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TOP OF THE WORLD SIFE Memorial claimed first place at the SIFE World Cup in Singapore last week. Here, Ryan Hopkins holds the trophy aloft while receiving a hug from teammate Lisa Smart. SIFE Memorial members MaryBeth Handrigan and Michael Harris join the celebration in the background. The trophy was presented by Douglas R. Conant, left, the CEO of Campbell Soup Company. For more see Page 7.

ANNUAL CELEBRATIONS SET FOR MEMORIAL

By Jeff Green

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY of Newfoundland will crown its top loudmouth, pie some profs, raise money for local charities, and see its varsity athletes lace up for a battle of the sexes later this month as the university's annual celebrations kick-off in fine style.

MUNdays 2008 runs from Oct. 21-25.

Celebrations take place under the banner of I Love MUNdays on the St. John's campus, and I Fell for Grenfell at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, Memorial's west coast campus in Corner Brook.

MUNdays highlights the diversity, ingenuity, excellence, kindness and community spirit that distinguish

Memorial as one of the best post-secondary institutions in the world.

A full slate of events and activities are planned, encouraging students, staff, faculty and alumni to come together and celebrate Memorial.

"We want our entire university community to show a little heart and really embrace the Memorial experience by supporting and celebrating all the wonderful things that make our university such a terrific place to study and work," said Jessica Clarke, I Love MUNdays co-ordinator with the Division of Marketing and Communications.

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DISTANCE EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS ON THE RISE

By Courtenay Griffin

MEMORIAL'S DISTANCE EDUCATION and Learning Technologies (DELT) is off to a great start this academic year with increased registrations in both undergraduate and graduate courses. Collective distance education registrations total 5,907 for the fall 2008 semester, an overall 13.1 per cent increase since 2007.

Undergraduate distance education course registrations are up 12.8 per cent in comparison with the same time last year, led by a 41.4 per cent increase in the Faculty of Science, followed by increases in Engineering, Nursing and Arts registrations.

Graduate course registrations have also increased by 15.6 per cent over the same period, led by Human Kinetics and Recreation. Increases in Social Work and Nursing registrations follow, with Education numbers remaining the same.

"The increase in registrations is evidence that our service as a distance education provider is in demand..."

Ann Marie Vaughan, director of DELT, is thrilled with the increased numbers and indicates that students aren't the only ones who benefit from distance education course offerings.

"The increase in registrations is evidence that our service as a distance education provider is in demand as it meets the needs of remote students, or students that have to balance busy lifestyles," Ms. Vaughan said. "But in addition to meeting the needs of students, faculties who partner with us in offering distance courses have noticed gains in enrollment, so it's a win-win situation."

One of DELT's roles is to work with faculty to create high quality, media rich, interactive courses that reflect the innovative reputation of Memorial University, and enhance student engagement and learning. All distance courses are offered online at Memorial University using the learning management system, Desire2Learn, a web based platform whereby students can access course information and materials at any time.

Full undergraduate degrees are available via distance in Business, Arts, Arts (police studies), Nursing (Post RN/BN), Technology and Maritime Studies. Full graduate level programs are also available in Physical Education, Nursing and Education.

Memorial's distance education capabilities make it the largest among Canadian comprehensive universities. Currently offering over 350 undergraduate and graduate degree courses from 10 faculties and schools, distance education has surpassed 15,000 registrations annually from across the province and around the world.

Labrador students look forward to practicing nursing at home

By Pamela Gill

IT'S NO SURPRISE THAT ISOLATED communities on the coast of Labrador would have trouble recruiting nursing professionals to their clinics. But an innovative program funded by the Nunatsiavut government may solve that problem.

Betty Jararuse of Makkovik and Janice Montague of North West River are both third-year nursing students at Western Regional School of Nursing. They joined their classmates this fall, after completing a three-year access program at College of the North Atlantic in Goose Bay. Their goal? To return to their communities to provide their fellow residents with the nursing care they need.

"At any time on the coast of Labrador, half the community health nursing positions are vacant," said Linda Norman-Robbins, director, Western Regional School of Nursing. "This program will allow people who call these communities home to return there to work in their own environment."

Ms. Jararuse saw the program as a chance she could not pass up.

"I've always wanted to be a nurse," she said. "I would watch the nurses doing their work in the clinic in Makkovik – I appreciated the way they took care of everybody. The program was the perfect opportunity to be close to home with students on the coast of Labrador with the same traditions and background as where I came from."

Ms. Montague echoes her sentiments. "When I was 13 or 14 I became interested in nursing – the mission plane would come in and I would always run down and see what was going on." Now with her family grown, Ms. Montague is ready to move on with her own career. "This opportunity arose – it was what I'd always wanted."

They arrived in Corner Brook in August, and are living in Grenfell College's chalet apartments with the other four Labrador students from the access program.

"I felt we were well prepared – we're in the exact same place in our learning as the third years who have been at Western Regional School of Nursing all along," said Ms. Jararuse.

Ms. Montague added "it was overwhelming at first – going from a class of six to a class of 61, but we are becoming more familiar with everything now. There are lots of new faces."

The access program involved a few components



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Janice Montague of North West River, left, and Betty Jararuse of Makkovik are two of six students from coastal Labrador who have begun their studies in the third year of Western Regional School of Nursing's BN (collaborative) program.

which helped them make the transition. A "buddy" system allowed them to get to know another student in Corner Brook before arriving, and a videoconferencing aspect of the course connected them with one of the instructors on a regular basis.

"We got to know her and her style, so when we got here, we already knew her," said Ms. Jararuse. "I found that really good."

And there will be opportunity to practice their profession at home – the plan right now is to have the students return to their hometowns to meet the clinical requirements of the program in the fourth year.

Both Ms. Jararuse and Ms. Montague are looking forward to returning home to serve their communities.

"The people of Makkovik and North West River will be proud to have someone of their own background who is familiar with the people and the families," said Ms. Jararuse.

The access program is funded by the Nunatsiavut government, with support from the Association of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador, the

College of the North Atlantic, Memorial University/Grenfell College, the province's three schools of nursing and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador.

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Fall for convocation

By David Sorensen

FIRST GRENFELL, and now St. John's. Sir Wilfred Grenfell College in Corner Brook held its fall convocation Oct. 3 and St. John's will hold graduation ceremonies Friday, Oct. 17, at the Arts and Culture Centre.

More than 900 students will receive their degrees at four sessions of convocation. In Corner Brook there was one session of convocation at which Irish poet John Ennis received an honorary degree.

In St. John's, sessions begin at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. At the 10 a.m., session retired General Rick Hillier will be officially installed as Memorial's sixth chancellor.

Along with the chancellor's installation, honorary degrees will be awarded to publisher Clyde Rose and naval reserve leader Robert Blakely.

Honorary degree recipients are chosen by the Senate, the university's academic governing body, after careful

examination of the grounds for their nomination.

