in over 35 years.

TRU is an integral part of the region and a cornerstone for debate, dialogue and celebration in the communities it serves. As a venue, the University hosts dozens of events each year that range from academic conferences to the BC Lions training camp; from political caucus gatherings to professional associations; and from high school graduations to weddings.

## TRU Connects to the Community by...

### ... lending a hand

The Residential Construction program partnered with Habitat for Humanity to build a residential duplex in the McDonald Park neighbourhood of Kamloops' North Shore.

Last year, the School of Trades & Technology and the School of Advanced Technologies and Mathematics, in association with the Canadian Home Builders Association (CHBA) Central Interior Chapter, was chosen to build one of three new CMHC Sustainable Housing Demonstration Homes in Canada. The home is now complete and is part of the Kamloops YMCA's annual fundraising. A portion of the proceeds will go towards scholarships for TRU students and tools for the School of Trades & Technology.

### ... improving health

Students and faculty from the School of Nursing stepped in and lent their hands and expertise to the community at the height of the Province's initiatives during this fall's H1N1 immunization clinics. Several flu clinics were held on campus and coordinated by nursing faculty.

### ... giving financial support

In the last two years the United Way campaign at TRU has garnered more support, earning the committee the 2009 United Way Community Spirit Award.

During November's 27th Annual Foundation Awards Ceremony, \$409,000 was awarded to 470 students through 254 donor-sponsored awards. It's expected \$1.42 million will be given to students throughout the year in the form of scholarships, bursaries and awards from the TRU Foundation and internal university funding.

### ... offering expertise

Business students in marketing, human resources and other disciplines under the mentorship of TRU faculty liaised with a variety of local non-profit groups to develop marketing plans, workplace safety policies

and wellness programs. The project, now in its fourth year, has included more than 45 projects with the likes of Big Brothers and Big Sisters, SPCA, Circle Day Care, Secwepemc Cultural Society, Multiple Sclerosis Society, and Child Development Centre. In addition, the accounting students offered free tax-preparation workshops to community members.

### ... inspiring ideas

Through the President's Lecture Series and the TRU Students Union Common Voices Series, the community was invited to hear distinguished Canadians John Ralston Saul and Stephen Lewis.

The Science Seminar series, co-sponsored by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, ran each Thursday throughout the year. The featured topics ranged from Antarctica to sustainable seafood, the ecology of antibiotics and designing the next generation of membrane systems.

### ... playing the game

In 2009–10, over 260 athletes and coaches represented TRU.

In five years the athletic program has grown to include 11 sports and includes four teams competing in the top echelon of university sports; Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS). This spring, TRU played host to the 2010 CIS National Men's Volleyball Championships. TRU athletes and teams efforts in community involvement were recognized by the Canadian College Athletics Association with the 2009 Community Service Award for activities such as the Terry Fox runs in elementary schools, charity soccer clinics, Wendy's Dream lift and Raise-a-Reader.

### ... making a greener world

TRU has adopted 20 actions to be completed by the end of 2011 in its Campus Sustainability Action Plan. So far the purchase of disposable water bottles

has been reduced by 15% through the distribution of 4,500 refillable water bottles to incoming students, and six new water refilling stations and an education programme by TRUSU. TRU is committed to cutting its carbon footprint through a campus wide paperless office initiative.

### ... bringing honour and recognition nationally

- › Multiple medals at Skills Canada trades competitions
- › Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada and Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada awards and research scholarships
- › Business students score high in national competitions
- › Culinary arts students working at the Fairmont Chateau Whistler during the 2010 Winter Olympic Games

### ... creating and teaching knowledge

Since 2007, TRU has received nearly \$20 million in external funding for research. Like all fine universities TRU is now creating knowledge as well as teaching it. Our faculty's research reflects their passion for where they work and live and for TRU's and the community's place in the world. TRU research is examining:

- › climate change and rural BC
- › rural tourism post-pine beetle
- › the ecology of our grasslands
- › best practises for a sustainable cattle industry
- › endangered species
- › innovation in culture and arts in Canada
- › e-learning practises
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- › communication, education and new media
- › international sustainable development
- › community-based youth health



