

President's Report

to the Board of Governors

News

► Foundation Student Awards

On Nov. 22 nearly 500 students received awards, scholarships, and bursaries totaling close to \$500,000.

http://inside.tru.ca/2012/11/23/foundation_awards/

► Aboriginal Transitions Day

More than 200 Aboriginal high school students from School District 73 were on campus Nov. 15 to get the post-secondary experience. Events included interacting with academic faculties, participating in student-run leadership activities, and hearing from past and current Aboriginal students.

<http://inside.tru.ca/2012/11/14/aboriginaltransitionsday201/>

► Calgary alumni meet-up

TRU Alumni now living in the Calgary area met for a social on Nov. 17 that included a WolfPack basketball game against the Mount Royal Cougars

<http://events.tru.ca/event/2012/inaugural-tru-alumni-calgary-social>

► Diwali Bash 2012

TRU celebrated Diwali (Festival of Lights), one of India's biggest cultural festivals, on Nov. 18 through sights, sounds, music, food, and fireworks.

<http://events.tru.ca/event/2012/diwali-bash-2012>

► Presidents lobbying for increased funding

Representing the Research Universities' Council of BC (RUCBC), the presidents of BC's six research universities released the Opportunity Agenda for BC on Oct. 18, a practical plan to expand post-secondary opportunities for young people, close the skills gap, and create jobs throughout British Columbia.

http://inside.tru.ca/2012/11/09/shaverlettertrucomm_oppagendabc/

► President's Reception for Scholarship Students

Scholarship winners from all the faculties joined President Shaver on Nov. 14 at a reception in their honour in the Culinary Arts Cafeteria. The 80 students recognized included recipients of Entrance Scholarships, TRU Athletic Academic All-Canadian Awards, and the Alvin and Lydia Grunert Scholarship.

www.flickr.com/photos/54238153@N04/sets/72157625976761286/with/8049048030/

► Athletes recognized for scholarship

A record 44 students were honoured as 2011-2012 Scholar Athletes at a presidential reception on Oct. 2. To be a Scholar Athlete, students must have a minimum GPA of 3.5. The cross country running team lead with nine Scholar Athletes, followed by hockey with six.

<http://athletics.inside.tru.ca/2012/10/02/wolfpack-athletics-announces-scholar-athletes-for-2011-12/>

► Fourth in Canada

The WolfPack women's soccer team finished another successful season by placing fourth at the national championships for the second year in a row on Nov. 11.

<http://athletics.inside.tru.ca/2012/11/11/wolfpack-womens-soccer-finish-fourth-in-canada-for-a-second-time/>

► Third in BC

The WolfPack men's soccer team put an exclamation mark on their season on Oct. 28 with a 6–2 victory over Polytechnic University Eagles in the BC bronze-medal game.

<http://athletics.inside.tru.ca/2012/10/28/wolfpack-mens-soccer-capture-2012-pacwest-bronze-medal/>

► \$7.4 million to complete construction of Faculty of Law

The Government of BC on Oct. 9 announced funding to complete the permanent home of the Faculty of Law in Phase II of the Old Main revitalization.

<http://newsroom.blog.mytru.ca/2012/10/09/governmentcommitfundingfacultylaw>



The seventh-annual Aboriginal Transitions Day was held Nov. 15 featuring tours, resource fair activities, and a speakers' panel Q&A with TRU's Aboriginal mentors.



WolfPack women place fourth at Nationals.



TRU employees took part in United Way's Wicked Wednesday.

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► Deal reached

On Oct. 31 CUPE support staff voted 85 per cent in favour of ratifying the proposed deal with TRU, which will run through March 31, 2014.
http://inside.tru.ca/2012/10/31/kupe4879_ratified/

► Foundation fund-raising campaign kickoff

The annual Foundation campaign kicked off Oct. 18 during a breakfast with a number of prominent donors in attendance.

► United Way campaign

TRU's employee campaign featured a range of events to raise money and awareness for the United Way of the Thompson Nicola Cariboo. Go to unitedway.inside.tru.ca to complete your online payroll pledge form. It's not too late. So far 108 contributors have raised \$45,000.