The honorary doctorate is designed to recognize extraordinary contribution to society or exceptional

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OBITUARIES

Willis John Andrews

Willis John Andrews, a retired employee from Memorial University's Mail Services, passed suddenly and peacefully away, surrounded by family and dear friends, at the Health Sciences Centre on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008, aged 75 years. As expressions of sympathy, donations in his memory may be made to Daffodil Place or charity of one's choice.

Memorial connects instantly with students

Live, wired and ready to chat

By Jeff Green

Students searching for information at Memorial now have a new interactive tool literally at their fingertips.

Munlive is a free instant chat service that allows new and prospective students to connect with a Memorial representative in real time on the Internet. It's available online at www.munlive.ca/.

"It is all about getting the information to them as quickly as possible."

The application is similar to other web-based instant messaging programs which allow users to chat immediately with others.

It is a collaborative project between the Academic Advising Centre, the Office of Student Recruitment and the School of Graduate Studies.

Memorial representatives are available online to speak with undergraduate students Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., and then again from 2-4 p.m.

Students interested in graduate studies, can connect with a representative from the university from 8:30-10:30 a.m., Monday to Friday.

All sessions are in Newfoundland time.

"The purpose of munlive is to provide a service which will answer general academic and admissions questions instantaneously," said Jennifer Abbott, co-ordinator of the Establishing Student Relationships Project with the Academic Advising Centre. "This service will answer questions that traditionally have been e-mailed to a variety of units at Memorial but will now provide an immediate response from one unit."

Students – whether they are still in high school or at the undergraduate or graduate levels – can take advantage of the new service to find out more information about items ranging from finances, program requirements, course selection, the registration process, admission deadlines and application processes.

No personal information or cases will be discussed online.

The new application was launched specifically to reach prospective students who are spending a lot of time daily online.

"It is all about getting the information to them as quickly as possible," said Shona Perry-Maidment, acting director of the Office of Student Recruitment. "Once they have the information they need, the better – and quicker – they can make their decision. Recruitment is about relationship building whether it is seeing the students, and their parents and teachers for example in person, or speaking with them virtually."

Memorial is one of only a handful of other Canadian universities utilizing the chat service in its recruitment efforts, added Ms. Perry-Maidment.

"We have done some research into the use of such systems in Canada and there doesn't seem to be a whole lot of recruitment offices availing of such live chat systems," she noted. "The competition to get students is increasing and universities are doing a lot of new and exciting things to tap into this key market."

Since launching munlive, Memorial's School of Graduate Studies has been able to connect with dozens of international students based around the world.

The chat service allows the students to instantly learn more about particular programs and areas of study instantly without having to pick up the telephone, send

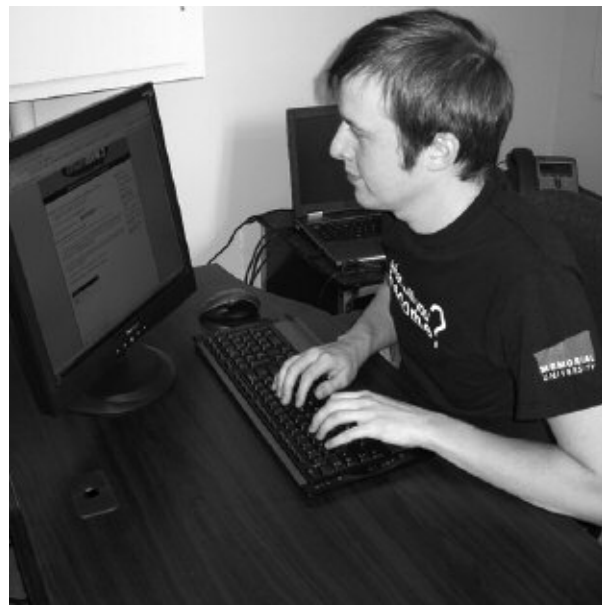


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David Pippy, the Establishing Student Relationships project assistant with Academic Advising, chats with a student on munlive.

an e-mail or mail a letter.

"We know that the trend among progressive graduate schools is to open up lines of communication with prospective students, and make it convenient for them to access information about their programs," said Andrew Kim, graduate enrolment manager with the school. "Instant messaging is a fairly pervasive form of communication today among our prospects, so it makes sense for us to embrace it."

Mr. Kim said munlive was a "natural addition," to the services the school already offers.

"We have seen a great deal of instant messaging inquiries from international prospects," he added. "There are no long distance charges and they receive answers in real time. Ultimately, we want them to be able to make an informed decision to apply to one of our graduate programs."

Changes near the top

By David Sorensen

MEMORIAL HAS MADE SOME CHANGES at the leadership level.

With the ongoing search for a new president in limbo, acting president Dr. Eddy Campbell has announced a series of interim moves in the senior administrative ranks.

Dr. Chris Loomis has agreed to take on the role of vice-president (academic).

He takes over from acting vice-president academic Michael Collins, who is retiring from that post.

Dr. Collins has agreed to extend his term until Nov. 15 to ease the transition. Dr. Loomis was vice-president (research).

Dr. Ray Gosine has taken on the role of vice-president (research). Dr. Gosine was the acting associate vice-president (research) and a former dean of engineering.

The changes took effect Oct. 15.

IN BRIEF

MI to host Canada's premier oceans conference

The Fisheries and Marine Institute will host the sixth annual Ocean Innovation (OI) Conference and Exhibition from Oct. 19-22 at the Delta Hotel and Convention Centre in St. John's.

As Canada's premier oceans event, OI-08 has attracted significant national and international interest from a range of maritime market segments.

This year's theme, Ocean Observing Systems, will be of interest to scientists, business people with an interest in the marine sector, regulatory bodies, users of observatory systems and components, training institutions and associated maritime industries.

The three day event will feature presentations on a wide range of issues related to ocean observing system operations (technologies, robustness, liability), interoperability (standards and protocols), sustainability (financing, business models) and governance (policy). In all, some 25 presenters from around the world will address the delegates.

For more information on the conference, visit www.oceaninnovation.ca.

New funding program for research on healthy aging

The Newfoundland and Labrador Healthy Aging Research Program offers new opportunities for researchers and students interested in issues related to healthy aging.

The Newfoundland and Labrador Healthy Aging Research Program (NL-HARP) is funded by the provincial Department of Health and Community Services and is administered by the Newfoundland and Labrador Centre for Applied Health Research. The first year of NL-HARP will focus on capacity-building and on putting foundational elements into place to foster a stronger aging research presence in the province.

NL-HARP will make available up to a total of \$200,000 in 2008-2009 for fellowships and student awards, faculty awards and research grants. The deadline for all applications is Jan. 15, 2009. For more detailed information visit www.nlcahr.mun.ca/funding/aging/.