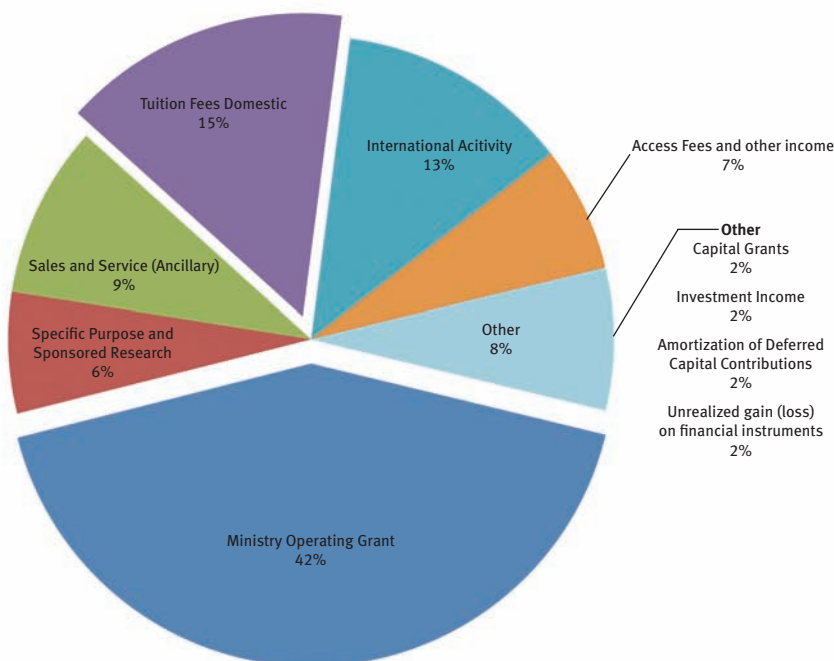


## Economic Driver

TRU, now Kamloops' third-largest employer with over 1,100 full-time employees, significantly contributes to regional prosperity and growth with an overall economic impact upwards of \$500 million a year. Indirect economic impacts also include research and development, student and faculty studies and business support, graduate start-up enterprises, a diverse and accessible labour pool, and community promotion through national and overseas initiatives.

## Total Revenue by Source (% of total)

For the year ended March 31, 2010

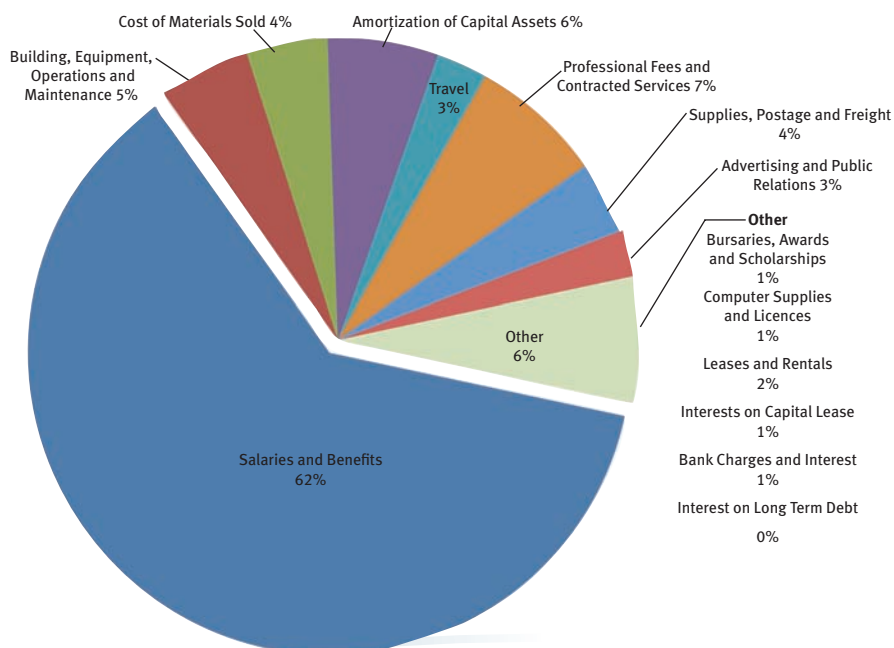


## Summary Financial Report 2009/10

	Year Ended March 31 (\$ Million)					
	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
<b>Total Assets</b>	228.1	203.1	201.2	189.4	160.3	108.6
Property, Plant and Equipment	145.4	138.7	140.6	142.3	113.8	78.4
Investment and Marketable Securities	48.9	45.3	36.5	38.7	34.9	23.5
Long Term Debt	15.8	17.4	17.4	12.9	13.8	13.8
Capital Lease Obligation	40.7	41.1	41.4	41.8	25.9	
Total Revenues	158.7	143.9	138.5	130.6	126.6	96.5
Government Grants and Contracts Revenue	78.0	75.7	73.9	69.9	72	53.2
Student Tuition Revenue	44.3	39.5	35	33.9	31.6	26.7
Operating Unrestricted Fund Balance (Deficit)	2.0	-2.5	-1.3	-3.9	-3.4	-6
Internally Restricted Reserves	21.2	16.5	13.1	9.8	6.9	6.6

## Total Expenses by Type (% of total)

For the year ended March 31, 2010





## Thompson Rivers University Foundation

This year the TRU Foundation is celebrating 28 years of raising funds for TRU and its students. Through the work of many dedicated community volunteers and the generosity of thousands of donors, the Foundation has raised over \$25 million for student awards, programs and new buildings at TRU.