► Stronger ties to Nicola Valley Institute of Technology

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed with Nicola Valley Institute of Technology in October, outlining collaborative activities. The affiliation will continue the mutual collaboration to provide students a complete Bachelor of Social Work degree at NVIT and to enhance the programs of both institutions.

► Distinguished Alumni Awards 2013

A call for nominations is on for the 2013 awards. Nominations are open to those who attended TRU, UCC, or Cariboo College. Learn more about the awards, categories, and nomination process by going to the following link.

www.tru.ca/alumni/distinguished_alumni_award/nomination_forms.html

► Recipients of Social Sciences and Humanities Resource Council Insight grants announced

- > Richard Frimpong Oppong, Faculty of Law received a grant of \$42,750 to promote individual rights to international justice.
- > Gloria Ramirez, Faculty of Human, Social and Educational Development, received a federal Insight Grant for \$75,000 to research aboriginal and non-aboriginal vocabulary enrichment.
- > Dr. David Scheffel, Faculty of Arts, was awarded \$86,700 for his research on the Slovak Roma in municipal politics.

► Fall Into Motion

The Fall Into Motion exercise challenge has 10 teams earning points for the exercise done individually and as a group. Which team emerged victorious at the end of November?
<http://inside.tru.ca/2012/11/02/fallintomotion2012-2/>

► Working actors speak to TRU community

Lorne Cardinal, Craig Lauzon, and others spoke on Oct. 15 about the ins-and-outs of stage and screen acting in Canada.
<http://events.tru.ca/event/2012/working-actors-speak-cardinalmcarthur-lauzon-washburn-benz>

► Lottery CEO and President talks business

Michael Graydon, CEO and President of BC Lottery Corporation, gave a talk on Oct. 15 on what it means to be a leader and the importance of responding to the wants of customers in today's business world. <http://events.tru.ca/event/2012/chat-bc-lottery-corp-presidentand-ceo-michael-graydon>

► Australian novelist visits from Curtin University

Kim Scott, Australian author and writing professor at Curtin University, gave a lecture on Oct. 25 and read from his most recent novel, *That Deadman Dance*, which explores the early contact between the Aboriginal Noongar people of Australia and the first European settlers.

► Playwright Kevin Loring spoke to TRU community

TRU alumnus and Canadian playwright Kevin Loring discussed his Governor General's Award-winning play, *Where the Blood Mixes*, and spoke to students and the community on Oct. 12.

<http://events.tru.ca/event/2012/kevin-loring-nationallyrecognized-playwright>

Photos: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/thompsonrivers/8103783583/in/photostream>

► Colonization and the impacts of residential schools

The generational impacts of colonization and the Indian residential schools were explored during this conference held Oct. 19–20.

<http://events.tru.ca/event/2012/voice-now-colonization-andgenerational-impacts-colonization-and-indian-residential-0>



John Yap, Minister of Advanced Education, Innovation and Technology for the Province of British Columbia, announces that the government is committing \$7.4 million towards completing the Faculty of Law located in the Old Main building.



Employee United Way Campaign runs Oct. 22–Nov. 2



Alumna Dawn Brodie holding baby burrowing owls.

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- ▶ **Centuries old sounds of Cappella Artemisia**
The vocal and music ensemble played the music of 16th and 17th century cloistered nuns.
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- ▶ **Great mind of Steven Pinker**
One of the world's leading cognitive scientists spoke as part of the President's Lecture Series and the national TESL conference held at TRU Oct. 12 and 13.
www.flickr.com/photos/thompsonrivers/8081172665/in/photostream
- ▶ **Blues from JW Jones**
Emerging blues guitarist JW Jones entertained as part of the Live at TRU! music series.
www.flickr.com/photos/thompsonrivers/8101281451/in/photostream
- ▶ **The TRU Actors Workshop Theatre**
The TRU Actors Workshop Theatre's production of Bertolt Brecht's play, *The Good Soul of Szechuan* directed by Heidi Verwey, ran Nov. 22 to 24 and Nov. 29 to Dec. 1.
<http://inside.tru.ca/2012/09/04/black-box-theatre-marquee/>
- ▶ **Music in the Round**
Guests enjoyed a classical music experience on Dec. 1 in the Irving K. Barber British Columbia Centre during a fundraiser for Visual Arts students and the Kamloops Symphony.
<http://events.tru.ca/event/2012/music-round>