The Works employees vote to accept offer

It took three tries, but employees of The Works finally voted to accept the terms of the most recent tentative agreement worked out between their union and their employer.

The Works is the recreation complex at Memorial University that includes the Field House, the Aquarena and other services. It is managed as a separately incorporate entity of Memorial University by a volunteer board of directors that includes representatives of the university, undergraduate and graduate students, the City of St. John's and the general community. Its 299 maintenance, aquatic, fitness, food and customer service employees are represented by CUPE Local 3336.

Bill Thistle, chairman of the volunteer board that manages The Works, welcomed the positive vote.

"Our negotiating team and the CUPE team worked very hard to get to this agreement and the entire board of directors is delighted that the employees have accepted it," he said. "I know the members of our fitness club and the users of our aquatics and other facilities, including the thousands of students of Memorial University, are also very pleased at this outcome. We have superb employees and we have a great set of facilities. We're looking at upgrading and expanding those in the near future to further enhance the experience for our current and future members."

Prize-winning author to read

Jake MacDonald, the winner of the 2002 Writers' Trust of Canada Prize for Non-Fiction, is scheduled to read at Memorial on Tuesday, Oct. 21.

The author of eight books of fiction and non-fiction, including the Writers' Trust winner *Houseboat Chronicles*, Mr. MacDonald has also published hundreds of articles for many of Canada's leading magazines and newspapers, including the *Globe and Mail*, *Canadian Geographic*, *Maclean's*, *Cottage Life*, *Outdoor Canada*, and *Explore*.

His latest book is *With the Boys: Field Notes on Being a Guy*, a collection of true stories about men gathering in the outdoors – caribou hunting, fishing, flying in helicopters, among other male bonding excursions.

Moving knowledge

Memorial hosts first of its kind conference

By Michelle Osmond

ABOUT 200 PEOPLE from around the world are in St. John's this week to learn more about how to transfer and exchange information. The Knowledge in Motion 2008 conference is the first of its kind in Newfoundland and Labrador and one of the first of its kind in the world, exploring how universities and colleges mobilize knowledge to benefit society with two-way communication between researchers and research users.

Memorial's Leslie Harris Centre of Regional Policy and Development has invited community members, government, researchers, students and industry to the unique conference, which includes topics such as how to identify opportunities and challenges to knowledge sharing, how to work with the media in connecting research to the community and how institutions in other countries are doing it, from Iceland and Ireland, to the U.S. and the Philippines.

Miranda Maddox is an economic development officer with the Town of Harbour Breton. She said she works on a multitude of large scale projects at one time with confidentiality issues and it's a challenge finding the right balance of information sharing.

"In a municipality of 1,877 people, I have 1,877 bosses, all keeping track of my work and its impact on the community. It is very important for me to use my knowledge of projects and initiatives very wisely to develop positive public relations with the community," said Ms. Maddox.

Dr. Yolande Chan from Queen's University is another participant who is hoping to learn more about mobilizing knowledge this week. Dr. Chan is a professor and also director of the Monieson Centre, a research centre at Queen's University that has knowledge mobilization as a key priority. She believes that knowledge mobilization has not been sufficiently emphasized in universities and academic institutions.

"I welcome events like the upcoming conference which highlight its importance ... I intend to share knowledge and learn from others about best practice in knowledge translation, transfer and dissemination in academic, community and regional contexts," Dr. Chan commented. "It's a privilege to be able to attend KiM at the Harris Centre – a centre I greatly respect. I look forward to learning a great deal during my brief stay in Newfoundland."

"This conference is a coming together of leaders from all walks of life that are hungry to harness the power of knowledge," added Dr. Eddy Campbell, acting president of Memorial University. "We all hear about the knowl-

edge economy and the role of higher education but the challenge is converting knowledge to action and that's what this conference is about."

KiM 2008 will have presenters from every province in Canada, and from Europe, the United States, Africa and Australia. Organizers are also taking some sessions on the road to Ferryland and Bell Island to highlight how universities and colleges connect with rural communi-

Knowledge in MOTION/08

ties. The conference will host keynote speakers Dr. Sandra Nutley from the University of Edinburgh and Bob McDonald from CBC's *Quirks and Quarks* and sessions on such topics as connecting research with health care, working with aboriginal communities, and rural outreach models from across Canada, Iceland and Denmark.

Knowledge in Motion 2008 takes place from Oct. 15-18 at the Fairmont Hotel. For more, visit www.knowledgeinmotion2008.ca.

PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

NOTABLE

Dr. Linda Hensman, director of the School of Pharmacy, was recognized for her contributions to pharmacy by being awarded the James C. Quick Award by the Pharmacists' Association of Newfoundland and Labrador (PANL) during their annual meeting in St. John's Oct. 3-5. This award recognizes a pharmacist who, in their day-to-day practice, has raised the expectations of what the public can expect from their pharmacist by introducing innovative methods or services into pharmacy care, or who has, by their initiative, broadened the scope of the practice of pharmacy in Newfoundland and Labrador. Two pharmacy students were also recognized. Hany Ellaboudy received the Ralph J. Harris Future of Pharmacy Award and Stephanie Pittman received the PANL Student Spirit Award.

Dr. John Sandlos, assistant professor, Department of History, had his book *Hunters on the Margin: Native People and Wildlife Conservation in the Northwest Territories* selected as the winner of the 2008 Charles A.

Weyerhaeuser Award for the best book published on forest and conservation history in 2007. The award was presented by The Forest History Society, a non-profit educational institution that links the past to the future by identifying, collecting, preserving, interpreting, and disseminating information on the history of interactions between people, forests, and their related resources.

Dr. Paul Sylvester, a professor in the Department of Earth Sciences, has recently been appointed as a member of Space Exploration Advisory Committee of the Canadian Space Agency, whose role is to advise the agency on scientific priorities for exploration of the planets, comets and asteroids in the coming years. Dr. Sylvester is also co-chairing Planetary Geology and Geophysics at the upcoming Canadian Space Exploration Workshop in December, which aims to solicit and prioritize the best ideas for space exploration from the academics and other researchers around the country (www.space.gc.ca/asc/eng/events/2008/csew2008.asp).

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intellectual or artistic achievement. The awarding of honorary doctorates, an important feature of Memorial's convocation, serves to celebrate both the individual and the university as well as to inspire graduates, their families and guests.

Also at fall convocation, several professors will be honoured with the designation professor emeritus/emerita: Dr. James Greenlee, Arts, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College; Dr. Peter Booth, Department of Mathematics; Dr. Carolyn Harley, Department of Psychology; Dr. Andy den Otter, Department of History; Dr. Thakor Patel, Department of Biology;


and Dr. Robert Sexty, Faculty of Business Administration.

To be eligible for the title professor emeritus, a person must have served at least 10 years as a regular full-time faculty member at Memorial and must have held the rank of professor upon retirement. The prime criterion for nomination is sustained, outstanding scholarly work and/or service to the university.

