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Innovator invitation

Prestigious new award targets emerging researchers

By Jeff Green

THE CREATION of a new lucrative research award will help foster emerging faculty from disciplines far and wide at Memorial, said Dr. Ray Gosine, vice-president (research) *pro tempore*.

With the deadline just weeks away, the university is hoping for a strong list of candidates for this prestigious honour.

The creation of the Terra Nova Young Innovator Award was announced in October 2009 by Memorial and Suncor Energy, operators of the Terra Nova development, an offshore oil field.

Suncor has donated \$250,000 to support promising researchers at the university.

Its donation will allow awards to be presented annually to Memorial researchers in each of the next five years. Suncor will fund the award which will be administered by Memorial.

With the April 15 deadline looming, the countdown is on and the hope is to receive nominations from a variety of research disciplines.

According to its Terms of Reference, the award "recognizes, promotes, and supports outstanding and innovative new faculty researchers at Memorial ... whose work impacts positively on their departments and whose research has the potential to be of significance to society at large."

A total of \$50,000 will be awarded each year and there may be several recipients as determined by the applications which are received and reviewed by the selection committee.

Dr. Gosine said the aim of the new award is to foster diverse researchers from a variety of different units, departments, schools and faculties.

"This award is not earmarked for researchers in one particular discipline," said Dr. Gosine. "The hope is that each year we receive nominations and lists of strong eligible candidates for consideration from all areas of the university; from the arts and the humanities to business, engineering, music, science, kinetics, medicine and beyond. We do not want to limit the award to just faculty from one discipline. We want the best eligible emerging researchers to come forward."

Dr. Gosine commended Suncor and the owners of the Terra Nova development for the creation of the new award.

"It will go a long way in attracting emerging high-calibre researchers at our university," he added.

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Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) at Grenfell College organized the campus' first Sustainability Week, March 7-13. On Bottled Water Free Day, March 11, students set up a water taste testing table where samplers could blind taste test tap, filtered and bottled water. From left are environmental studies student Perla Hernandez; Judy Jewison of the St. John's campus' Registrar's Office; English student Richard Williams and environmental science student Alex Dolter.

Princess Royal to be honoured at special convocation



MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY will bestow its highest honour upon the Princess Royal, an especially hardworking member of the Royal Family and the colonel-in-chief of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, during her upcoming visit to Newfoundland and Labrador in April 2010.

The daughter of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will receive an honorary doctorate of laws degree in a special convocation to take place on Friday, April 23, 2010, at the St. John's campus.

The Princess Royal will be visiting the province to present new colours to the 1st battalion of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment (RNR) and to participate in a variety of other activities being co-ordinated by the regiment.

Honorary degree recipients are chosen by the university's Senate. The honorary doctorate degree is designed to recognize extraordinary contributions to society or exceptional intellectual or artistic achievement.

"The Princess Royal is well-known for her tireless support for numerous charities and organizations, including the University of London of which she is chancellor," said Dr. Christopher Loomis, Memorial's president and vice-chancellor *pro tempore*. "Most relevant to us here is her role as the colonel-in-chief of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment."

"In honouring her, Memorial is honouring the extensive contributions that the RNR has made to this country, this province and, in particular, Memorial University."

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SPOTLIGHT ON ALUMNI Jane Adey

SHE IS THE FACE and the voice that delivers the very last of the day's news to many St. John's homes. Jane Adey, a passionate storyteller, lover of language and words and a TV documentary aficionado, recently spoke with our contributor Bojan Fürst.

BF: Why journalism?

JA: I always, always loved writing and would spend a lot of time journaling and loved my English classes. It was always something that people encouraged me to do. Everyone in my life encouraged me to write. I was also a fairly inquisitive person, as a young person, too. I think that was a natural direction for me to go in. If you like to ask questions, and you like to write, you might make a good journalist [laughter]. Plus, my dad was eager for me to go that way.

BF: Was he a journalist?

JA: No. He was a teacher and my mom is a nurse, but they were always very encouraging of that career path.

BF: How did you start your career in journalism?

JA: I did my BA at Memorial University in English and French and then I just started applying to journalism schools because I decided that this is what I probably want to do. So, I went to Ryerson in Toronto for their graduate program. I had an internship at NTV as part of the schooling that I did at Ryerson. When I graduated from Ryerson, they offered me a job so I was able to come back home right away and I worked there for four years. I started asking around CBC to see if there was anything available. I've grown up watching CBC and have always aspired to work at CBC. I had a great experience at NTV. Really great place to learn. You're really thrown into the thick of things. You know ... sink or swim. I eventually came here (CBC) and that's where I've been for nine years now.

BF: Your show, Here and Now Late Night, is new.

JA: Yeah, we started in October so it's pretty exciting. Of course, CBC used to have the late night news show *News Final* hosted by Glenn Tilley, who is legendary. It was actually a decision that came from Toronto. Every shop in Canada now has a night-time news cast. The same thing, the same format. I think it's going over well here because people in Newfoundland have an appetite for news and they are quite savvy about what kind of news they want. I think they are delighted to have a late night newscast now. At least that's the feedback I've been getting. People say: "I just tune in before I go to bed ... It keeps me up to date..."



PHOTO BY BOJAN FÜRST

BF: I think it has to do with how connected they are to their communities.

JA: Definitely. I also think it has to do with our long history of storytelling. Even though you're probably finding more and more today there are shorter items and punchier newscasts with many more items in it, I think it still goes back to that need to have stories told to us. I think that's why people in this province love news. Journalists who come here to work from other provinces comment on that and on such loyal viewers and listeners. Everybody knows what's going on. And I think you're right, we are fairly tightly knit. There are only 500,000 of us. We live in a village. [Laughter] We all met each other at one point. I love that about Newfoundland. It can also make it difficult – you know everybody and everybody knows everything about you... [laugh]. It's really nice. I find that people in this province are supportive of their media. At times we get raked over coals. Probably deservedly so [laugh].

BF: What was it like to be at Memorial?

JA: I really loved my experience at Memorial. Only good

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Posthumous honour for former history head

A **WELL-KNOWN** Memorial faculty member who died in 1998 was posthumously recognized for his role in a seminal academic freedom case.

Dr. Gerald E. Panting was a history teacher at Memorial since 1959 and department head from 1966-76. On Nov. 28, 2009, the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) presented the Milner Memorial Award to 16 academic staff at United College in Winnipeg, including Dr. Panting, who resigned to defend the academic freedom of a colleague who had been fired for writing a letter critical of the president of the institution in 1958.

The Milner Memorial Award was established by CAUT in 1969 in honour of James Milner, a former chairperson of the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee, to recognize a distinguished contribution to the cause of academic freedom.

The dismissal of historian Harry Crowe in 1958 became CAUT's first academic freedom case. It served to define for CAUT the centrality of academic freedom to its mission and created the model for investigating allegations of violations of academic freedom that CAUT has used since.

For their courage and solidarity, the 16 earned CAUT's

Milner Memorial Award with a unanimous vote by council delegates adopting a recommendation from the association's Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee.

Eleven individuals have received the award since its inception in 1969.

CAUT presented the awards in Ottawa to Hugh Makepeace, Roman March, Marian Martin, Kay Sigurjonsson, and John Warkentin. Richard Stingle was unable to accept his award in person.

