MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY’S Childcare Centre is a busy spot. Every day children and parents come and go; sometimes they’re in a hurry; sometimes they stop to feed the ducks that make their home on Burton’s Pond.

Sometimes you’ll even hear them – adults and children alike – quacking like ducks! It’s a reminder that the mood on the inside is playful.

In fact for over 30 years the centre has remained committed to its philosophy – children learn best through play!

“We base programs on children’s interests – they set the tone,” says Executive Director Tracy Rose, who oversees programs that cater to the toddlers, preschoolers and school-age children in four childcare centres.

There’s another constant: Memorial’s Childcare Centre on the St. John’s campus is one of the few places on campus where you’ll meet students, parents and employees from diverse faculties and departments, and from either side of the Prince Philip Parkway.

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from the president

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY is growing. Despite declining enrolment in the K-12 system, this year we have an overall enrolment growth of one per cent over last year, with our graduate studies seeing an incredible 5.6 per cent growth. Approximately 23,000 students, faculty and staff now call this university home. As our existing plans call for more growth, now is the right time to ask: What is the right size for Memorial?

The fact is, the St. John’s campus is at capacity. We have a space problem and the status quo cannot continue. We must put fresh eyes on the problem, and come up with some innovative solutions to deal with it.

There are necessary and essential university services that must, by their nature, be housed physically on campus, but at the same time there are important services that can be delivered from off campus. Perhaps now is the time to get some of our employees and units into the community, thereby strengthening community partnerships — a win-win for both the community and the units that can and should reach out to them. We should start that discussion. Over the coming months, we will work with faculty and staff to identify these services and units. The Vice-President’s Council will establish a Capital Planning Committee to oversee development of space, infrastructure priorities and a plan.

There can be little doubt that the creation, growth and development of Memorial University is one of the striking success stories of Newfoundland and Labrador. This year we’re celebrating a milestone — 50 years since the opening of the modern 20th century Memorial — with our first-of-its-kind reunion for all faculties, years and classes. We hope this will also be a time to celebrate infrastructure renewal, ushering in a new era, the 21st century Memorial University, complete with suitable and competitive teaching and research facilities and infrastructure.

from the HR director

LIKE MANY OF YOU, I have been waiting for the arrival of spring. For me it means that I can finally get back to running outdoors, and preparing in earnest again being part of Team Memorial and invite you to get involved! Remember, you can walk, jog or run!

I also want to put a plug in for havin’a time, Reunion 2012, coming up in August. Alumni, as well as current and retired faculty and staff, are invited to a celebration of all things Memorial. Read the interview with Penny Blackwood, director of Alumni Affairs and Development, in this issue for more information on what’s planned.

We’ve just come through a busy fall and winter here in the Department of Human Resources. When you read this message, our operational review will be wrapping up, with consultants from the Hay Group delivering a final report in April. We’ve had terrific participation from units across Memorial, and I thank everyone for the input. The involvement was valuable, and we look forward to furthering our partnerships with faculties, schools and departments across the university.

Through this process, we have identified three specific client groups, each with complementary but unique needs: the institution, with its three pillars of teaching and learning, research and community service; our administrators who are responsible for ensuring the success of their individual faculties, schools and departments, and our employees who have chosen to work at Memorial University and are critical to its success and future direction.

I look forward to sharing more specifics from this worthwhile process over the coming weeks and months, as we focus on ways to improve our services, while meeting gaps identified during the operational review.

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The city and other municipalities with curb-side recycling require that all plastics be rinsed out before sending to the recycling facility in Robin Hood Bay. If containers are not properly rinsed, they will contaminate the entire load, and material will not be recyclable.

At Memorial, it’s difficult to ensure that yogurt and other plastic containers are cleaned properly prior to being put into a recycling bin. Washing facilities are not always available and experience has shown that with a population the size of Memorial’s, not everyone will clean containers properly.

The Sustainability Office and other units in Facilities Management are investigating options for expanded recycling. One option is to target areas on campus where a lot of recyclable containers are used and can be properly cleaned, such as Burton’s Pond apartments.