For more information on fall convocation, see today.mun.ca or the next edition of the *Gazette*.



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Prof lending expertise to help educate girls

Education in Egypt

By Heidi Wicks

DR. DENNIS MULCAHY, Faculty of Education, may have spent part of his summer amidst the pyramids and mummies of ancient Egypt, but the aspirations for educational development held by the country's universities are definitely contemporary.

Dr. Mulcahy received an invitation from the Ministry of Higher Education for Egypt to be part of a program sponsored by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), which is funding an education reform project for universities in Egypt. Dr. Mulcahy was asked to work with professors in Egyptian universities who are interested in developing and improving a teacher education program for their rural schools – specifically one classroom schools for girls between the ages of eight and 14.

Dr. Mulcahy was asked to be part of this project because he is recognized internationally for his work in rural education and small schools. The Egyptian educators wanted him to lend his expertise in the area of multi-grade and multi-age classrooms to their efforts to revise their existing programs for teacher development.

“Education in Egypt to some extent is still a bit problematic for girls in some areas,” Dr. Mulcahy explained. “From what I understand, there is still in some rural areas the notion that education is not that important for girls. So I think it’s a wonderful initiative that the Egyptian government is developing these one-classroom schools for girls, which will be set in various villages around rural Egypt.”

The fact that Dr. Mulcahy ended up in Egypt is a testament to the power of the Internet and Google.

“They wanted someone with an expertise in rural education, who had some interest in teacher education for rural schools, in multi-grade or multi-level classrooms,” said Dr. Mulcahy. “So they just Googled those terms and my name kept coming up. It was fantastic really. The people in the ministry said, ‘We have to see if we can find this Dennis Mulcahy!’”

“They just Googled those terms and my name kept coming up. It was fantastic really.”

USAID then found the professor through his website.

Dr. Mulcahy has a great admiration for the work that is being done in Egypt, and is determined to return to expand on his own research.

“During the time I was there I met several deans from other universities who are very interested in developing teacher education,” he said. “I’ve always been drawn to causes where people are on the fringe of society, or who have been neglected in some way. To some extent I’ve gotten involved in rural education in Newfoundland because I felt that even here, we were ignoring our small schools and pretending they didn’t exist anymore. Even




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Dr. Dennis Mulcahy with two Egyptian professors.


today, they still somewhat exist on the margins of people’s consciousness. When programs and policies are developed here, I don’t think we give sufficient attention to how these will play out in our small schools. I hear this from my graduate students all the time.”

Dr. Mulcahy took advantage of his time in Egypt to begin the process of initiating his own research project that will focus on rural education in general but with a special focus on the one classroom schools. He has established important contacts and links with several universities and researchers in Egypt.



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Suzuki speaks

Author and environmentalist Dr. David Suzuki was on Memorial’s St. John’s campus Sept. 30 to help kick-off the Students for Sustainability National Campus Tour which is delivering green messages to Canadians at 22 campuses until the end of October. As part of his visit, Dr. Suzuki delivered a keynote address to a crowded audience in the Arts and Culture Centre, which was simulcast live on the Internet, thanks to Memorial’s Distance Education and Learning Technologies unit. Thousands of students from St. John’s to Stephenville to Rigolet were able to watch the presentation in schools, as well as Sir Wilfred Grenfell College in Corner Brook and campuses of the College of the North Atlantic. Just prior to his presentation, Dr. Suzuki also met with university media, including Studio 1024, Memorial’s official weekly podcast. You can see Dr. Suzuki’s presentation online at www.distance.mun.ca/media/files/suzuki/.

FALL CONVOCATION 2008 **New graduates**

Ready for a new adventure



Omar Abu Salam

By Meaghan Whelan

OMAR ABU SALAM IS AN ADVENTURER. When he was 17, this Palestine native decided he wanted to move away from home to study abroad. Based only on the good word from a travel agent, he came to Memorial University in St. John's, a place he now considers his second home.

"Newfoundland means a lot to me," he said. "It has given me a new language, new friends, even new family. It has given me freedom. Freedom to move, freedom of speech."

This sense of connection with the province has led Mr. Abu Salam to the decision to stay put after graduation.

"I would like to find a job and stay in Newfoundland," he explained. "Someday I will probably move home, but for now I would like to stay and apply the skills I've learned."

Mr. Abu Salam will be graduating at the fall convoca-

tion session with an international bachelor of business administration with a focus on marketing and a host of volunteer experience. In addition to his on-campus volunteer record, Mr. Abu Salam was selected to participate in Global Vision's Junior Team Canada Forum in Ottawa.

Based on that experience, Global Vision asked Mr. Abu Salam to represent Newfoundland and Labrador in an upcoming trade mission to Columbia and Panama. "It's very significant for me as an international student to be representing Canada and Newfoundland abroad. I'm really proud," said Mr. Abu Salam.

"When I moved to Canada, I only knew one thing about it. I knew it was a safe country and it truly is. I'm glad to be here. I think it's the best decision I ever made in my life, to come to Canada and especially to Newfoundland and Labrador."

Brothers in convocation



The Brothers Byrne

By Janet Harron

MANY OF THOSE at fall convocation will know of the Brothers Byrne, a musical duo consisting of Pat and Joe Byrne who released their only album, *Towards the Sunset*, in 1982. That same year, Joe Byrne's eldest son Allan was born, to be followed two years later by Matthew.

Fast forward 26 years and the first generation of the Brothers Byrne are now both professors at Memorial University while the second generation are graduating Oct. 17 with MAs in history, both specializing in the history of Newfoundland and Labrador.

"We've both always been interested in storytelling and find history to be a great way of reading, writing and telling stories," said Allan Byrne, who is currently working with the Newfoundland Historical Society. His brother, Matthew, works at the Museum Association of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The two brothers are also continuing the family tradition of musicianship, with regular gigs at the March Hare Literary Festival, the *Random Passage* film site, and various St. John's watering holes. The two will be appearing at this year's St. John's Storytelling Festival on Oct. 22 at the Ship Pub.

Nursing student helps bring vision to impoverished Mexicans

By Sharon Gray

CHRISTOPHER NOLAN, a fast-track nursing student who will graduate at fall convocation, finished his education off in an innovative way. As part of a clinical elective, he travelled to Mexico for two weeks in August with Samaritan's Purse Canada as a volunteer team member working in an eye clinic.

"In Queretaro, I resided at a local orphanage with 11 other individuals from across Canada," said Mr. Nolan. "I was cross-culturally trained in eye anatomy, eye health and disease, vision screening and testing, as well as how to prescribe basic eyeglasses to individuals in need who would otherwise have no financial ability to visit an optometrist."