Fred Harper, Michael Jaremko, Kenneth McNaught, Elizabeth Morrison, Michael Oliver, Viljo Packer, Gerald Panting, Stewart Reid, Margaret Stobie and Walter Young received posthumous awards. Most deceased award recipients had either a partner or one of their children present to receive the award in their honour.

Born in Winnipeg, Gerry Panting came to Newfoundland in 1959 to teach history at Memorial and served as department head from 1966 to 1976. He was co-founder of the Maritime History Group in 1971 and from 1976 he was one of three principal investigators in the group's Atlantic Shipping Project. He served as coordinator of the project from 1984-86. Mr. Panting passed away Dec. 3, 1998, in St. John's.

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The award was announced during a ceremony last October on the St. John's campus honouring the 2009 recipients of the Petro-Canada Young Innovator Awards. Petro-Canada, which merged with Suncor Energy in August of 2009, had presented the award at Memorial University since 1998.

"Recipients of the Young Innovator Award represent the outstanding educational and scientific capabilities in our province," added Alan Brown, vice-president, East Coast for Suncor Energy. "We're delighted to be supporting a scholarship program that will not only keep promising researchers in our province, but will help to attract innovative researchers to Memorial."

More information on how to apply for the award is available online at www.mun.ca/research/researchers/innovators_program.php.

The recipient(s) of the Terra Nova Award should be notified by this summer.

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Firefighter hopeful Andrew Archibald takes the VO₂ max test while administrators Alex Budgell and Sylvie Fortier assist.

Fitness test

Firefighter hopefuls put through paces

By Mandy Cook

FOR THOSE brave powerhouses who've conquered the "dummy drag" and "tower climb" training challenges in their quest to be a firefighter, there is one last test they cannot fail: the VO₂ max.

The VO₂ max test measures maximal oxygen consumption and is used to assess an individual's aerobic fitness. The test is only available in Newfoundland and Labrador from Allied Health Services (AHS) – a network of services focused on enhancing health, athletic performance, education and research within Memorial's School of Human Kinetics and Recreation.

"Allied Health Services is the only accredited fitness appraisal centre for advanced physiological testing, such as the VO₂ max test, in the province," said Dr. Amy Butt, co-ordinator of AHS. "The Metabolic Cart – the equipment used in the test – is quite sophisticated and was purchased for the purposes of research.

"Fortuitously, it can be used for testing fitness levels of athletes and certain occupational groups, as well."

While wearing a mouthpiece and nose clip, hopeful firefighters run on a treadmill that increases in speed by two kilometres per hour every two minutes until the person reaches exhaustion. The individual's maximal oxygen consumption during exercise is then measured through the resultant gas collection and analysis. The minimal acceptable score of the VO₂ max test for firefighters is 42.5 ml/kg/minute.

"Firefighter job-related testing dictates that he or she must

exhibit both aerobic and anaerobic fitness," said Dr. Butt. "While they might demonstrate anaerobic fitness by kicking down a door to a burning building, they must then show a high level of aerobic fitness by running up six flights of steps carrying an 80-pound fire hose."

Precipitated by the retirement of senior members, the St. John's Fire Department tends to recruit new firefighters every two years. The C.B.S. Fire Department typically follows the same schedule.

Up until this spring, the two fire departments sent individuals to complete the VO₂ max test once the potential recruits passed the preliminary requirements of individual interviews, written tests and physical tests such as the claustrophobia or rope pull tests. Now, anyone interested in undertaking the complete screening process must pass the VO₂ max during the first phase of testing.

That means AHS is currently processing approximately 130 VO₂ max tests for the latest round of firefighter recruits – a major jump from the 12-15 individuals they would normally put through their paces. Some people have flown in from locations in Labrador and Ontario to be tested.

Since early February, two exercise physiologists have been administering the test Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, plus Thursday afternoons and some Saturdays to accommodate the increased demand. The cost is \$100 plus HST and includes a written report, which takes about one hour

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Pratt Lecture addresses 'false dichotomy' between humanities and science

By Janet Harron

RECENTLY, Governor General Michaëlle Jean sat in the speaker's chair in the House of Parliament and read the speech from the throne. On March 27, Dr. Don McKay will deliver the 2010 Pratt Lecture from his own metaphorical speaker's chair.

In *The Speaker's Chair: Field Notes on Betweenness*, the poet, professor and nature lover will address what he considers to be the false dichotomy often struck between humanities and science.

"Basically I'm asking whether the humanities and the sciences can speak to one another. Historically this false dichotomy embedded in the structure of universities hasn't served us well," said the winner of the 2007 Griffin Poetry Prize, the world's most generous poetry award. In light of this perceived conflict between the two disciplines, Dr. McKay

suggests that, instead of things being either one thing or another, that another category of thinking, "betweenness," which avows both, be considered.

The first part of the lecture's title, *The Speaker's Chair*, was inspired by a 1999 painting of the same name by artist Grant McConnell. In the painting, the seat of power is shown on a ferry crossing a river in the bush. Dr. McKay explains that the chair is depicted as rendering a more flexible notion of authority and central power.

"It's a very powerful metaphor," he said, offering the interesting aside that the Greek root "pherein" is the same for both metaphor and ferry. In the lecture he plans to address issues inspired by the painting, including (briefly) Newfoundland's position in Confederation.

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IN BRIEF

Funding for applied research available

The Harris Centre is now accepting applications to the Applied Research Fund (ARF).

Open to all Memorial faculty and students, ARF provides up to \$15,000 in research funding to projects related to public policy or regional development in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Applications from all departments are welcomed.

This year's application deadline is March 19, with successful applicants announced on April 9.

For more information visit the Harris Centre website at www.mun.ca/harriscentre.

Identifying the Lance Cove 'sea monster'

Researchers from Memorial University and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans will apply state-of-the-art forensic genetics to the identification of a "sea monster" discovered in Lance Cove, Trinity Bay.

The work will be done by Dr. Beth Perry, Genomics and Proteomics lab, and Dr. Steve Carr, Department of Biology, both from Memorial University; and Jack Lawson, Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), St. John's.

Dr. Carr, a noted "blobologist", said the method involves extraction of DNA from the carcass, "DNA Xeroxing" to increase the DNA concentration, and sequence analysis against a database of large marine animals in the North Atlantic. Test results are expected next week.

The study is part of long-standing joint research between Memorial and DFO into the genetics and evolution of marine species.

Youth and Oceans Conference a big draw

Junior high and high school students from across the Avalon Peninsula came together at the Fisheries and Marine Institute, Feb. 25, for a Youth and Oceans Conference.

The event celebrated the role of youth in marine environmental activity in Newfoundland and Labrador and provided students with thought-provoking presentations and interactive discussions that focused on marine environmental issues representing leadership and career opportunities for youth.

"The speakers were fantastic. They were very informative and spoke out about a lot of important issues," said Sheena Butler, a Grade 12 student from Ascension Collegiate in Bay Roberts who attended the Youth and Oceans Conference. "Now we know what we can do to help improve things."

Ms. Butler was one of many students who took part in the group discussions and question-and-answer periods with the guest speakers. She came to the conference because she has a strong interest in environmental issues and was pleased to see so many other students had similar feelings.