In the meantime, you can bring your plastic containers home, rinse them out and include them in your curb-side recycling!

Canada 411’s got your number!

There’s a simple way to join Memorial’s PaperCut campaign to reduce paper use.

You can look up phone numbers online at www.canada411.ca or www.yellowpages.ca, and opt out of getting a telephone book in the spring. If you really want a telephone book handy, try sharing one with your colleagues. You’ll still be reducing paper use.

When mail room staff drop by to deliver new telephone books, just let them know you don’t need one. And be sure to recycle last year’s telephone book in the blue paper recycle bin located in office areas across campus.

For more information, contact sustain@mun.ca.

Recycling supports campus food bank

For every beverage container you recycle on campus, a donation is made to Memorial’s Campus Food Bank: It’s simple—just empty the container, remove the cap and straw, and remember not to crush the container.

In every building, on every floor, there are beige recycling bins with brown lids specifically for beverage container recycling. These bins are usually located next to a garbage can.

Or you can bring them to the University Centre (UC) where there are big blue recycling units with a separate spot for beverage containers.

Something about Sharon

THERE’S SOMETHING about Sharon Vere-Holloway … something that you might not be able to put your finger on right away. You might call it quiet confidence.

And you might not guess that this even-tempered senior accounts clerk in the Department of Facilities Management holds a black belt, second degree, in taekwondo.

Taekwondo is a Korean martial art described as the art of kicking and punching.

Sharon can break boards with her hands and perform flying side kicks, so that makes Sharon an artist.

In fact, Sharon is full of surprising moves.

When not practicing taekwondo, she could very well be at home, creating gourmet cakes and cupcakes for weddings and parties. (Sharon’s dad was a professional baker, so she grew up learning how to work with fondant and fondant decorating tools.)

Just a few years ago, after her son married and settled down, Sharon decided it was time to do something about the state of her health and the quality of her life.

She signed up for aerobics at the YMCA in St. John’s, not knowing that she’d actually enrolled in Downey’s Taekwondo.

“I loved it, the work-out was fantastic,” says Sharon, who was hooked by the time she realized she was in the wrong class. “I remember wondering if I would ever make it to my black belt.”

She’s now putting in lots of hours preparing to test for her black belt, third degree.

Through taekwondo, Sharon has not only gained physical fitness and better health, she’s gained self-confidence and the chutzpa to take on new challenges.

And you can bet she’ll add her stint as Olympic torch bearer for the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics to her list of proud moments!

Next up—running the Tely 10 road race – again!
Memorial lends a global voice on issues facing students

**DR. ROB SHEA**, deputy provost and associate vice president (academic) pro-tem, has been elected president of the International Association of Student Affairs and Services (IASAS), the first global organization dedicated to the development of student services.

The organization, which in the coming months will take the lead on an international development project in Haiti, has garnered worldwide attention and tremendous support from around the world according to Dr. Shea.

“We currently have over 500 members from over 50 countries, and the full support of associations like CACUSS (Canadian Association of College and University Student Services), NASPA (National Association of Student Personnel Administrators), and ACPA (American College Personnel Association). Each of these highly regarded organizations combined include over 22,000 members. IASAS is a testament to the need and the interest in an organization that looks at student success through an International lens.”

IASAS is the first organization of its kind to build a global community network around the support of students in higher education, explains Rob. “This is the first global organization dedicated to the development of both academic and non-academic student success services.”

The primary purpose of IASAS is to provide a medium for discourse for the myriad of services and programs aimed at enhanced communication among student affairs organizations and agencies worldwide, and to provide international professional development opportunities for student affairs professionals and providers.

During his term Rob hopes to put emphasis on developing student services in post-conflict and post-disaster areas, a field which is emerging as critical to enhancing higher education around the world. For more information on IASAS, visit their website at www.iasasonline.org.

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IT’S A GOOD THING that Noel Veitch is retired from his day job as a professor in the Faculty of Education, where he worked for 31 years. Otherwise, he’d never find the time needed to run the day-to-day operations of the Campus Food Bank.