Achievements

- ▶ **Roger Barnsley**, former TRU president, and **Nathan Matthew**, TRU's Executive Director, Aboriginal Education, were honoured with a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal during a ceremony on Oct. 10 in the Irving K. Barber British Columbia Centre.
- ▶ **Dawn Brodie** ('87) received the 2012 Animal Health Technologist of the Year award from the Animal Health Technologists Association of BC. Dawn's career since graduating has included research projects with raccoons, employment at the BC Wildlife Park, and assisting the Ministry of Environment with big horn sheep captures. She is the driving force for the reintroduction of the burrowing owl back into the grasslands of BC.
- ▶ **Joe Dobson** and **Karen Densky**, TESL faculty, organized one of the most successful national TESL Conferences to date. According to the TESL Canada Federation, a number of new innovations were introduced at the TESL Interiors: Landscape of Language and Literacies conference held at TRU Oct. 12–13, including the Graduate Student's Symposium, which will be adopted into the program and continue at future TESL conferences.
- ▶ **Dr. Julie Drolet**, associate professor in the School of Social Work, has been elected to the board of directors of the British Columbia Council for International Cooperation (BCCIC). BCCIC is a coalition of voluntary provincial international development organizations and provincial branches of such organizations committed to achieving sustainable global development in a peaceful and healthy environment, with social justice, human dignity and participation for all.
- ▶ **Shirley McCaffrey**, Creative Services, had a photo published with an article on Pilots N Paws Canada in the September/October issue of *Pets Magazine*. The photo of her dog Harry Ha Ha also appears in the PNP brochure as Shirley volunteers her graphic design services to the non-profit animal rescue organization for their promotional materials.
www.pilotsnpawscanada.com/2012/09/20/help-from-above
- ▶ **Rhonda McCreight**, Practical Nursing instructor at TRU Williams Lake campus, will complete her Masters in Nursing with a focus on Education Dec. 14, 2012 through Athabasca University.
- ▶ **Dr. Liam Mitchell** ('04) was accepted to the tenure track position of Assistant Professor of Cultural Studies and Media at Trent University.
- ▶ **Cliff Neufeld**, VP Administration and Finance, has been named a Fellow of the Society of Management Accountants of Canada, a prestigious national honorary designation awarded to CMAs who demonstrate excellence in management accounting, a commitment to CMA Canada, and a civic-mindedness that brings community respect to the member and the profession. Cliff is one of 35 FCMA's selected from across the country for 2012.
- ▶ **Larry Read**, Sports Information Officer, was recognized with a Sport BC Community Hero Award for his work in various sports and at the 2011 Western Canada Summer Games. Larry is currently a member of the Kamloops Sports Council.
- ▶ **TRU** was named a finalist by the Kamloops Chamber of Commerce for a Business Excellence Award in the category RBC Green Award, 11+ Staff, for demonstrating energy conservation, cleaner business practices and strongly considering the environmental impact of its products, services or activities.
<http://newsroom.blog.mytru.ca/2012/10/01/green-efforts-have-tru-in-running-for-kamloops-chamber-of-commerce-award/>
- ▶ **TRU athletes** were honored by local officials of the Terry Fox Run for promoting and assisting with the Run. Volunteers included athletes from men's basketball, hockey, both soccer teams, badminton and men's volleyball.
- ▶ **TRU's United Way Committee** was recognized by the Thompson Nicola Cariboo United Way at their annual campaign kick-off breakfast. The Tie/Pie Tuesday fundraiser was named the Most Fun Special Event of the 2011 campaign.
<http://newsroom.blog.mytru.ca/2012/09/24/tru-united-waycommittee-wins-award-for-most-fun-special-event/>
- ▶ **Sabrina Weeks**, International Student Admissions, was chosen by the Toronto Blues Society to be a featured vocalist at their 26th annual Women's Blues Revue at the Massey Hall in Toronto on Nov. 24, an event which celebrates women in blues in Canada. Sabrina was the first British Columbian ever to be invited.
- ▶ **WolfPack men's volleyball and basketball teams** were the top money earners for the Post Media/Kamloops Daily News Raise a Reader Day for the second year in a row. Men's volleyball raised just over \$1,700 and men's basketball raised just over \$1,000 towards literacy programs in the Kamloops area.
- ▶ **Jo Wyers** ('12), Bachelor of Fine Arts graduate, was recently appointed to the Kamloops Arts Council board. The Council supports visual, performance and writing arts including Saturday morning workshops, Art in the Park and the Writer's Fair.