The theme for the Youth and Oceans conference was Sustainable Oceans: It's now or never. Carey Bonnell, head of the School of Fisheries, provided the host address while Bob O'Brien, founder and former chair of Ocean Net, also took to the podium to address the young students.

Another Youth and Oceans Conference took place on March 3 in Corner Brook. Conferences are also scheduled for Labrador and on the Burin Peninsula later in the year.

School of Graduate Studies facing temporary budgetary shortfall

By Mandy Cook

MEMORIAL'S SCHOOL of Graduate Studies is putting a hold on some financial support programs for incoming graduate students in the fall of 2010.

The school is projecting a shortfall of \$2 million in operating funds in the 2009-10 fiscal year.

According to Dr. Noreen Golfman, dean of Graduate Studies, the school has grown its fellowship commitments significantly in the last several years in the interest of meeting one of the key goals of Memorial's Strategic Plan – to triple the number of graduate students.

The shortfall is a direct result of both providing enhanced fellowship support in order to be competitive in the Canadian and international markets, and the success of the school's recruitment activities and entrance scholarship

program.

Dr. Golfman said the school is working with individual academic units to determine the best way forward for the coming academic year. However, she said the recent announcement suspending some funding programs will likely inhibit the significant growth the graduate school is currently experiencing.

"Unless there are new monies for fellowship support, the number of applicants is bound to decline somewhat," said Dr. Golfman. "Our application rate is 60 per cent higher than last year. A lot of students want to study here and live in this province, and many of those would depend on fellowship support to survive."

In an attempt to balance its budget for the coming year, the School of Graduate Studies will suspend the entrance scholarships program for 2010-11. It is also reducing the

graduate student funding it provides to academic units by 10 per cent.

As well, these measures will be accompanied in 2010-11 by the suspension of two School of Graduate Studies-supported programs: the Teaching Opportunities for Graduate Assistants (TOGA) program and the New Faculty Incentive Fund.

While students hoping to embark on master's and doctoral programs at Memorial beginning in the fall will have reduced access to funding, graduate students who have already been formally offered funding will not be affected.

Dr. Golfman said she is confident that these interim financial measures being taken by the university, individual academic units and Graduate Studies will positively position the School of Graduate Studies for 2011 and beyond.

NOTABLE

Dr. Alan Goodridge, professor of medicine (neurology) will be awarded a 2010 Certificate of Merit Award from the Canadian Association of Medical Education (CAME) for his contributions to medical education at Memorial University. Along with 36 other individuals at Canadian medical schools he will be recognized at the upcoming CAME Annual General Meeting, held in conjunction with the 2010 Canadian Conference on Medical Education in St. John's May 2. CAME Certificate of Merit Awards promote, recognize and reward faculty committed to medical education in Canadian medical schools.

Honorary research professors **Dr. Raoul R. Andersen**, Anthropology, and **Dr. John K. Crellin**, Medicine, are finalists for the Democracy 250 Atlantic Book Award for Historical Writing for *Mi'sel Joe: An Aboriginal Chief's Journey*. *Mi'sel Joe* received an honorary doctor of laws degree from Memorial in 2004. Meanwhile, *Birds of Newfoundland Field Guide* (Boulder Publications) by **Dr. Ian Warkentin** of Grenfell College's Environmental Science Unit and **Sandy Newton**, has been shortlisted for the Atlantic Publishers Marketing Association Best Atlantic-Published Book Award. The winners will be announced at the 2010 Atlantic Book Awards celebration April 14 in Dartmouth, N.S.

The Writers' Alliance of Newfoundland and Labrador has announced the shortlist for the 2009 Heritage and History Book Award. Memorial honorary graduate **Dr. Ray Guy** has been nominated for *Ray Guy: The Smallwood Years* (Boulder, 2008); Grenfell English Professor **Dr. Randall Maggs** has been listed for *Nightwork: The Sawchuk Poems* (Brick, 2008); and **Dr. George A. Rose**, head of Fisheries Conservation with the Fisheries and Marine Institute, was nominated for *Cod: The Ecological History of the North Atlantic Fisheries* (Breakwater, 2007). The fourth nominee is **Agnes Walsh** for *Going Around with Bachelors* (Brick, 2007). The winner of the 2009 Heritage and History Book Award will be announced during the Historic Sites Association's Water Street Book Club, to be held on Thursday, April 1.

PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

Biology professor *emeritus* **Dr. Richard Haedrich** was one of two ocean scientists invited to address a January workshop in Monaco that examined how states were meeting their obligations with respect to high seas fishing under the Law of the Sea. He followed up with a presentation at the United Nations in New York during a meeting of the Working Group on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdictions.

Business dean presents to Board of Trade

By Meaghan Whelan

IN A BUSINESS, it's pretty easy to identify the stakeholders – customers, employees and shareholders all have a vested interest in the performance of an organization. At the university level, stakeholders differ from the traditional model and a number of groups impact the success of a faculty.

During a recent presentation to the Board of Trade, Dr. Wilfred Zerbe, dean of the Faculty of Business Administration, explained how the local community is comprised of a number of constituencies who have a stake in the Faculty of Business.

Alumni, current students, employers of students and grads, employees and even the wider Newfoundland and Labrador community all have an interest in the success of the Faculty of Business Administration and the value that it creates.

"For graduates (future and past), increasing shareholder value means maintaining and enhancing the reputation of your degree," he said. For employers, it means ensuring that the graduates you hire have the skills they need to help you succeed and helping you maintain and enhance those skills. For people who work in the FBA increasing shareholder value means ensuring a supportive and productive workplace and for the people of Newfoundland and Labrador, it means ensuring that the province has the managerial capacity to prosper, to manage its resources, and to be self-sufficient."

The Faculty of Business Administration is already punching above its weight class, according to Dr. Zerbe. "Our students have been extremely successful in competitions regionally, nationally and internationally and as a



Dr. Wilfred Zerbe

whole, our students report extremely high satisfaction levels with their degrees," he explained. "Our faculty has more publications in top business journals than any other school in Atlantic Canada, and the Gardiner Centre's professional and management development programs continue to grow and achieve success. We are well positioned to achieve even more in the future."

Dr. Zerbe sees a continuous cycle of improvement to increase the value to stakeholders. "Improving the resources of the Faculty of Business will ensure our students, faculty and staff have the tools they need, which will lead to improved quality of teaching, research and outreach. That quality improvement leads to increased success in student careers, research impact and economic impact, which impacts our reputation and market position."

A vibrant relationship with the business community is a key to the ongoing success of the Faculty of Business. "We look to the business community for a number of things. Their input in the visioning and strategic planning process, their involvement on our Advisory Board, and their relationship as employers of our students and graduates is extremely important," said Dr. Zerbe. "It's a mutually beneficial relationship. As a faculty, we provide relevant research, high-quality outreach initiatives and graduates who are innovative thinkers capable of competing and succeeding in a global business environment."

Dr. Zerbe hopes that his relationship with key stakeholders of the Faculty of Business will continue to grow and lead to improvements for the faculty, its students and the community it serves.

