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DR. RALPH WHEELER needs adventures.

Every year, the associate professor in the School of Human Kinetics and Recreation looks for adventures that will bring him somewhere different or challenge him.

In 2004, he and two of his children spent a summer on a remote island in Placentia Bay as participants in a reality television show for the History Channel.

For the last several years, that adventurous spirit has brought him to Labrador where he takes a break from his teaching duties.

Instead, he spends his time with the Atlantic Rivers Outfitting Company, doing a little bit of everything.

“The time I spend there helps me decompress. It’s working with your hands and a lot of physical labour, which I really enjoy. I wouldn’t do it full time but for the five or so weeks I’m up there, it’s a perfect break.”

The outfitting company brings clients in from all over the world to fish and relax, and Ralph has served as a guide, camp manager, cook and carpenter. This year, he’s going to their Hunt River Lodge, which is only accessible by helicopter, for the month of July as a staff supervisor.

“This is five star accommodations, world class fishing and top notch staff. And unlike other rivers, you get all three species: Salmon, trout and char. It’s like nowhere else. It’s been an interesting experience, that’s for sure.”

Love of the wild lures professor to Labrador
GREAT THINGS are happening at Memorial University. When I walk around our campuses, I see pride in people’s faces, secure in the knowledge that they are working and studying at an institution that is distinguishing itself as a nationally competitive, flag-ship, teaching-research university – a university unequivocally committed to the public good.

And we have the Memorial community – each of you – to thank for that, and to plan for the future. Memorial University has everything it needs to continue on its upward trajectory.

We have a strong committed leadership team.

We have solid support from government. As I mentioned on the day of the provincial budget and repeated at convocation, I believe this is the best budget for a university anywhere in Canada this year.

On our campuses, we are already seeing more than $250 million worth of infrastructure projects underway or completed. And we’ve been given planning resources for renewal and replacement of our core science infrastructure.

Through broad internal and external consultation, we have laid the foundation for adjusting our course and setting priorities with our new Research Framework Strategy, and Teaching and Learning Framework.

And our Public Engagement Framework, to build on our strengths in working with citizens, communities, industry and government, is in the final stages of approval – engagement to link teaching and learning, and research and creative activity, with the needs and opportunities across the province and beyond.

All our successes will be celebrated at have-a-time Reunion 2012 happening at our St. John’s, Grenfell and Marine Institute campuses in August. It’s our first-ever, all-year, all-campuses get together and will be a great opportunity for you to volunteer, catch up with friends and colleagues, and take in some top-notch events. You can read more at www.reunion.mun.ca. I hope to see you there.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.
Community garden continues to grow

DESPITE the challenging weather, year one at the Memorial University Community Garden was a great success. So much so, that in advance of this second season, applicants once again outnumbered the available plots. Five new plots were built in the fall for a total of 35 plots in the garden. This year 82 applications were received for the 17 available plots, and the remaining 18 plots were renewed by gardeners from 2011.

The garden, located between Queen’s College and Long Pond, is providing students, staff and faculty (current and retired) with a space to plant vegetables and flowers, and an opportunity to learn new skills and sustainable practices along the way. For those individuals who were not selected in the lottery this year, a number of informative workshops are still available. These free workshops cover a range of gardening topics, are delivered by local experts and are open to the general public.

For a complete listing of the workshops, visit the community garden website at www.mun.ca/communitygarden/workshops.php.

If you’d like to get involved in the community garden, visit www.mun.ca/communitygarden. To receive updates on garden activities, join the garden listserv by emailing listserv@mun.ca and typing subscribe community-garden-l in the body of the message.

Helping children the highlight of African vacation

PATRICIA Coady’s vacation this year was not your average holiday.

An employee of Memorial’s Counselling Centre, she and her sister spent their time off volunteering at a children’s home in Kenya.

“I knew it was always my sister’s dream to go to Africa, so when Judy called me I said, ‘Sure’ … I didn’t really think about it until after.”

Missionary friends Judy and Mike offered the two sisters a chance to help with missionary aid work, so the pair set off for the town of Marsabit, Kenya.

And they didn’t go empty-handed. They raised $5,000 to help with projects they wanted to undertake, receiving donations from local businesses, family, friends, and her colleagues at Memorial.