Presentations & Proceedings

- ▶ **Dr. Julie Drolet**, Social Work
Drolet, J. Inaugural Address, “Transnational Social Work: Challenges and Opportunities”. International Human Rights Conference, Madras Christian College. Chennai, India. Sept 27–29, 2012.
- ▶ **Dr. Norm Friesen**, Education
Friesen, N and J. Murray. “Open Learning 2.0? Aligning Student, Teacher and Content for Openness in Education.” *European Distance and E-Learning (EDEN) Annual Conference Proceedings*. Porto, Spain. June 6–9, 2012.
- ▶ **Dr. Norm Friesen**, Education & **Irwin DeVries**, OL
Friesen, N. and I. DeVries. “Before we leave content behind.” 9th International Open Education Conference. Vancouver, BC. October 16–18, 2012.
- ▶ **Kyra Garson**, Centre for Student Engagement & Learning Innovation, **Lian Dumouchel**, TRU World & Provost’s Office
Garson, K. and A. Dumouchel. “Harmonizing International Education Policy by Reframing Organizational Change.” 46th Annual Conference, Canadian Bureau of International Education (CBIE). Montreal, Quebec. November 5, 2012.
- ▶ **Dr. Jim Hu**, ESL
 - > Hu, J., A. Hoare, and V. Yu. “Language errors in ESL writing: Perspectives of stakeholders.” TESL Canada 2012 Conference. Kamloops, BC. Oct 12–13, 2012.
 - > Hoare, A. and J. Hu. “Transition into academics: ESL student preparedness and academic faculty response.” TESL Canada 2012 Conference. Kamloops, BC. Oct 12–13, 2012.
 - > Krauza, W., J. Hu, and H. Wisla. “Impact of service-learning on ESL students and community partners.” TESL Canada 2012 Conference. Kamloops, BC. Oct 12–13, 2012.
 - > Hu, J. “Investigating form-focused instruction on academic writing style.” International TESOL Convention. Philadelphia, PA, USA. March 31, 2012.

Journals

- ▶ **Dr. Naowarat (Ann) Cheeptham**, Biological Sciences
Cheeptham, N., T. Sadoway, D. Rule, K. Watson, P. Moote, L.C. Soliman, N. Azad, K.K. Donkor and D. R. Horne. “Cure from the cave: volcanic cave actinomycetes and their potential in drug discovery.” *International Journal of Speleology*. 42.1 (2013): 35–47.
- ▶ **Julie Drolet**, Social Work
Drolet, J. “Climate change, food security, and sustainable development: a study on community-based responses and adaptations in British Columbia, Canada.” *Community Development*. (2012): 1–15.
- ▶ **Dr. Norm Friesen**, Education
Friesen, N. and S. Lowe. “Learning with Web 2.0: social technology and discursive psychology”. *E-Learning and Digital Media*. 9.4 (2012): 377–387.