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memories from there. I had an opportunity to study French at St-Pierre at the Frecker Institute. There was a class of probably 30 of us and we became very tightly knit. It was a lot of fun. You live in a completely different culture. You learn to speak the language. We were so fortunate to live in Newfoundland and to have that opportunity – that Memorial provided that opportunity for students. I really value the education that I got from Memorial. I think it really set me up well for all aspects of life, not just academically. [...] The English degree makes you love language, makes you love words, makes you love communicating and admiring how other people have been able to communicate their ideas.

BF: Among the stories you've done for Late Night so far, what stands out?

JA: Weather. [Laughter] Because we've been on only since October, that's why a lot of people tune in. What's the weather going to be like? What can I expect tomorrow? Those stories stand out and the fact that this is a very vibrant city. I think we are accustomed that the news ends at five o'clock here, but this is a growing city. I think that

surprised me a bit because there is always something going on at night time and we are not stuck for stories.

BF: The longer documentaries you did — how did you enjoy that?

JA: That, to be honest, is my passion. Long form storytelling is my passion. I feel privileged every time I can do a documentary for radio, or television or Land and Sea. I find it so satisfying to become involved in people's lives and really tell meaningful stories that people will remember for a long, long time. [Those] are incredible experiences. Not just the opportunity to travel to some interesting place in this province, but the people you meet are some of the most down to earth people I could ever imagine meeting. I just like the whole process. You come up with an idea and you think: "Is it going to work?" And before you know it, it's on the air, people are calling in and saying I really enjoyed it... it's just so satisfying in that way. I have been given many opportunities here at CBC to do it both on the radio and television. The possibilities are really endless once you are under this roof.



PHOTO BY MARIE KING

Second-year biology student Sarah Predham holds a flower pot she created from recycled materials at a Botanical Boot Camp, recently held at MUN Botanical Garden. This series of winter workshops offered teachers and environmental educators an activity-based introduction to Newfoundland plants, ecology and conservation and is part of the From Garden to Classroom school outreach initiative, supported by NSERC PromoScience funding program.

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to produce.

Testing will finish the end of March.

While the hectic pace might deter some, Dr. Butt said the AHS motto "we'll make it work" has been their guiding principle during the testing rush. She also said a healthy working relationship with everyone involved has been paramount for the success of the endeavour.

"We've been working with the St. John's Fire

Department for many months in preparation, and the faculty and staff here in the School of Human Kinetics and Recreation have been very supportive."

In addition to administering the VO₂ max for each individual seeking to become a member of the St. John's or C.B.S. Fire Department, Allied Health Services is currently in the process of transitioning all required physical testing for future recruiting sessions from the fire departments to AHS.

STUDENTVIEW

Healthy eating habits

"I AM IN A RUSH. Quick, what can I grab to eat? Never mind, I am going to be late for class, I will just skip breakfast."

Sound familiar? I am sure that most university students have experienced this hectic morning rush as they embark on their day. And if this is true, I can almost guarantee that they did not have time to prepare a lunch, a snack or supper either.

Students typically survive on any piece of food there is, no matter how gross or how odd it seems. We consume the food that costs the least and that is fast and easy to prepare. A box of Kraft Dinner, a pizza, French fries or a six pack of beer – sounds like typical student supper menu to me.

University students' food choices leave much to be desired from a health perspective. Factors contributing to poor nutritional habits among students include lack of knowledge about proper nutrition and recommended serving sizes of specific food groups, perceived importance of a healthy diet, the taste of healthy food, time constraints and convenience.

More often than not, students report time management and convenience as the most common barriers to healthy

eating. Students may want to sleep longer in the morning instead of taking time to eat or prepare proper meals for the day. As a replacement, we prefer eating at fast food establishments because the food is served quickly. Not to mention that there are vending machines all over campus, making it relatively simple to grab a quick snack on the way to class.

As a student, I behaved in the exact same manner until recently. I always found myself feeling faint during the day, I lacked energy and I was always fatigued. I began to think it was a serious health issue, and then it suddenly struck me that perhaps I was not getting my proper nutrients. As we get older, our bodies rely on proper nutrients for energy to get us through the day. If we do not eat properly, our bodies will become drained, exhausted, weak and will eventually eliminate our mental capacity to think logically and coherently.

How are we supposed to perform to the best of our abilities if we are unable to formulate our thoughts? Students have to take it upon themselves to watch their eating habits and care for their well-being. I do not know about you, but I was so frustrated with feeling like a zombie wandering

aimlessly through the hallways at Memorial that I decided to do something about it.

It was a wise decision. By altering my eating habits and ensuring that I am consuming the proper daily nutrients, I have never felt better. I no longer long for those extra five minutes of sleep, I no longer feel as though I am in a daze and I always have ample amounts of energy throughout the day.

It shocked me to learn that by simply making the time to prepare meals ahead of time, how much better I feel, both physically and mentally.

I feel like a whole new person.

It is a relief to not have to rush home after class to squeeze in that 20-minute power nap, and by 20 minutes I mean three hours, to get you through an endless night of piles of homework.

It takes time, work, dedication and motivation, but once you obtain a healthy and balanced diet, there is no going back – it makes such a difference. It may take several attempts to become adjusted, but do not give up, you will find the right recipe.



Sharla Nurse

Chilean earthquake unpleasant wake-up call for international student

By David Sorensen

A CHILEAN STUDENT living in St. John's is encouraging friends and colleagues to support the reconstruction of her country which was severely damaged in the Feb. 27 earthquake that left as many as 1,000 dead.

Magdalena Ugarte, a master's student who came from Santiago, Chile, to study political science, said while Chile is a relatively well-off country, the extent of the damage will require foreign aid and years of reconstruction before life returns to normal.

The earthquake measured 8.8 on the Richter scale and was followed by a tsunami. Nearly two million people have been affected by the extensive damage to infrastructure, disruption of power and telecommunications.

Of course, Ms. Ugarte's first concern was her family in Santiago. While phone lines and electricity were down throughout the country, she was able to contact them using a combination of social media and modern communications.

"My family didn't have telephone lines but had Internet back very soon so they were able to call me to my Skype because I'm always online," she said. "I was very grateful for communications technologies which before had been for fun or getting in touch in a more informal way ... all those platforms have been absolutely useful for getting touch with relatives within Chile."

Once she knew her family was safe, her thoughts turned to other relatives and friends throughout the country. Once she understood the magnitude of the quake, she also worried about her the future of her country.

"I know that earthquakes are something that you can expect in a country like Chile. But while I was talking to my mom I realized that it was a horrible earthquake. I was concerned, of course, at the beginning ... and then concerned about other people because being here, so far, and not being in touch with people it is always concerning when something like this happens."

Knowing there was a large Chilean community in Canada, she sought out and found a channel through which people could funnel relief funds.

The Embassy of Chile in Ottawa opened a bank account and funds will be transferred to the National Emergency and Information Office (ONEMI) in Chile. The account is available at ScotiaBank, account number 40006 01408 13.

The Canadian Red Cross is also receiving donations through its website, www.redcross.ca.

Some estimates peg recovery costs above \$15 billion, including \$5 billion for infrastructure alone.

"If people feel that they can help in any way ... I know that thousands of Chilean families will be very grateful."



Penny Hansen
Medicine, 1990



Michael Collins
Science, 1998



Shane O'Dea
Arts, 2002



Alex Faseruk
Business, 2003

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The 3M National Teaching Fellowship recognizes teaching excellence and educational leadership in Canada. Memorial's winners have been awarded for their commitment to teaching and learning at home and beyond.