One of the challenges Mr. Nolan faced was the hesitancy the Mexican people had in saying "no" while testing their vision. "Vision testing is a methodical process and as examiners we were constantly asking 'is this clearer?' Many of the patients would always say 'yes!' During my first few examinations, the patients had me puzzled and I had no idea which prescription was needed as it seemed everything made their vision clearer. I soon found out that this indeed, was a cultural norm and that I was not going crazy!"



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Nursing student Christopher Nolan testing the vision of two Mexican children on his trip with Samaritan's Purse Canada.

Mr. Nolan was particularly moved by one older lady who was technically blind in one eye due to cataract removal, and who had immature cataracts in her other eye. "Simple activities such as walking, cooking and

being able to see the faces of her grandchildren were a constant struggle. I was able to examine her eyes and give her two prescriptions (prescription sunglasses and normal eyeglasses) that, although clinically barely helped her vision, to her was a drastic improvement. When trying her glasses on, she began to sob and in Spanish said 'now I can see my grandchildren.' She was in disbelief that the service we were providing was free-of-charge and that a group of individuals cared so much about people like her that we were there to help. This is a memory I will forever cherish."

This was Mr. Nolan's second experience with Samaritan's Purse, and part of the funding for his travel came from the Eleanor and Norval Blair Travel Scholarship. In 2005 he travelled to Belize in Central America where he volunteered in make-shift medical camps and helped distribute Christmas gifts to local children and adolescents. Now working in Bonavista, he has decided to go to Paraguay this December, leading the entire team for two weeks and participating in a Christmas gift exchange and medical caravans.

SIFE MEMORIAL: GLOBAL CHAMPIONS



THE WHOLE SIFE WORLD CUP 2008 TEAM Back Row: Dana Noseworthy, Ryan Gosse, Nick Hounsell, Jason Oakley, Johnathon Earle, Michael Harris, Michael Wadden, Jessica Penton, Lynn Morrissey (faculty advisor), Adam Hiscock, Adam Fitzpatrick, Preston Aitken, Heidi Williams, Amanda Coish, Lauren Tobin. Front Row: Ryan Hopkins, Liam Kelly, Sarah Fisher, Will Penney, MaryBeth Handrigan, Haroon Iqbal, Lisa Smart, Arlene O’Keefe



Liam Kelly



Left to Right: Sarah Fisher, Amanda Coish, Nick Hounsell, Jessica Penton



Ryan Hopkins and MaryBeth Handrigan

By Meaghan Whelan

HALF WAY AROUND THE WORLD, the rafters were ringing with applause and roars of approval when SIFE Memorial was named champion of the Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) World Cup.

This group, formerly known as ACE Memorial, has dedicated countless hours to transforming their community through the power of business. The World Cup is their opportunity to showcase their hard work and the impact they’ve had on their community in the past year.

Dr. Gary Gorman, dean of the Faculty of Business Administration, was in Singapore for the competition. “I am completely elated for these students,” he said. “I know how hard they worked and the pressure they were under.

“They deserve this recognition and it’s an incredible opportunity to demonstrate the quality of programs at Memorial. It speaks to the quality of our students, their commitment and the coaching and mentoring they get from Lynn Morrissey, the faculty advisor.”

Armed with thousands of Canadian flags, Purity treats and a stuffed moose, the team networked with their counterparts from all regions of the world, making plans for expanding programs and enjoying the camaraderie of the event.

“I don’t think anyone comes close to SIFE Memorial in terms of building relationships with other teams. They brought 2,000 Canadian flags with them and at the awards ceremony, there were flags everywhere and a whispered chant of ‘Canada’ all around the room before the overall winner was even announced,” explained Dr. Gorman. “The entire audience was behind them and I think that speaks to how well they handle themselves.”

The 2009 World Cup takes place in Berlin and even at their celebratory dinner the team was discussing ideas for new projects and making plans for the future. As Dr. Gorman said, “they aren’t arrogant, but they are truly exceptional at setting goals and seeing them through to fruition.”



Michael Harris, Haroon Iqbal (centre), Heidi Williams

Community service spotlight part of MUNDays

Helping a family go home

By Jeff Green

TOOL BOXES IN HAND and a spark of determination in their eyes, a team of Memorial staff, faculty and students are heading to Mount Pearl this week to help put a brand new roof over the heads of one deserving family.

It's all part of a massive community service project that will see a five-bedroom home for the eight-member Anthony family go up in the span of only nine days.

Memorial has teamed up with Petro-Canada to build the house in collaboration with Cabot Habitat for Humanity.

More than 300 members of the university community – 100 employees and 200 students – will do everything from install sinks and subfloors to painting and plastering.

Employees and students from a string of units ranging from Education, Pharmacy and Nursing to Facilities Management, Engineering and the Botanical Garden jumped on board weeks ago, volunteering to help give back to the community.

The build takes place in the midst of MUNDays, Memorial's annual fall celebration on the St. John's campus.

"Melissa James, a Faculty of Arts student and a Student Affairs and Services 'Amazing Student' brought this exciting idea to me this past winter," said Kim Kelly, experiential learning co-ordinator with Career Development and Experiential Learning and one of the key organizers. She, Jessica Clarke with Marketing and Communications and Ms. James have spent months spearheading the project at Memorial and gathering



PHOTO BY CHRIS HAMMOND

Dr. Eddy Campbell, acting president of Memorial, second from left, is joined by Alan Brown, regional manager of Petro-Canada's East Coast Canada offshore oil production business, and the Anthony family for a sod turning ceremony for the Cabot Habitat for Humanity build.

support for the mammoth project.

They've been joined by a subcommittee that includes representatives from academic and administrative units.

Faculty members from both Social Work and Community Health in Medicine have also incorporated the build into their curriculum.

Organizers hope the Anthony's new home will be completed by Oct. 26.

To learn more about Memorial's involvement and its partnership with Petro-Canada in the Cabot Habitat for Humanity build, call Kim Kelly at 737-2607, or Jessica Clarke at 737-8415.

8 CAN'T MISS MUNDAYS EVENTS

From Oct. 21-25, Memorial is kicking up its heels and throwing a great big party – so big it needs two campuses to celebrate. Check out these must-see events taking place under the banners of I Love MUNDays on the St. John's campus and I Fell for Grenfell in Corner Brook.

Battle of the Sexes and Out-Move Sammy
Oct. 21 at the Field House

Campus Dash
Oct. 22 in the Food Court, Grenfell College

Rant like Rick Finals
Oct. 22 University Centre

Healthy Bodies/Healthy Minds Fair
Oct. 23 Food Court, Grenfell College

International Night
Oct. 23 Food Court, Grenfell College

Sports Challenge
Oct. 24 Grenfell College gym

Battle of the Rock Bands
Oct. 24 Breezeway

Barnes House Charity Truck Pull
Oct. 25 Area 15 Parking Lot

Check out www.mun.ca/mundays/and
www.swgc.mun.ca/celebrate for full details
on these and lots of other events.