Noel has been the volunteer coordinator for the past 13 years, and calls the station wagon he drives the “... food mobile.”

Kidding aside, Noel says when it comes to food, he’s absolutely serious.

“When I’m hungry I can go home or buy lunch,” he says. “The idea that someone — particularly children — would not be able to get food bothers me.”

It’s why he devotes time and energy to making sure the cupboards at the food bank in Corner Brook stay well-stocked.

Last year the food bank relied on nearly $27,000 in donations, with most of it coming from Memorial students, employees and retirees.

He credits the university community for keeping the food bank going over the years. Special campus-wide events such as the 12 Days of Giving in June, along with contributions from individual departments help keep groceries on the shelves.

“I want to thank employees for their continued support,” says Noel. “It’s really important to have their involvement, and I’ve said so from the beginning.”

He also points out that most food donations come from the general public through the Community Food Sharing Association.

Demand is growing – food bank usage this past January was up by one-third over the same time last year.

Noel says the university is looking at better ways to offer support, recognizing the valuable service the Campus Food Bank provides.

In the meantime, he keeps his food mobile at the ready for his next stop.

Proud parents recall innovative tendencies

GEORGE AND SARAH Rose always knew their son Geordie was a bright kid.

He excelled at school, was a voracious reader from an early age, and possessed the sort of determination that even adults would have envied.

So his parents, both faculty members at Memorial University, were thrilled when Dr. Geordie Rose was recently named Innovator of the Year by the Canadian Innovation Exchange (CIX).

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Asked to look back on anything in Geordie’s childhood that would hint at his future path, George and Sarah both agree — it’s that he never gave up on anything he did.

“He learned a lot of words early in life but I don’t think quit was one of them,” says George, who is director of the Centre for Fisheries Ecosystem Research located at the Marine Institute.

When he was little, Geordie would go fishing with his dad and sit for hours waiting to get a bite, never getting bored or fidgety, says Sarah, a professor in the Department of Linguistics.

Later, as a high school wrestler, Geordie lost his first 21 matches, but rather than get discouraged, he went on to become a Newfoundland and Labrador wrestling champion.

Geordie pursued engineering degrees at McMaster University, which also had a well-established wrestling program. He completed his PhD in theoretical physics at the University of British Columbia and graduated first in his class.

“I was always sure whatever he chose to do, he would do it with a passion and a vision,” says George. “… and he’s gone on to become one of Canada’s most visionary engineers.”

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His daughter Marina is currently studying environmental biology at Grenfell Campus. Her early exposure to the joys of nature can certainly explain some of her interest in the subject.

"My dad has been a big influence on my interests for sure," says Marina. "He has taken me on many of his research trips and I think that was when I learned I wanted to work outdoors and with animals."

"I have always been an animal lover," she adds. "Not only have I worked with my dad but I have also worked as a field assistant studying shorebirds as well as Cape Cod, MA, we spent time on Monomoy Island Reserve living in a tent on and off. I really enjoyed that."

Dr. Montevecchi says that work with a former Memorial psychology student studying piping plovers and terns may have cemented her interest.

"There's no question that she was captured and captivated by these experiences," he says. "We have worked together from time to time on seabird and environmental and conservation research projects, as well as bird tours."

Tell us about Reunion 2012: havin’ a time.
PB: Alumni from all faculties, years and campuses, as well as our current and retired faculty and staff, are invited to catch up with old friends and colleagues. The theme is havin’ a time because this event is going to be a celebration on a grand scale that will be distinctly Memorial.

When and where is it happening?
PB: This summer, from August 8-12 there are events happening here in St. John’s, at the Marine Institute and at Grenfell Campus in Corner Brook.

What types of events are planned?
PB: There will be something for everyone. Faculties and schools are planning over 50 really fun events and we’re also holding a series of showcase events. Our big showcase event is a concert at Mile One Centre. We’re not quite ready to announce the line-up, but it’s going to be fantastic!