A wilderness camping adventure

Since 1993, the Faculty of Medicine's NorFam (Northern Family Medicine Education Program), based at the Labrador Health Centre in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, has offered family medicine residents a seven-month rural practice rotation as part of their two-year program. A highlight of the experience is the annual wilderness camping trip. Contributor Sharon Gray joined this year's group to experience three nights of outdoor camping.

KOMATIKS full behind Ski-doo's, we set out in early February from Goose Bay across Lake Melville to the wilderness camping spot.

Our convoy was carrying outdoor gear and supplies for a three-day trip. The first day it's 29 below and the rough ride on the lake emphasizes the freezing wind. The driver of the Ski-doo I'm on, an outdoor guide named Don Neuman, describes the ride as smooth. It's my first time on a Ski-doo and I'm sticking to my description of rough.

We're finally at the lake's edge and it's time to move swiftly to set up the main tent. Everyone pitches in, shovelling the site smooth, erecting the large cloth tent and gathering load after load of boughs to soften the frozen floor. I'm with the bough crew, and we go for the smaller, less woody boughs to make the sleeping surface as smooth as possible.

It doesn't take long before the tent floor is thickly covered with boughs. Dr. Michael Jong, the senior physician at Goose Bay, has a fire blazing in a wood stove. Lunch sandwiches are pulled out and seared on the top of the stove. Some work, some eat, then reverse roles until everyone is ready to tackle the afternoon activities – setting rabbit traps, ice fishing and building quinzhees for those who plan to sleep outside the main tent.

A quinzhee looks like a combination of an igloo and a snow cave. The family medicine residents shovel snow in a pile, let it harden and then hollow it out to provide a sleeping space for one or two individuals. By learning how to construct this winter hut, the students are prepared for an emergency outdoor camping trip.

As the evening meal of caribou chili heats up, the members of the expedition learn about each other and settle in for the next few days.

"I wish we'd brought some jelly beans..." is a snatch of conversation – this group of well-educated young people are enjoying life at a childlike level. The smell of fir and spruce permeates the tent. Surrounded in a cocoon of boughs, the world is as peaceful as it can possibly be.

I take the opportunity to get to know the members of the expedition. Dr. Kris MacMahon is from Winnipeg and has been in Goose Bay for three weeks.

"I chose Memorial because I wanted to do rural medicine and this is the best program," he said. "It's certainly the most exotic and interesting residency program in Canada. I started the family medicine program in St. John's and will be spending about one-third of my two-year program based in Goose Bay. I'm really looking forward to travelling outside of Goose Bay for remote medicine."



Left: Dr. Robert Forsey, director of the NorFam program, prepares some trout for dinner. Right: An evening with Inuit elders Francis and Elizabeth Penashue.

"If you think a week of wilderness camping sounds like a great idea, then you belong here."

After more than two decades in Goose Bay, Dr. Jong knows exactly what the attraction is. "You cannot fall in love with rural medicine unless you've been there."

Dr. MacMahon adds, "I also feel I have something to prove, that I can survive these conditions."

Dr. Meghan Daly is from Ottawa, and had not considered Memorial for her family medicine residency until she had an interview and "fell in love with the NorFam program." After eight months she is still in love with the program. "It's been a transformation for me and now I'm debating coming back to practice in the north."

Dr. Melissa Langvin is a pediatric resident, in Goose Bay for a month's rotation. "This program attracts a certain kind of person. If you think a week of wilderness camping sounds like a great idea, then you belong here."

In terms of her education as a pediatrician, Dr. Langvin said the experience in Goose Bay has allowed her to see a wide variety of diseases and conditions that she probably wouldn't have experienced elsewhere.

Dr. Colette Dawson, a graduate of Memorial, is in her second year of residency and is here for four months of the NorFam experience. "I've heard great things over the years about this program – you have lots of independence but with support and back-up. The teaching is excellent and I've had a good experience here."

Sean Doherty, who grew up in Iqaluit, Nunavut, is a third-year student doing a one-month elective in Goose Bay. "The

Arctic really appeals to me and this is the best approximation of what it would be like to practice there. I'm hoping to do the NorFam program after I finish my medical degree."

Dr. Luke Hays did his medical degree in Vancouver and then decided he wanted to train in rural family practice. "I'm here mainly because of the NorFam program and it hasn't let me down. The experience has been really varied – this is a place where you always have to maintain skills. And it's a real benefit to medical practice to feel part of the community."

Dr. John Barnhill is from southern Alberta and Ottawa. He has already done a residency in surgery but after working with Doctors without Borders in Nepal he

realized he needed a better understanding of primary care. To help meet the demands of rural and northern practice, NorFam offers extra training in such specialist services as surgery, obstetrics, emergency medicine, intensive care and medical evacuation.

On the final night of the wilderness trip Elizabeth and Francis Penashue share their experiences of living on the land.

Camp breaks the next day and the group returns to Goose Bay, knowing each other a lot better and more confident in their wilderness skills.

Next week may bring a Medevac air ambulance trip to a coastal community, but whatever the experience brings these young doctors are eager to experience it.

Department of Biochemistry Head



Memorial University invites applications and/or nominations from within the University for the position of Head, Department of Biochemistry. The appointment, which is expected to begin May 1, 2010, is initially for a term of three years and is renewable.

Applicants should ideally have a strong record of research, teaching and administration in the field of Biochemistry or related disciplines and possess good interpersonal skills.

Applications and nominations will be treated in confidence. Applications should include a CV and the names and contact information of three referees. Nominations should include a letter from the nominee agreeing to the nomination along with a CV and the names and contact information of three referees. All material should be submitted by 5:00 pm, March 26, 2010, to:

Dr. Philip J. Davis, Chair
Search Committee of the Head of Biochemistry
c/o Dean of Science Office
Chemistry/Physics Building
Memorial University
Fax: 709-737-3316

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Doors may close, but their contents carry on

Little piece of Granny Bates lives on at Memorial

By Heidi Wicks

BELOVED CHILDREN'S bookstore Granny Bates has closed its doors, but a piece of the legend is now pulsating good vibes in the Faculty of Education's Curriculum Materials Centre (CMC), which already houses a hefty library of over 25,000 children's books.

The door that was once at the top of the stairs at Granny Bates includes signatures, doodles and messages from well over 50 authors, including Robert Munsch, Robin Muller, Kevin Major, Andy Jones, Joan Clark, Ben Wicks and more.

"Every time an author would do a reading at the store, they would sign the door," said Alison Mews of the CMC. When Ms. Mews got wind that the store was closing, she made a bold move.

"Shameless, eh?" she laughed. "But the reason for wanting it was two-fold – preservation was my first thought. It was a unique piece of Canadian literary history that I felt couldn't possibly be painted over or relegated to a dusty basement, and I thought putting it on display here was a perfect place as our children's literature students would really appreciate it as they learned about these author's books. And they have! Often they stop in groups and point out certain author's or illustrator's signatures." Margorie McMillan, former co-owner of Granny Bates, is thrilled at the door's new home.