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MUNDays are for everyone

St. John's Campus

| Tuesday, Oct. 21 | Wednesday, Oct. 22 | Thursday, Oct. 23 | Friday, Oct. 24 | Saturday, Oct. 25 |
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| <p>Habitat for Humanity All Day, Mt. Pearl</p> <p>Launch 10:30 a.m. UC 3rd Floor</p> <p>International Parade of Flags 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m. St. John's Campus</p> <p>MUNDays Info Kiosk 12 - 2 p.m. UC 3rd Floor</p> <p>Health Circus 12 - 2 p.m. Field House</p> <p>Battle of the Sexes & Out Move Sammy 6 - 7 p.m. Field House</p> <p>International Gaming Night 8 - 11 p.m. Bitters</p> | <p>Habitat for Humanity All Day, Mt. Pearl</p> <p>MUNDays Info Kiosk 12 - 2 p.m. UC 3rd Floor</p> <p>Rant Like Rick 12 - 2 p.m. The Landing</p> <p>"Green Drinks" Memorial 7 - 9 p.m. Breezeway</p> <p>Open Mic Night 8 - 11 p.m. Bitters</p> <p>10:30 p.m. Breezeway</p> | <p>Habitat for Humanity All Day, Mt. Pearl</p> <p>Scholarship Luncheon For First-Year Students 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. Main Dining Hall</p> <p>MUNDays Info Kiosk 12 - 2 p.m., UC 3rd Flr</p> <p>International Bazaar 12 - 3 p.m., UC 3rd Flr</p> <p>Supervisors' Night 4 p.m., Bitters</p> <p>Alumni Tribute Awards 6:30 p.m. Main Dining Hall</p> <p>Fly A ROV 3 - 4:30 p.m. MI Flume Tank/ Viewing Gallery</p> <p>Movie Night 6 - 9 p.m. St. John's Chapel (Social Work Building)</p> <p>Super Trivia Night 8 - 11 p.m., Bitters</p> | <p>Habitat for Humanity All Day, Mt. Pearl</p> <p>Kindness Friday All Day St. John's Campus</p> <p>Book Sale 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. QEII Library</p> <p>MUNDays Info Kiosk 12 - 2 p.m. UC 3rd Floor</p> <p>Idle Free 12 - 2 p.m. St. John's Campus</p> <p>Battle of the RockBands 5 - 8 p.m. Breezeway</p> | <p>Habitat for Humanity All Day, Mt. Pearl</p> <p>Community Service Learning Day 10 a.m. Inco Innovation Centre – Various locations in and around St. John's</p> <p>Barnes Charity Truck Pull 1 p.m. Area 15</p> <p>Closing Award Ceremonies/ Concert, featuring "709" 8 p.m. Breezeway</p> |

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Bird plumage more than decoration

By Kelly Foss

RESEARCHERS AT MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY have discovered the elaborate feather ornaments of some birds do more than just make a pretty face. Conventional theory was that long feather appendages primarily aid in the attraction of a mate. However, Sampath Seneviratne, a PhD candidate in the Department of Biology, has discovered that similar to a cat's whiskers, there is a link between this decorative plumage and a bird's ability to navigate in dark and cluttered environments.

Over two summers, Mr. Seneviratne and his supervisor, Dr. Ian Jones, have tested that theory on the auklet. This nocturnal family of birds is made up of five species which display a varying amount of facial ornamentation including bizarre facial plumes derived from contour feathers and filoplumes, and nests in tiny rock crevices on the volcanic Aleutian and Kuril Islands on the edge of the North Pacific.

In order to determine whether or not there was a correlation, the pair caught a large number of birds in their Alaskan breeding colonies and carefully taped the forehead crest and superorbital plumes down. The birds were then exposed to a test chamber – a light-proof maze that simulated their natural breeding crevices.

Their resulting exploratory behaviour was recorded on an infrared digital camcorder. Each bird was tested three times in the chamber, in random order: once with the feathers taped down, once with the feathers free and once with the feathers free, but with tape attached to the

bird's head in the same position as in the first test. The latter "sham" test was used to determine if the tape alone would prove to be enough of a distraction to affect the behaviour of the birds.

The prediction was that if the whiskered auklets, the most decorated of the auklet family, used the feather ornaments as a sensory device to avoid obstacles, they would bump their heads against the barriers of the chamber more frequently once the feathers were temporarily "eliminated."

"We found there was 275 per cent increase in head bumps when the crest was cancelled out and this showed that they primarily use this crest as an immediate clutter detection device, much like a blind man uses a cane," said Mr. Seneviratne. "In addition, the longer crested birds had more difficulty navigating in the chamber in the absence of the crest than the shorter crested birds."

They believe this is the first empirical evidence for a possibly widespread but overlooked mechanosensory function of elaborate feather ornaments in birds. Much of the research for this study was done in the summer of 2006. In 2007 Mr. Seneviratne returned to the same area to test his theory on other closely related species of auklets – the least and crested auklets. Of these, the least auklet has no crest at all, and for this experiment the pair gave the birds a faux crest by gluing feathers to it taken from the whiskered auklet.

"We wanted to see how they reacted," said Mr. Seneviratne. "It was much like putting a collar on a cat. They didn't freak out but the analysis showed they didn't know

how to use it. We determined they did not have any significant reductions in the number of head bumps using the artificial crest. So it proved the validity of our previous experiment."

Mr. Seneviratne is now looking these trait expressions across all bird species to see if there is a correlation between habitat selection and these types of trait expressions in birds in general.



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Aethia Pygmaea

NEWS & NOTES

For more information about the items below, contact Yvonne Thibault at the Office of Research, 737-8251 or ythibault@mun.ca.

Listed below is a selection of the funding opportunities for which information has recently been received by the Office of Research. For links to further information on these items, visit Grant Funding Opportunities on the Research website at www.mun.ca/research/overview/grant_opp.php.

- Aid to Research Workshops and Conferences in Canada
- Alzheimer Society of Canada 2008 Research Competition
- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Grand Challenges Explorations Grant
- Canada-India Science and Technology Cooperation Fund Call for Proposals
- CHSRF 2009 Linking Evidence to Action on Decisions (LEAD) Competition
- CHSRF Research Exchange and Impact for System Support (REISS)
- CHSRF/CIHR Postdoctoral Awards
- Canadian Hemophilia Society Call for Applications
- CIHR Catalyst Grant - Ethics
- CIHR Operating Grant - Healthy Living and Chronic Disease Prevention
- CIHR Training Grant
- Community-University Research Alliances (CURA)
- Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada Grants in Aid of Research
- Dan David Prize and Scholarships
- Fulbright Awards for Research and Graduate Study in the U.S.
- Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada - Focus on Stroke VIII
- Heart and Stroke Foundation Junior Personnel Award
- 2008 Kidney Research Scientist Core Education and National Training (KRESCENT) Competition
- Klarman Family Foundation Grants Program in Eating Disorders Research
- Landon Foundation-AACR Grants
- NSERC Summer Program for Graduate Students in Japan or Taiwan

- Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute - Partnership Development Seed Grants
- Special SSHRC Call for Proposals - Research in Management, Business and Finance
- SSHRC Strategic Knowledge Clusters
- Ukrainian Resource and Development Centre Awards

Imminent Deadlines

Dec. 1

Alzheimer's Association – research grants program (letter of intent).