Chapters

- ▶ **Emma Bourassa**, ESL
 - > Bourassa, Emma. “The Mobius Model”. *Building Cultural Competence: Innovative Activities and Models*. Eds. D. Deardorff and K. Berardo. Virginia: Stylus, 2012. 231–237.
 - > Bourassa, Emma. “Visual Communication Patterns”. *Building Cultural Competence: Innovative Activities and Models*. Eds. D. Deardorff and K. Berardo. Virginia: Stylus, 2012. 241–247.
- ▶ **Dr. Jim Hu**, ESL
 - > Hu, J. “A further step toward academic writing.” *Basics for University Academic Writing*. Eds. Y. Tian and Y. Zhang. Beijing: People’s University of China Press, 2012. 293–303.
 - > Hu, J. (2012). “International student writers’ sample essays.” *Basics for University Academic Writing*. Eds. Y. Tian and Y. Zhang. Beijing: People’s University of China Press, 2012. 304–322.

Books

- ▶ **Dr. Norm Friesen**, Education
Feenberg, A. and N. Friesen. *Reinventing the Internet: Critical Case Studies*. Rotterdam: Sense, 2012.
- ▶ **Dr. Naowarat (Ann) Cheeptham**, Biological Sciences
Cheeptham, N. (Ed). *Cave Microbiomes: A Novel Resource for Drug Discovery*. New York: Springer, 2013.

Let's Remember

- ▶ **Peter Thompson**, who passed away in a kayaking accident, was a first year Adventure Studies student and an accomplished whitewater kayaker. At 19, Peter had already acted as the head coach for the Bow Valley Kayak Club, taught the sport to kids with disabilities, and paddled all over the world. His instructors described him as a talented young man with a promising future, a star in the making. He shared his passion for his sport and was an inspiration to many young aspiring kayakers.
- ▶ **Nicholas Guido**, an accounting major in the final year of the BBA program, died tragically in a sledding accident. He was an excellent student who, through hard work, commitment and careful analysis achieved outstanding marks. He had secured a highly prized and competitive Chartered Accountancy articling position with KPMG for September 2013 a testament to his hard work and intellect.

Upcoming Events

- ▶ **December 18**
A book launch for International Social Development: Social Work Experiences and Perspectives will feature remarks by editors Tuula Heinonen and Julie Drolet.
- ▶ **December 24 to January 2**
TRU closes for the Christmas break at noon on Dec 24.
- ▶ **January 17**
Locarno. The Live at TRU! series continues with the contemporary Latin sounds of this seven piece ensemble at the Alumni Theatre. <http://events.tru.ca/event/2012/music-locarno-contemporary-latin-vocal-instrumental>
- ▶ **January 17–19**
Philosophy, History, and Politics Conference. Undergraduate students present their research. Registration closes Jan. 11. www.tru.ca/phpconf/information
- ▶ **January 28**
Adventure, Culinary Arts and Tourism Networking 411. Students in small groups meet 5 to 7 industry professionals in a speed-dating format during the 90 minute networking event. <http://events.tru.ca/event/2012/411-networking-students-adventure-culinary-arts-and-tourism>
- ▶ **January 29**
Sciences, Health Sciences, and Animal Sciences Networking 411. Students in small groups meet 5 to 7 industry professionals in a speed-dating format during the 90 minute networking event. <http://events.tru.ca/event/2012/networking-411-sciences-health-sciences-animal-sciences>
- ▶ **January 29**
Environmental Sciences Series. Dr. Elaine Waddington Lamont, Psychology, looks at the understanding of the salmon circadian clock. <http://www.tru.ca/science/programs/msces/mscseminar.html>
- ▶ **January 30**
Business and Economics Networking 411. Students in small groups meet 5 to 7 industry professionals in a speed-dating format during the 90 minute networking event. <http://events.tru.ca/event/2012/networking-411-business-and-economics-students>
- ▶ **February 2**
This year the theme for the TRU Foundation Gala is the World of Dance. To be held in the TRU Grand Hall, the doors open at 6pm for cocktails. The amazing gourmet dinner created by TRU Culinary Arts begins at 7pm. For tickets or more information: www.tru.ca/foundation/gala