"Alison has been a lover and promoter in chil-

dren's literature across the country, and if I were ever to have grandchildren they might not go to my graveyard, but they might see that we tried to make a contribution."

Ms. McMillan said the initial idea to have people sign the door wasn't really original, but felt it was a nice way to have a tangible reminder of the people who visited. She recalled her favourite visiting author as profoundly impacting the children and store owners:

"Phoebe Gellman, who wrote the Jillian Jiggs books – 'Jillian Jiggs, it looks like your room has been lived in by pigs,'" she recalled with a smile. "The last time she visited was probably only a year or so before she died, and we loved her. You remember her, so when she came, kids literally were lined up around the block to see her.

"It wasn't something that produced a lot of sales for us, but she autographed and drew a picture of a pig in every single book."

The author also drew the pig picture on the door.

Whether the signing tradition will continue is unknown as of now.

Ms. Mews said she had no intention of continuing the tradition of having children's authors or illustrators sign the door. However, children's author Jeremy Tankard recently gave a reading in the CMC and, upon the students' requests, added his John Henry to the door.



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Born and raised in Ontario, Dr. McKay taught creative writing and English for 30 years at various universities. He co-founded Brick Books, one of Canada's leading poetry publishers, in 1975. Associate director for poetry at the Banff Centre for the Arts Writing Studio, Dr. McKay has also edited many books by fellow poets, including Ken Babstock, John Steffler, and Michael Redhill. He was made a member of the Order of Canada in 2008 and now makes his home in St. John's.

Dr. McKay's 12 books of poetry include *Long Sault* (1975), *Birding, or Desire* (1983) and *Apparatus* (1997). He has twice

won the Governor General's Award, for *Night Field* (1991) and *Another Gravity* (2000), and in June 2007 he won the \$40,000 Griffin Prize for *Strike/Slip*.

Dr. Robert Finley, chair of the Pratt Committee, said the appointment of Dr. McKay as Pratt lecturer was a unanimous decision.

"Don McKay moved to Newfoundland only a few years ago, but his presence here, his careful reading of this landscape, is already an immeasurable gift to our community," said Dr. Finley. "For us on the selection committee, the opportunity to have him deliver the Pratt Lecture has seemed a perfect way to celebrate that gift, and, at the same time, to fulfill the mandate of the Lectureship, honouring

the memory of another of our greatest poets, E. J. Pratt."

The Pratt Lecture is sponsored by the Dean of Arts and the Department of English Language and Literature and is named for Newfoundland poet E. J. Pratt.

Don McKay will deliver the 2010 Pratt Lecture on Saturday, March 27, at 8 p.m., in the Inco Innovation Centre, room IIC-2001.

The lecture is free and open to the public. Free parking is available in Lots 15 and 18. Reserved seating is available for those with special needs. A reception will follow the lecture in the lower concourse of the Inco Building.



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"Memorial was founded and named as a living memorial to the Newfoundlanders who died in the Great War, including those members of the regiment who died during the tragic Battle of Beaumont Hamel in 1916. The regiment has been actively engaged with the university over the years in a variety of ways, including making donations to the university library and participating in annual remembrance ceremonies on our St. John's campus. We are therefore very pleased that the Princess Royal has accepted this honour."

Memorial has had a long and distinguished association with the Royal Family, including the naming of the university's main library in honour of Queen Elizabeth II.

Many of the visits to the province undertaken by the members of the Royal Family have included visits to Memorial University.

During a royal visit in 1964 the previous colonel-in-chief of the RNR and holder of the title Princess Royal, Princess Mary, was awarded an honorary degree by Memorial University. The special convocation, which will take place in the D. F. Cook Recital Hall, located in Memorial's School of Music, will be webcast live. Further details will be released closer to the date of the event.

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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.

- Harris Center Applied Research Fund 2010/2011
- CIHR Fellowship: CANADA-HOPE Scholarship Program (2009-2010)
- CIHR's 9th Annual IHSPR-IPPH Summer Institute: Revisiting the Foundations of Primary Healthcare Research
- Psychosocial Rehabilitation Canada Research Bursary
- Janeway Research Advisory Committee Call for Letters of Intent
- Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Travel Supplement Grants for the European Cystic Fibrosis Society Conference
- CIHR-IHSPR Travel Awards for Trainees and New Investigators
- Patient/Client Safety in Home Care In Canada
- NCE-MITACS Accelerate Funding Opportunity 2010
- NCE-MITACS Networking Proposals
- NCE-MITACS Graduate Training Events

IMMINENT DEADLINES

May 1

- DAAD - German Academic Exchange Service – German studies research grant (graduates and undergraduates).
- Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada – collaborative multi-centre grants (letter of intent).
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada – aid to research workshops and conferences in Canada.
- Tree Research and Education Endowment Fund (TREE Fund) – Hyland R. Johns grant program.
- Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research Inc. – dissertation fieldwork grants; Hunt postdoctoral fellowships; post-PhD research grants.

May 3

- Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council – synergy awards for innovation (call for nominations).

May 7

- Huntington Society of Canada – navigator research program; new pathways research program.

May 17

- Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada – innovation challenge award (call for nominations).

May 31

- Canada-U.S. Fulbright Program – International Fulbright Science and Technology Award.



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Significant funding to fuel diverse ocean studies

By Jeff Green

STUDENT RESEARCHERS diving into ocean-related studies are getting a chance to partner with some of the world's best scientists thanks to substantial funding announced recently for a national group based at Memorial.

The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) is investing an additional \$580,000 into the Canadian Healthy Oceans Network (CHONe) which consists of 65 researchers from 15 universities and multiple federal research labs who focus their work on biodiversity science for the sustainability of Canada's three oceans.

The network is led by Memorial's Dr. Paul Snelgrove, Canada Research Chair in Boreal and Cold Ocean Systems.

It was officially launched in January 2009. NSERC is providing \$5 million in funding to the group over five years.

The new funding will allow students – and CHONe collaborators – to link up with global experts exploring ocean issues. Students will also get a chance to work in labs and participate in training workshops on policy development.

"Training students in science and policy at the same time is something new, and we think it will be a great asset as they move into the job market," said Dr. Snelgrove.

The funding was granted under NSERC's Strategic Network Enhancement Initiative and will help CHONe strengthen its international partnerships, provide training opportunities for its students, and facilitate the translation of CHONe's research findings into policy application.

Dr. Snelgrove said fusing relationships with experts around the globe is significant since it will allow scientists and student researchers to meet one-on-one.

"Often we find out what others are doing only after they report it in a journal somewhere, but with this funding we can meet and work with them as they develop their ideas and we develop ours," he noted.

"Science today is increasingly about communication, and the speed of communication is accelerating. We want our students to be at the cutting edge of science and ocean policy, and because this funding will let them visit some of the best ocean science labs outside of Canada we can bring the freshest perspectives into some of the best ocean science labs inside Canada for the benefit of both groups."

With the longest coastline in the world and a huge geographic region with a small, dispersed population, and an even small ocean sciences community, Canada has a lot of ocean to worry about, said Dr. Snelgrove. He said developing the best possible strategies for ocean stewardship cannot happen without the added expertise and experiences of researchers from other nations.