Is there anything that faculty and staff can do to help?
PB: So many dedicated faculty and staff have already volunteered their time to help plan this reunion and we are so grateful, but we definitely need more help. If anyone is interested, we’d love to hear from them. Email us at reunion2012@mun.ca.

How can people find more information?
PB: You can visit our website, memorial.ca and click on the Reunion 2012 link. The event details aren’t posted yet, but in the next few weeks you’ll be able to find all the information.
The curious question of the musical scales

DR. GEORGE MINNIS, a professor in the Department of Computer Science, has spent a considerable amount of time thinking about the scales. In particular, asking, “Just how many possible scales are out there and what kind of structural rules do they obey?”

A musician by hobby, Dr. Minnis has founded two Greek bands in the city, The Forgotten Bouzouki and Acousmata. The bands have played at concerts, festivals, benefits and events with the local Greek community.

The existence of so many ways to write a song made him wonder about the nature of scales. For example, might there be a limit on their number, or are there structural relations amongst them?

Dr. Minnis decided to put his computer science and mathematics background to use and ultimately created a mathematical model that could describe all the natural scales and how to group them in a way that could reveal their structural relationships. This could also give an answer to how many there were.

He found that there were 38 families of natural scales where each family consisted of seven different scales, giving therefore a total of 266 natural scales. This has been documented in a paper entitled Musical Scales: A Structural Point of View.

“Did that help me in playing music? No, but it helped my curiosity,” he said. “It was pretty unsettling when I didn’t know what restrictions scales had and I think that’s how scientists work. They want to find the space to which the subjects they study belong and then determine its limits, properties, etc.”

Well-versed in her field

THE SCHOOL of Social Work is pleased to announce the addition of Joan Davis-Whelan, MSW, RSW, to its team as field education co-ordinator!

Joan is known to many at the school who have worked collaboratively with her over the years in her role as regional professional practice consultant for social work at Eastern Health. She has also been a sessional instructor at the school since 1992.

“I’ve known Joan since way back in the days when I was field co-ordinator,” says Janice Parsons, associate dean, undergraduate studies. “She was a field instructor who was always a great support to the school and to our students, and I am delighted to welcome her to this new role in field education.”

Joan’s responsibilities include overall planning, development, co-ordination, administration and management of internships for the BSW program.

“Field education is filled with many interesting opportunities which challenge me every day,” says Joan, who is keenly interested in social work education. “The students and my team members are a pleasure to work with.”

In addition to her work at the School, Joan is president elect of the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Social Workers and was recently appointed to the Approved Continuing Education Committee of the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB), an association of regulatory bodies throughout the United States and Canada.

When she’s not working, Joan enjoys genealogy and the two new additions to her family – Penny and Carly, two dogs from the SPCA.

havin’ a time Photo Contest

Have a great photo to share from your days as a student at Memorial, or from your working life here at the university? Something that shows you were … having a time? Could be early on in your career, or even at your retirement party! We are looking for a few good photos to publish in the summer issue of The Communicator to coincide with Reunion 2012. Think you’ve got one worth sharing? Send it in and you could win a fabulous prize — a pair of tickets to the big Reunion 2012 concert at Mile One Stadium, courtesy of Alumni Affairs and Development. Send in your photos by April 15, 2012 to mlporter@mun.ca.

Memorial is making a difference.

On Oct. 22, 2011, we planted over a thousand trees, fed over one hundred people, harvested vegetables from our community garden and provided more than 50 care kits for local at-risk youth. At Memorial we have made a promise to better our province and our community — a promise we are only too happy to keep.

For information about community service and experiential learning, and on how you can pull up your sleeves, go to mun.ca/cdel/career
Meet the Dare To campaign team

WHEN STUDENTS receive newly-created scholarships next year that were donated through Dare To, they likely won’t be aware that a small campaign team worked tirelessly behind the scenes to help secure many of those scholarships.

Dare To is Memorial University’s $50 million private sector fundraising campaign that launched last fall.