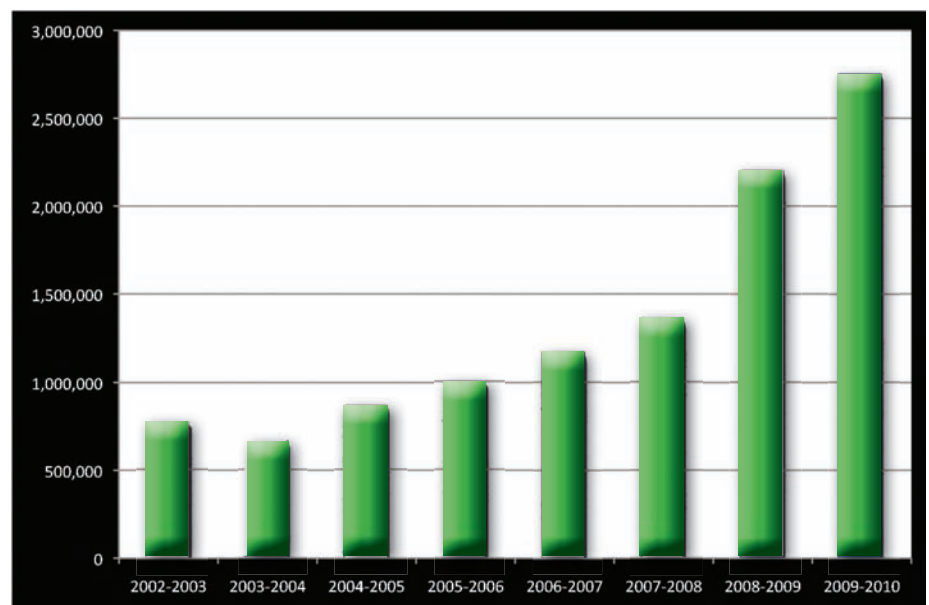
We are pleased to report on the past year's results. Through the contributions of our donors, over the past year the Foundation has provided financial aid and scholarship funding to more than 800 students and raised \$2.7 million. The current value of the Foundation's Endowment fund is \$10.2 million. We are grateful for the strong community support and countless hours of work by Foundation volunteers.

We look forward to continuing to make a difference in developing the leaders of tomorrow and supporting our University as it grows.

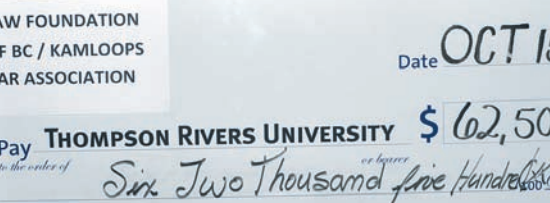
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## Mark & Ellen Brown – a story of a gift

Thompson Rivers University celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2010. The increasing level of support from the community is clearly a nod to a post-secondary institution that is coming of age.

In February of this year, Mark and Ellen Brown stood in front of 350 guests at the TRU Foundation Gala and announced their \$2 million donation to TRU. Earlier that day prior to the announcement, Mark and Ellen reflected on their 20 years of life together as coworkers, husband and wife, parents – now grandparents.

Out at their ranch, to the east of their yard stands a trampoline, outdoor hockey rink and a basketball hoop. At the front door a Tonka truck and loader sit idle waiting for the grandchildren.

In 1979, Mark Brown sold his house in White Rock and moved to Kamloops with great ambitions. He established his own company with a pick-up truck, hydraulic jack, and a business license to operate the company Kamloops now knows as Northern Trailer. Additionally, Mark Brown owned and operated Northern Tree Service, a company specializing in dangerous tree removal and custom falling.

“Something that I have never forgotten,” Mark says, leaning forward and gently folding his hands together, “is back in the early 80s, interest rates had soared and the economy had slowed right down.” His start-up company was failing. That same day that he thought his fledgling company was done, a friend called him to dismantle a tunneling camp used on the massive Tumbler Ridge project. Since then, he has never looked back.