He praised NSERC for its support of CHONe and their



PHOTO BY PETER LAWTON

Dr. Sam Bentley, left, Canada Research Chair in Seabed Imaging and Seabed Processes and a CHONe collaborator, helps manoeuvre a multi-corer over the rail of CGS *Hudson* to the seafloor thousands of metres below to collect sediment fauna with minimal disturbance off the coast of Nova Scotia.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada partnership for their support of the CHONe mandate to develop scientific guidelines for conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity resources.

"Sharing and collaboration ultimately mean better and more comprehensive science," said Dr. Snelgrove, who added that the latest federal funding will allow researchers to examine critical issues facing Canada's three oceans.

"Issues include how to locate hotspots of biodiversity in the ocean, how to manage commercial stocks more effectively, how to separate human-induced effects from natural variation, and how to translate all those types of knowledge into effective design of closed areas and related strategies," he explained.

Students and other researchers interested in learning more about CHONe and its work can find more information online at www.chone.ca.

In addition to NSERC and Fisheries and Oceans Canada, CHONe has also received substantial financial support from a number of other key partners including the provincial government, which has contributed \$1 million in cash, and Memorial, which has contributed \$427,000 in cash and has provided office space, salary support for a post-doctoral researcher, and financial and administrative services to the Network.

President encourages feedback on research plan

DR. CHRISTOPHER W. LOOMIS, president and vice-chancellor *pro tempore*, is encouraging all faculty, staff, students, pensioners, alumni, research partners and citizens with an interest in Memorial to complete a short online survey about the university's research.

The survey is currently open and available online at www.mun.ca/research/plan/.

It was launched on Feb. 23, coinciding with the release of a comprehensive background report highlighting the history and current status of research at the university.

The document, titled *Background Report to the Development of the Memorial University Research Plan*, provides an external scan of key partners and sources of support for research from outside the university. It also includes an overview of some research priorities of community, business and regional partners from across Newfound-

land and Labrador.

The report will inform consultations across the university, as well as discussions with key stakeholders (business, industry and community organizations and government).

Those consultations will begin shortly.

A PDF version of the report, along with the survey link and templates already completed by each university faculty, school and research centre, are available on the research plan website, www.mun.ca/research/plan/. The templates provide information on research supports and needs across all units, areas of current research strength identified by the units, and areas they believe offer the potential to become strengths.

A finalized research plan is expected to be completed this summer. To read more, see http://today.mun.ca/news.php?news_id=5281.

Grenfell changes commenced

CHANGES to the management structure and a significant infusion of new funding are marking the start of a new era at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, Memorial University's campus in Corner Brook.

Memorial's Board of Regents has started to implement the changes regarding the management structure at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College that were recommended by the provincial government in December.

The board has approved the recommendation that the position of principal of Grenfell be re-titled vice-president (Corner Brook) and appointed acting principal Dr. Holly Pike to the position. The title is temporary until the renaming of the college is resolved. The board also approved the creation of a secretariat to assist in the transition process.

To oversee the changes Dr. Chris Loomis, Memorial's president (*pro tem*), has created a Task Force on Renewed

Governance Structure for Sir Wilfred Grenfell College. Dr. Loomis serves as the chair and other committee members include Dr. Pike; Dr. William Iams, acting vice-principal of Grenfell; Dr. Reeta Tremblay, vice-president (academic) *pro tem*; Kent Decker, vice-president (administration and finance); and Glenn Collins, advisor to the Board.

The task force has met three times and among other activities has commenced the process to fill the new positions on the secretariat which include a director, associate director of administration and finance, associate director of communications and executive assistant. All these positions were recently advertised and are expected to be filled relatively quickly.

Additional funding has been provided to the college by government to address important priorities. A sum of \$1.76 million is allocated for student recruitment and marketing

initiatives. A further \$1.6 million is allocated to support the secretariat, research growth, student support and administrative support services to Grenfell. And a further \$1.6 million will eliminate Grenfell's operating deficit.

The task force is also forming four committees to support its work, with specific focus on academic matters, research, administration and finance, and communications and nomenclature.

"These committees, working with the task force, will identify areas for positive change," said Dr. Loomis, chair of the task force. "Our shared goal is to build Grenfell by increasing enrolment, growing the research program and enhancing campus facilities in Corner Brook. We are very pleased that we have the full support of government towards meeting those objectives."



LAW FOUNDATION 2008/2009 LEGAL RESEARCH AWARDS FOR STUDENTS OF MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY

The Law Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador annually offers Legal Research Awards valued at \$500.00 each to students at Memorial University. The Awards are for outstanding research papers on one or more legal issues, or topics treated in a legal context.



Pictured at luncheon presentation at R. Gushue Hall, Memorial University of 2008/2009 Thirteenth Annual Legal Research Awards are, standing (l-r): Justin S.C. Mellor, LL.B., and Dr. John A. Scott, members of Selection Committee, Christopher P. Curran, Q.C., Chair, Selection Committee, Jeffrey P. Benson, Q.C., Chair, Law Foundation, Dr. Christopher W. Loomis, President and Vice-Chancellor *Pro Tempore*, Memorial University, The Hon. J. Derek Green, Chief Justice of Newfoundland and Labrador, The Hon. David B. Orsborn, Chief Justice, Supreme Court, Trial Division and The Hon. D. Mark Pike, Chief Judge, Provincial Court; seated (l-r) Laurie Jones, Christopher Rolfe, Jeremiah Collins, Michael Darcy and Ellen O'Gorman, Awards recipients.

The 2008/2009 Legal Research Awards recipients, in alphabetical order by Department with all awards having equal standing, are:

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES PAPER:

Laurie Jones, Faculty of Business Administration

Title: The Elimination of Mandatory Retirement: Human Right or Economic Necessity?
Course: Business 8210, Labour Relations

UNDERGRADUATE PAPERS:

Christopher Rolfe, Faculty of Arts

Title: The International Criminal Court: Promoting Global Peace and Justice
Course: Law and Society 4000

Jeremiah Collins, Department of Political Science

Title: Environmental Law and Liability: Developing a Comprehensive Approach to Preventing and Remedying Environmental Damages
Course: Political Science 3521

Michael Darcy, Department of Political Science

Title: Loosening the Snow Lion's Chains: An Examination of Tibet's Struggle for Independence under International Law
Course: Political Science 3210

Ellen O'Gorman, Department of Political Science

Title: The Law on Trial: Criminal Jury Nullification in Canada
Course: Political Science 3521

Queen Elizabeth II Library received \$500.00 from the Law Foundation for the purchase of research materials and resources. Total Awards \$3,000.00

The current 2009/2010 Fourteenth Annual Legal Research Awards Competition (three semesters: Spring/Summer, Fall, 2009, Winter, 2010) deadline for submittal by University Departments of students' legal research papers is May 25, 2010.

Further information is available from:
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POSTERS DISPLAY NURSING KNOWLEDGE

First-year nursing students in the Health Promotion course put their knowledge on public display March 2 with a poster display in the foyer of the Health Sciences Centre. There were seven posters in all. This group of students picked the subject of Sexting: Pushing all the Wrong Buttons. They explained that sexting is a new trend that has become increasingly popular among adolescents – sending a text message of a picture of a sexual nature via cell phone. The students who made this poster were (from left): Meghan Clarke, John Norris, Kersten King and Meghan Ezekiel. They said they deliberately picked a topical subject to catch people's attention. They hope to take the poster display to schools to educate young people about the dangers of sexting.