CNIB – Baker fellowship fund; CNIB Baker new researcher fund; CNIB Baker applied research fund; Barbara Tuck/MacPhee Family Vision Research Award.

Canada Council for the Arts – Molson prizes.

James McKeen Cattell Fund – sabbatical award.

Deafness Research Foundation – research grants (Letter of Intent).

Imperial Oil Limited – university research awards.

Manning Awards Foundation – Manning innovation awards.

Memorial University, Office of Research – Petro-Canada young innovator award.

National Kidney Foundation (US) – young investigator grant; clinical scientist award; research fellowship award.

National Cancer Institute of Canada – student travel awards

Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study fellowship program (natural sciences and mathematics).

Royal Society of Canada – McNeil medal for the public awareness of science.

Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute – Shastri Millennium development research grants.

Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research Inc. – conference and workshop grants; international collaborative research grants.

Dec. 3

Canada Council for the Arts – John G. Diefenbaker award.

Canadian Psychiatric Research Foundation – CPRF awards (full proposals).



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Jillian Terry

'Learning how to beg for money'

IT'S NOT PARTICULARLY COMMON to hear about members of the university-educated population who have to beg for money. That is, unless the population being referred to are potential graduate school students.

With rising costs of graduate and post-graduate studies across the country, more and more students are looking towards universities and government to help make advancing their educations a little less costly.

As a senior undergraduate student here at Memorial, I find myself in the centre ring of the grad school funding circus, with thoughts constantly swimming in my head of statements of purpose, reference letters, and how I plan to contribute to the "advancement of knowledge."

As any prospective or current graduate student will tell you, SSHRC and NSERC are acronyms that can plague your academic career for years on end.

The Social Sciences and Humanities and Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Councils are the federal government's primary way of getting funding to the best and brightest grad students our home and native land has to offer.

However, because the number of eligible students who apply vastly outnumbers the amount of funding available, applicants must go through an intensely rigorous selection process during which one mistaken checkmark may mean the difference between whether or not you receive funding for your graduate program.

There's a lot of nitty-gritty detail involved with these agencies, and for good reason: the Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship for masters students, the lowest

level of funding available from SSHRC, is valued at a cool \$17,500 for one year – enough for a masters student at Memorial to live comfortably while studying without having to seek employment on top of the responsibility of grad school.

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With such dollar amounts on the line, it's no wonder that selection committees across Canada use academic achievement as the primary indicator for who will receive funding.

GPA combined with the less tangible perception of "academic excellence" over your last two years of university accounts for 60 per cent of the selection criteria at the master's level, meaning that it really does pay off to do well

in your undergrad program.

Perhaps the most difficult part of the funding application process comes when writing about your proposed research and program of study.

At least for me, it's tough to suddenly transport myself a year into the future and look at precisely what I'll be studying and why. I still have a full two semesters left in my current program, two semesters that could potentially introduce me to new concepts and ideas that I had never thought of before.

In applying for SSHRC or NSERC funding, you're trying to convince the selection committee that you will use the money given to you to make a sizable and original scholarly contribution to whatever field you study, even though you may not know at the current moment what that contribution will be.

Like any other application process, it's all about marketing yourself and making your application package stand out in the crowd – to go beyond just being average.

If what I've learned so far is any indication, applying for graduate funding is more than just having a great transcript.

It's an exercise in showcasing your strengths to your faculty, department, and university – an exercise in learning the valuable lifelong skill of selling yourself as extraordinary.

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I fell for Grenfell

| Monday, Oct. 20 | Tuesday, Oct. 21 | Wednesday, Oct. 22 | Thursday, Oct. 23 | Friday, Oct. 24 | Saturday, Oct. 25 |
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| <p>Free Movie: Pay It Forward 8:00 p.m. LC301</p> | <p>Healthy Start Breakfast / Pay It Forward 8:00 a.m. Main Entrance</p> <p>Grenfell Speaker Series Grenfell Speaker Series</p> <p><i>'I wanted a life of my own': Creating a Single woman Mennonite Identity in Mexico</i> - Dr. Klassen 12:30 p.m. FA 223</p> <p>Qi Gong 1:30 p.m. Gym</p> <p>EHSSI Planning Workshop 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. For more information: abbhan@nl.rogers.com</p> | <p>Pay It Forward Everywhere!</p> <p>Psych Society Bake Sale 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Outside AS348</p> <p>Fall Advising Daze 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Cross Roads</p> <p>Campus Dash/ Launch/BBQ 3:30 p.m. – Registration 4:00 p.m. – Launch 4:15 p.m. – Dash BBQ to follow</p> <p>Calligraphy 10:30 a.m. AS 379</p> | <p>Pay It Forward Everywhere!</p> <p>Fall Advising Daze Crossroads 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>Pie the Prof Food Court 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>International Night 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>Healthy Bodies/ Healthy Minds 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Food Court</p> <p>Sudoku Challenge 8:00 p.m. AS 378</p> | <p>Pay It Forward Everywhere!</p> <p>SWGC Sports 3:30 p.m. Gym</p> <p>TGIF The Backlot</p> | <p>Student Leadership Conference 9:30 a.m. Pepsi Centre</p> <p>Teddy Bear Clinic 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. FA 224</p> |

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Thursday, Oct. 16

MUN Cinema Series presents *The Stone Angel* 7 p.m. Empire Theatres, Avalon Mall.

Knowledge in Motion 2008 conference 9 a.m. Fairmont Hotel, St. John's.

Blood donor clinic 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Inco Innovation Centre, main entrance.

Instructional Development Office workshop titled Assessment and Feedback for Significant Student Learning 12:30-2 p.m. ED-5013, Education Building.

Wayzgoose 2008: A Celebration of Books and Printing 3-6 p.m. Map Room, ground floor, QE II Library.

The Protestant Reformation: An expose of history with Prof. Veith sponsored by Mario Saric 7-9 p.m. Engineering, EN-2006.

Quantum maps: a case study in quantum chaos by Prof. Stephan De Bievre, Laboratoire Paul Painleve et UFR de Mathematiques, University of Lille, 12-1 p.m. AA-1043, Arts and Administration Building.

Healthy Aging: Faculty Awards and Research Grant Opportunities 12-12:30 p.m. Health Sciences Centre 2767.