The dynamic campaign team that co-ordinates Dare To fundraising efforts, in conjunction with the Office of Alumni Affairs and Development, specializes in strategic planning, event planning, communications, research and administration. Jennifer O’Neill is campaign director, Laura Barron serves as communications co-ordinator, Trudy Coombs is executive assistant; and Karen Moore is donor relations and stewardship officer.

“Our small, but mighty team is essential to our campaign’s success,” says Jennifer. “By conducting background research, assisting with materials for donor outreach, planning and executing gift announcements, and creating materials for internal and external communications — each member of our team supports the fundraising effort and helps move us closer to achieving the campaign goals.”

The team says one of the best things about their work is meeting people from diverse backgrounds who share a commitment to Memorial and a passion to help build one of the top universities in the country.

When not working on the campaign, Jennifer tries to spend as much time as she can composing contemporary classical music. Her work has been performed across the country and as far away as Japan. Laura enjoys theatre and performing arts, and came to Memorial from her role as a scholarship and teacher who motivates those around her to excel with a quiet, affirmative, yet determined energy.”

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Here’s to your health

WHEN HE’S NOT behind a desk dealing with information technologies, you can find Thomas Hawkins competing with his teammates at Memorial’s Field House. The technical systems manager at Distance Education, Learning and Teaching Support (DE LTS) has been the driving force behind getting his staff to exercise more, and was keen to organize the group.

“We started running as a team this past fall after the Health Challenge that was part of MUN days,” says Thomas, “but we brought the activity inside when the winter began and started playing badminton regularly.”

The Health Challenge was an event organized as part of Memorial’s MUN Days this past October, and DE LTS had challenged other university departments to complete the most laps around the Field House. Although DE LTS lost the challenge, the activity inspired Thomas and his staff to get together regularly and exercise as a group.

“The goal is to keep people active and healthy,” Thomas adds, “plus it really helps break up the day and get away from the desk.”

But that’s not their only goal.

“I would say that most of us have a collective goal of not being trounced by Thomas every game,” jokes Peter Howell, programmer consultant.

The team gets together to play badminton, basketball, table tennis or even run around the track two or three times a week. Not only does the initiative help the group stay active and healthy, it’s also made them more cohesive and comfortable with each other.

Faculty of Education professor honoured for lifetime achievements

DURING the CANNEXUS 2012 National Career Development Conference in Ottawa, Ont., Dr. Mildred Cahill, a professor in Memorial’s Faculty of Education, was awarded the profession’s highest honour by the Canadian Education and Research Institute for Counselling (CERIC).

The Etta St. John Wileyman Award for lifetime achievement in career development is designed to recognize and celebrate individuals who have devoted their lives to furthering the profession of career development. It is a high honour, according to Dr. Rob Shea, deputy provost and associate vice president (academic) pro tempore at Memorial, and editor of the Canadian Journal of Career Development, explaining how it differs from other awards:

“It’s important to realize that this isn’t an annual award that is presented each year. This is only the fourth time it’s been awarded, which truly speaks to Dr. Cahill’s commitment and dedication, and the impact of her life’s work.”

A sentiment reflected by her peers.

“In my short time since coming here I have come to see what the life-time award attests,” says Dr. Kirk Anderson, dean of education. “Dr. Cahill is an exemplary scholar and teacher who motivates those around her to excel with a quiet, affirmative, yet determined energy.”

Mildred was surprised to receive this award, and acknowledged the many quality mentors and peers, who supported her throughout her career.

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MUIREANN NI CHÍOBHÁIN is the Ireland Canada University Foundation junior visiting scholar for 2011-12. She teaches an introduction to Irish language in the Department of Linguistics, and leading up to St. Patrick’s Day offers Irish-themed workshops through the Division of Lifelong Learning.

Here’s Muireann’s read/watch/listen list that will help put you in touch with your inner Irish!

READ

Whenever Green is Worn – Story of the Irish Diaspora
Tim Pat Coogan

The Irish abroad outnumber those at home and this gripping study by esteemed historian and broadcaster Tim Pat Coogan reveals why this is. A fascinating read for anybody who is Irish or has Irish heritage.