Chancellor named patron of the Memory Project

GEN. RICK HILLIER, Memorial Chancellor, has been named honorary patron of the Memory Project, Canada's largest veteran speaker's bureau through which thousands of veterans and currently-serving Canadian Forces members share their stories with young people in schools across the country.

The announcement was made by the Historica-Dominion Institute at a special event held Feb. 10 in St. John's as part of a Memory Project training session to be attended by veterans from the Second World War, Korean War, peacekeeping operations and currently serving Canadian Forces servicemen and women. Teachers and students were also present.

The aim of the event was to bring more awareness to the Memory Project and increase participation among St. John's veteran and military community.

Created in 2001, the Memory Project connects veterans and students online and in classrooms across the country. The more than 1,500 veteran volunteers represent a wide range of conflicts, including the Second World War, Korean War, peacekeeping operations and Canadian Forces experiences. This fall, the Memory Project celebrated having reached more than one million young people since the program began. Visit www.thememoryproject.com to find out more.

March 18

- Scruncheons in concert, 8-10 p.m., D.F. Cook Recital Hall.
- History.com: A Roundtable on Historical Studies in the Digital Age, 12-1 p.m., AA-4004.
- Polygamy, Niqabs and Hijabs: Negotiating the Boundaries of Religious Freedom in Canada, 7-8:30 p.m., IIC-2001.
- Health from All Angles: The 2010 NLCAHR Research Symposium, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., R. Gushue Hall.
- Advanced Business Writing: Enhancing Document Content and Presentation Seminar (two days), 9 a.m.-5 p.m., B-4019.
- MUNSU 2010 Election Voting Days, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Web vote.
- Solving Data Analysis with Scripting Languages and Python in Particular, 1-2 p.m., EN-2022.
- MUN Cinema presents *Good Hair*, 7 p.m., Avalon Mall.
- Making Group Work Work, 12:30-2:30 p.m., ED-5004/5.
- The approaches to long distance electric power transmission and delivery systems throughout remote terrains and subsea crossings, 7:30-9 p.m., EN-2006.
- Social Roles, Personhoods and Nationalism, 7-9 p.m., ED-3034A.
- The Hermeneutics of Education: 'Bildung' as Return to Oneself, 2-3:20 p.m., SN-2098.

March 19

- Après Scarlatti concert, 8-10 p.m., Petro-Canada Hall.
- Strengthening Rural Social Work Practice with Older Persons: The Relevance of Intermediate Resources in one Newfoundland Community, 2-4 p.m., IIC-3001.
- Postglacial recolonisation in Europe: The emergence of a social tradition, 3-4 p.m., QC-2013.
- An Analytical Approach to Periodic Scheduling Problem involving Maritime Oil Transportation, 12-1 p.m., BN-2015.
- Bruce Power Nuclear Operator in Training Recruitment Session, 4-6 p.m., EN-4000.

March 20

- Trial and Triumph concert, 8-10 p.m., D.F. Cook Recital Hall, School of Music.
- CFUW Book Blitz, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Arts and Culture Centre and Lester's Farm, Brookfield Road.
- Smile a mile skating session at Mile One Centre, 7:30-8:20 p.m.

March 22

- President's Award for Distinguished Teaching nomination deadline.
- Memorial Association of Seventh Day Adventist Students presents A Healthy Lifestyle Program, 5-6:30 p.m., UC-3018.
- Under the Rainbow: Working Towards Inclusive Communities and Health Care for the LGBT Community, 12-2 p.m., Suite 300, 95 Bonaventure Ave.

March 23

- Meaning and the Possibilities of Imagination, 2-3:20 p.m., SN-2098.
- The Current Generation of Students: Has it Changed How we Teach? 12:30-2 p.m., ED-5004/5.
- The Bicycle Doctors with Larry Rottmann, 12-1:50 p.m., AA-1046.
- Memorial Association of Seventh Day Adventist Students presents A Healthy Lifestyle Program, 5-6:30 p.m., UC-3018.

March 24

- Tech-Tasting, 12-1:30 p.m., Junior Common Room, R. Gushue Hall.
- Memorial Association of Seventh Day Adventist Students presents A Healthy Lifestyle Program, 5-6:30 p.m., UC-3013.
- The Off-Campus Housing Fair, 12-4 p.m., The Loft, UC.

March 25

- P versus NP and the Limits of Computation, 7:30-9 p.m., EN-2006.
- MUN Cinema presents *Los abrazos rotos (Broken Embraces)*, 7-9 p.m., Avalon Mall.
- How Can I Know if Students are "Getting It" Without Testing It?, 12:30-2 p.m., ED-5004/5.

March 26

- The Promise of Community and the Practice of Gardening, 2-3 p.m., SN-4087.
- Hopf algebras in combinatorics, 4-5 p.m., SN-2105.
- Cellular mechanisms of synaptic and non-synaptic plasticity in cerebellar circuits, 3:30-4:30 p.m., HSC, Lecture Theatre B.
- Historical Archaeology in Bermuda and St. Maarten, 3-4 p.m., QC-2013.
- Science and Human Value: Daniel Dennett's Defence of Humanity, 4-5 p.m., A-3017.



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John Duff and his Yaffle balloons brighten up the Inco Centre. Mr. Duff is encouraging graduate students to use Yaffle to make research connections. To learn more about Yaffle, visit the site at www.yaffle.ca or meet Mr. Duff at the Aldrich Interdisciplinary Conference, March 27-28, in the Arts and Administration Building.

- Responsibility for Health Promotion in an Era of Social Connection and Global Threats, 12-1 p.m., HSC, Lecture Theatre A.

March 27

- The Pratt Lecture: The Speaker's Chair: Field Notes on Betweenness, 8-10 p.m., Inco Auditorium.

March 28

- MUN Festival Choir, 3-5 p.m., Cook Recital Hall.
- Family Movie Morning: *Happy Feet*, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Avalon Mall.

March 30

- Latin and Swing concert, 8-10 p.m., Cook Recital Hall.
- Imagination and the Word in Medieval Thinking, 2-3:20 p.m., SN-2098.

March 31

- Global Cinema presents *Kings (Ireland, 2007)*, 7-9 p.m., Inco Auditorium.
- Off Campus Lounge, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., UC-3018.
- Geographic Information System (GIS) Software: Global Positioning, 12-1:30 p.m., L-2028, QEII Library.

April 1

- Colours and Contours concert, 8-10 p.m., D.F. Cook Recital Hall, School of Music.
- MUN Cinema presents *Un Prophete*, 7 p.m., Avalon Mall.

April 6

- Great Beginnings with the MUN Brass Ensemble, 8-10 p.m., D.F. Cook Recital Hall.
- Gender Equity in University Sport: Examining the Implementation of an Espoused Organizational Value, 12-1 p.m., SN-4087.

- The Extraordinary Captain Barnes: b.1850 St John's, d.1934 Snug Harbour, New York, 12-1:30 p.m., HH-1014.
- Gregory Power Poetry Awards Ceremony, 4-6 p.m., IIC-2014.

April 7

- Directors Choice concert, 8-10 p.m., D.F. Cook Recital Hall.



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