Healthy Aging: Student Award and Fellowship Opportunities 12:30-1 p.m. HSC-2767 Health Sciences Centre.

Friday, Oct. 17

Division of Lifelong Learning presents Improving Your Voice and Speech 7-9 p.m.

Negotiating Transfer Prices in Lateral Resource Sharing by PhD student Behzad Hezarkhani 1:30-3 p.m. Business, BN-3007.

Monday, Oct. 20

Halloween School Program at MUN 'Boo-tanical'-Garden 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Botanical Garden, 306 Mount Scio Road.

Tuesday, Oct. 21

Global Cinema Series: *Turkish Delight* 7 p.m. Inco Auditorium. Facilitated discussion will be offered by Dr. John Buffing.

Earth and Human Systems Sustainability Initiative planning workshop 1:30-4:30 p.m. Sir Wilfred Grenfell College.

The Protestant Reformation - An expose of History with Prof Veith sponsored by Mario Saric 7-9 p.m. Engineering, EN-2006.

Health Circus - Health and Wellness under the big top 12-2 p.m. The Field House.

MUNDays Launch 10:30 a.m. University Centre.

International Parade of Flags 11 a.m.-12 p.m. 3rd Floor, University Centre.

Battle of the Sexes & Out Move Sammy 6 p.m. Field House.

International Gaming Night 8-11 p.m. Bitter's Pub.

Jake MacDonald author of the *Houseboat Chronicles* and winner of the Writers' Trust of Canada Prize for Non-fiction, will present a reading at 7:30 p.m. in the Petro-Canada Hall, School of Music.

Wednesday, Oct. 22

Rant Like Rick 12-2 p.m. 3rd Floor, University Centre.

Outside the Box Challenge 7-10 p.m. Physical Education Gym.

Green Drinks Memorial 7-9 p.m. Breezeway Bar.

Open Mic Night 8-11 p.m. Bitter's Pub.

Open Mic Night 10:30 p.m. Breezeway Bar.

Thursday, Oct. 23

MUN Cinema Series presents *Paranoid Park* 7 p.m. Empire Theatres, Avalon Mall.

People Are Staring presents Great Sex for Everyone 7-9 p.m. Breezeway Bar.

The Protestant Reformation - An expose of History with Prof. Veith sponsored by Mario Saric 7-9 p.m. Engineering, EN-2006.

Instructional Development Office and the School of Graduate Studies present Meet RefWorks: Your Bibliographic Information Organizer 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. CP-2003, Chemistry-Physics Building

International Bazaar 12-3 p.m. 3rd Floor, University Centre.

Alumni Tribute Awards 6:30-8 p.m. Main Dining Hall, R. Gushue Hall.

Fly a ROV 3-4:30 p.m. Marine Institute.

Graduate Student Union Supervisor's Night 4-6 p.m. Bitter's Pub.

Super Trivia Night 8-11 p.m. Bitter's Pub.

Healthy Aging: Faculty Awards and Research Grant Opportunities 12-12:30 p.m. Genesis Boardroom, IIC-3001.

Healthy Aging: Student Award and Fellowship Opportunities 12:30-1 p.m. Genesis Boardroom, IIC-3001.

Friday, Oct. 24

Department of Women's Studies Speaker's Series presents Jobs for Rural Women? Gender Identities and Gender Relations in Ontario's Ruralized Auto Manufacturing Labour Market by Dr. Belinda Leach, University Research Chair, 2-3 p.m. Science Building, SN-4087.

Blood donor clinic 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. University Centre Student Lounge.

Pathophysiology of Neuronal Cell Death Following Acute Brain Damage by Dr. Nikolaus Plesnila, chair of Neurodegeneration, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Lecture Theatre B, HSC.

Memorial soccer versus Moncton, King George V Pitch, St. John's, women at 6 p.m., men at 8:15.

Book Sale 9 a.m.-5 p.m. QE II Library, L-1015.

Idle Free 12-2 p.m. St. John's Campus.

Battle of the RockBands 5-8 p.m. Breezeway Bar.

Saturday, Oct. 25

Memorial soccer versus Moncton, King George V Pitch, St. John's, women at 1 p.m., men at 3:15.

Community Service Learning Day 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Barnes Charity Truck Pull 1-2 p.m. Area 15, Memorial University.

MUNDays closing award ceremonies/concert 8-9 p.m. Breezeway Bar.

Halloween Howl at MUN 'Boo-tanical' Garden 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Botanical Garden, 306 Mount Scio Road.

Sunday, Oct. 26

Halloween Howl at the 'Boo-tanical' Garden 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 28

Instructional Development Office presents Just in Time Teaching (JiTT) 12:30-2 p.m. ED-5013, Education Building.

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Wednesday, Oct. 29

Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Police Recruit Training Program public information session 6-8 p.m. ED-1020, Education Building.

Instructional Development Office presents Teaching for Critical Thinking: An Introduction 12:30-2 p.m. ED-3005, Education Building.

Thursday, Oct. 30

Instructional Development Office presents Presenting CEQ Data in a Teaching Dossier 12:30-2 p.m. ED-3011, Education Building.

The Protestant Reformation: An Expose of History with Prof. Veith sponsored by Mario Saric 7-9 p.m. Engineering, EN-2006.

Sunday, Nov. 2

Memorial volleyball versus Saint Mary's in the Field House. Women at 11 a.m., men at 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 4

Global Cinema Series: *The Kite Runner* 7 p.m. Inco Centre Auditorium. Facilitated discussion will be offered by Dr. Reeta Tremblay.

Wednesday, Nov. 5

Canadian Risk and Hazards Network fifth annual symposium 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Fairmont Hotel.

Thursday, Nov. 6

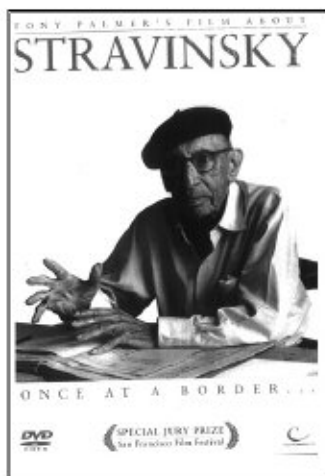
Music in the Wrong Place: Disco Music in Quebec with Dr. Will Straw, Department of Art History and Communications Studies at McGill University, 7:30-9 p.m. MMAP Gallery, Arts & Culture Centre (2nd floor).

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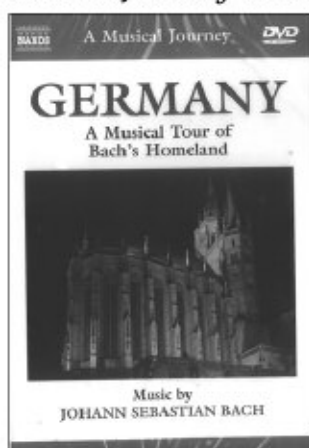
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