Brendy Doyle is one of my favourite Irish writers. The Barrytown Trilogy collects Doyle’s three books about the large and loving Rabbitte clan from inner-city Dublin. The Commitments, The Snapper and The Van have been transferred with great success to the silver screen!

WATCH

Ken Loach’s critically acclaimed film, The Wind That Shakes the Barley, winner of the Cannes’s Palm d’Or, is a must see. It traces the Republican movement’s war against occupying British forces in the 1920s that results in the Anglo-Irish Treaty. Intermission is so funny that you may pull a muscle from all the laughing you’re bound to do! It’s an urban love story set with endless Irish wit and raw Dublin grit, with some classic comic scenes that could only take place in an inner-city Dublin pub.

LISTEN

Declan O’Rourke fuses traditional Irish singing and songwriting with folk/rock songs and ballads to create an album that has been a platinum success. He represents a new era of Irish balladeer, and is one of my favourite Irish artists.

2011 MUNPA Tribute Awards

CONGRATULATIONS to Bill Redden and Verna Skanes, recipients of the 2011 MUNPA Tribute Awards presented in December at a luncheon reception hosted by Memorial President Dr. Gary Kachanoski. Bill currently resides in Vancouver and was well-represented at the event by Bill Brophy (pictured at right), who accepted the award on his behalf. Award citations detailing the outstanding contributions of each recipient to the university and the community were read by MUNPA President Doreen Whalen. Highlighted in the citations were Dr. Redden’s contributions in the areas of student support, sports and recreation, and the environment and Dr. Skanes’ contributions in the areas of health, health research and human research ethics. The full text of the citations for each of these awards is available on the MUNPA website at www.mun.ca/munpa.

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Once inside the building, it feels like you’ve just entered a small, friendly and tightly knit community, where relationships among children, parents and caregivers are quickly established. “Very few university centres are as inclusive as ours and that is a real strength,” says Dr. Carole Peterson, a faculty member in the department of psychology who is the longest serving member on the centre’s board of directors.

Carole, whose specialty is child psychology, has served on the board for the past 35 years and stays involved for many reasons; number one is her strong belief in high-quality child care.

She also points out that the centre is an important learning hub for students and researchers from various disciplines. Founded in 1975 by the undergraduate Council of the Students Union (CSU), which later became MUNSU, Memorial’s Childcare Centre was originally located at Corte Real. The centre’s current home at Burton’s Pond, opened in 1992, and was purpose-built to house children at various ages and stages in their development. Just a few years ago it became a separately incorporated entity (SIE) of the university.

Recent expansion has added 20 new spaces for toddlers and preschoolers, and the centre easily fills its 184 child care spaces.
Retirements

George Beckett, associate university librarian (health sciences), celebrated his retirement at a well-attended open house this past December. George spent 30 years at Memorial and during his career worked on a number of innovative projects. In 1999 he led the creation of the Newfoundland and Labrador Health Knowledge Information Network (NL-HKIN). He was actively involved in the Canadian Health Libraries Association and received that association’s 2004 Margaret Ridley Charlton Award for Outstanding Achievement and an Honorary Life Membership in 2010. George also has a long history with the MUN Judo Club, and holds a second-degree black belt.

Friends and family recently celebrated Joe Carroll’s retirement from the Queen Elizabeth II Library, where he worked as manager of library facilities services. A recipient of the President’s Award for Exemplary Service as well as one of the original members of the job evaluation appeal committee, Joe retired from Memorial after 30 years of service. Joe worked in Facilities Management for 26 years in various roles and as manager of library facilities services at the QEI11 for the last four years. Congratulations and best wishes Joe!

Dr. Luis Lobo, a professor with the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science for 41 years, officially retired this past January. Dr. Lobo really enjoyed teaching and taught countless numbers of engineering students!