By 1989, Northern Trailer was comprised of a handful of strategic people including

carpenters, truck drivers, sales staff and an office manager. The trend was to buy used industrial trailers, renovate them and resell; from there the company thrived. Now with a work force of 325, Northern Trailer builds camps for the energy, forestry, mining and oil and gas sectors as well as a variety of specialty modular projects including housing developments and educational facilities.

Over the years, the employees of Northern Trailer molded the business from a service company to what has been recently honoured by the Kamloops Chamber of Commerce as Best Manufacturer of the Year for two consecutive years. Northern Trailer is committed to ongoing professional development of their employees, and since establishment has sponsored many of their employees with educational bursaries. Northern Trailer is currently sponsoring 33 registered apprentices in variety of trades, including electrical, carpentry, plumbing and sheet metal through the Industry Training Authority and Thompson Rivers University's Trades & Technology department.

Twenty-six years later Horizon North Logistics Inc. of Calgary made Mark and Ellen an offer they accepted. The little company that he started with a jack and pick-up truck is now part of a group of companies publicly traded with Mark Brown remaining as President of Northern Trailer.

“It is our hope that this gift to TRU will make a difference through education to many people in this community and in our region,” Mark told the guests at Gala. “We have never lost sight of the employees and the community of Kamloops that have helped to make our business successful, and this is our way of thanking the people of this community and the province for their role in our success.”



## Claire Quilter – a story of thanks

*Thank you so much for choosing me for this bursary. What an amazing and generous gift! I am so grateful for it and cannot thank you enough. I am in my final year of the nursing program at TRU and this bursary has taken care of my tuition for the whole year. When I was notified that I had received an award through the TRU Foundation and opened up the award envelope – I was completely*

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*Claire Quilter, TRU Nursing Student, Oct. 2009*



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President and Vice-Chancellor's Message

## Connecting Community to Campus

Alumni are as vital to a university as its students, faculty, and staff. The accomplishments of the graduates of Thompson Rivers University bear testament to the value and prestige of a TRU education and play an important role in shaping TRU's reputation, profile and legacy.

Our University has a 40-year history that includes Cariboo College, University College of the Cariboo and the BC Open University. In that time approximately 40,000 students have graduated, each of them representing and contributing to the achievements of Thompson Rivers University. A few examples demonstrate how our Alumni contribute to TRU's reputation.

Ross Spina completed University Transfer in 1971 and then transferred to a teacher education program. Ross began teaching at John Peterson Junior High, this year he retired as the Assistant School Superintendent from School District #73. He has been an exceptional educational leader in this community and has always been the first to champion his alma mater.

For Craig Jones (BGS'95) the credential he earned by distance through Open Learning, gained him entry to law school and then to the Harvard School of Law where he completed a Master's degree. In addition to authoring two books and numerous articles, Jones has been involved in litigations involving the powers of the government, the application of the Charter of Rights and is involved in the Province's litigation against the big tobacco companies and the impact their product has on the Province's health care costs. Craig is the Supervising Counsel of the Constitutional and Administrative Law Group of the Ministry of the Attorney General in Victoria.

Dr. Timothy Kieffer, (ScDip'87) leveraged the credential he earned at Cariboo College to UBC to complete a BSc and PhD and subsequently, a Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the

Harvard Medical School. Dr. Kieffer is currently a tenured Associate Professor of Medicine in UBC's Departments of Physiology and Surgery making outstanding contributions in the field of diabetes research.

Dr. Elspeth M. McDougall, (UT'73) is a faculty member at University of California Irving. She is internationally recognized for her laboratory and clinical research in urologic laparoscopic surgery and for teaching courses on fundamental and advanced endourological and laparoscopic techniques. Dr. McDougall completed her first year of sciences at Cariboo College before going on to the universities of Alberta and Ontario. Her peers recently chose her one of the top ten American physicians.

These are just four of TRU Alumni, a group comprised of leaders, researchers, and explorers. Many more have established themselves in their careers and are poised to take on leadership roles in their organization and in society. They also possess the willingness to embark on entrepreneurial ventures, and navigate across geographies.

The TRU experience does not end upon graduation. As alumni, your University continues to be proud of your accomplishments. At TRU we are delighted by your success and we value the role Alumni play in establishing the reputation of Thompson Rivers University. TRU will always be your University – I invite all Alumni to stay connected – and get involved. Start making that difference today!

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