Faculty and staff from engineering and across the university attended his retirement party to wish him well. He says he has a few ideas about how he’ll spend his retirement, including a possible return to the coaching ranks of the provincial track and field scene. In the past he coached at the provincial and national levels, specializing in high jump.

Engaging staff

TALK ABOUT taking your work home with you! The Harris Centre’s Office of Engagement was created only a few short months ago, and already three of its employees have become engaged. (L-R) Jessica Hussey, intermediate secretary; Kate Reid-Shute, engagement framework development co-ordinator and Rebecca Cahoe, communications co-ordinator returned from Christmas holidays… officially engaged, and have weddings planned for July, August and September, respectively. Centre director Rob Greenwood says his staff is really committed to their work. That’s some engagement framework!

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Obituaries

Nigel Allen, a former international project manager with the Marine Institute’s School of Fisheries, passed away in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania on Jan. 13, 2012. He was 57.

Marie Enguehard-delaVille from oy, a former educator at the Frecker Institute, Saint-Pierre-Miquelon, passed away Jan. 4, 2012. She was 98.

Dr. Sailendu Sekhr Mookerjea, professor emeritus in the Department of Biochemistry, passed away Nov. 18, 2011. He was 81.

little fingers, little toes

The Memorial family welcomes its littlest additions

Rachel Grace Penney was born Nov. 24, 2011. The proud parents are Dave Penney, communications co-ordinator, Alumni Affairs and Development, and his wife Tracey Penney. Congratulations!

Clarke Robert Stratton was born January 24, 2012. His proud parents are Lori Stratton, intermediate secretary in the Department of Human Resources, and her husband Robert Stratton. Congratulations!
How do you know when spring has arrived on campus?

“I know spring has arrived on campus when the halls are empty of students, and when we are busy getting ready for convocation. Maybe I’m optimistic, but I hope that spring has arrived when the snow has all melted— but that’s usually in June here at Grenfell.”

LINDA HOWELL TIBBO, Facilities Booking Officer, Grenfell Campus

“How do you know when spring has arrived on campus when its daylight and leaving home in daylight. But, the real sign of spring arriving on campus is when Rose Hatfield (MI’s Recreation and Sports Assistant) gets her running club going for the spring. You see them out running all around the area and down to the St. John’s campus and back again.”

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“I know spring has arrived on campus when my co-workers and I decide to walk outside every lunch hour. It’s like our New Year’s resolution for spring!”

LISA MUISE, Secretary, Field and Undergraduate programs, School of Social Work, St. John’s campus

“One of the first things I notice is that in spring I get to come in to work while its daylight and leave to go home in daylight. But, the real sign of spring arriving on campus is when Rose Hatfield (MI’s Recreation and Sports Assistant) gets her running club going for the spring. You see them out running all around the area and down to the St. John’s campus and back again.”

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CONGRATULATIONS to our winners Randy Dodge and Emilie Bourque-Whittle for correctly identifying the Days Gone By mystery photo in the 2011 winter edition of The Communicator.

They both guessed that the photo comes from the 1970 issue of Flotsam (which was usually called the Cap and Gown … but not in that tumultuous year of protest). The event was a student march on Confederation Building after Premier J. R. Smallwood’s victory in the October Liberal convention. He defeated John Crosbie, whom many students backed. “I was in second year at Memorial at the time and I’m in that photo somewhere,” says Randy. “It was indeed an active year for student politics.”

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WHAT DO YOU DO AT MEMORIAL?

I ADMINISTER access and privacy legislation at the university. As part of my job, I provide advice to the university on information access and privacy protection and develop policy, guidelines and best practices in access and privacy. I review projects and programs for privacy compliance, oversee management of access to information requests to the university, manage privacy complaints and privacy breaches, and deliver education and training to administrative and academic offices.

I serve on a number of university and provincial committees, including a provincial education privacy protection committee. I’m a certified information privacy professional in Canada and volunteer with the International Association of Privacy Professionals as their KnowledgeNet chair for the area, and also as a professional certification exam item writer.

ROSEMARY THORNE, Information Access and Privacy Protection Co-ordinator