Perhaps the biggest accomplishment during their stay in Kenya was helping to create a dining area in the children’s home.

“There was a big storage area, just blocked with stuff, and the kids would eat in their bedrooms,” says Patricia.

“So Judy wanted to turn that space into a dining room and that’s what we did.

“We had tables and chairs delivered, and we gave the area a fresh coat of paint. The kids loved it!”

That experience and many others made her appreciate things she had taken for granted.

“The people are so happy with so little, and I reflect on that a lot more now,” said Patricia. “And they are so giving.”

The sisters plan to continue their support from St. John’s, raising money on projects that will benefit the children.

If you would like to learn more or get involved, contact Patricia at pcoady@mun.ca.

Giving back with art

GRENFELL CAMPUS employees Shanda Williams and Christine Martinez will pack more than sandals and sunblock when they visit their families in Belize this summer.

Shanda, a student programming coordinator (international), and Christine, a biology science technician, both left their home country of Belize to study at Grenfell Campus in Corner Brook.

However, home has never been far from their hearts. And while they visit their families almost every year, they wanted this summer’s vacation to be about more than just relaxation.

The pair is organizing an arts program at Roaring Creek Nazarene Primary School, where Shanda once taught in Cayo, Belize, in an area noted for its high rate of poverty.

“The children there don’t take art in school. That is the reason why we wanted to do an art camp,” said Shanda. “There are a lot of artistic children but very little focus on art in the schools. We just wanted to give back in some little way.”

Shanda and Christine have received donations for the camp from their colleagues at Grenfell Campus, including a contribution of art supplies from the Grenfell Campus Bookstore.

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“While in Belize, the pair will also meet with officials from Roaring Creek Nazarene Primary School to identify a long-term fundraising project they can undertake.

“I want to see what the needs of the school are,” said Shanda. “I want to come back and do a full year of fundraising to help develop the school.”

Patricia Coady (back row, far left), and her sister Judy (centre) volunteered in Kenya during her holiday out-of-province.

(L-R) Penny Cofield, Alison Snow and Dave Penney get ready to dig in!

(L-R) Grenfell Campus employees Christine Martinez and Shanda Williams will return to their home county of Belize to run school art programs.
FROM Beth Maddigan’s office in the Faculty of Education’s Curriculum Material’s Centre (CMC), your can see row after row of books. It’s a wonderful site, and a view Beth appreciates.  

But getting around can be tricky when she needs her crutches or scooter. Luckily Beth is a pro – having lived having lived with a serious knee condition for more than 30 years.  

She applauds staff at the Glenn Roy Blundon Centre and the Office of Faculty Relations for taking her on an accessibility tour of campus, where she learned new ways of navigating Memorial’s large St. John’s campus.  

Beth is Memorial University’s education librarian working out of the CMC, a space rich in tangible and electronic resources for students and instructors in the Faculty of Education.  

She took over from long-time co-ordinator and education librarian Alison Mews who’d been with the university for 31 years.  

“The CMC is well-established and well-loved,” said Beth, who joined Memorial this past September. “I hear from students and faculty they appreciate the space, the services and the staff. I knew I’d have big shoes to fill.”  

Though new to her position, Beth is well-acquainted with the university. She’s an alumna, having graduated in 1990 from Memorial with a BA in history. After completing her master’s in library and information science at the University of Western Ontario in 1996 she enjoyed a career in Ontario as the co-ordinator of children’s services for the Cambridge Libraries and Galleries.  

Beth and her husband Bob returned to St. John’s in 2009.  

“I romanticized about working at the university,” said Beth who is thrilled to be back at her alma mater. “Memorial was such a wonderful experience for me.”  

Yvonne Collett  

Yvonne Collett says the face of Memorial’s workforce is changing, becoming increasingly diverse.  

And that’s a good thing because it reflects changing labour market dynamics in this province and across the country.  

“We need to be in step with what’s happening,” said Yvonne Collett. “It’s recognized that having people from different backgrounds actually contributes to the overall success and effectiveness of an organization. It seems to add to the quality of the work and the health of the workplace.”  

Before joining the Department of Human Resources, Yvonne spent nine years working with international students at Memorial’s International Student Advising Office.  

She’s always enjoyed working with people from diverse backgrounds.  

One of Yvonne’s first priorities as employment equity officer is to review the university’s existing three-year employment equity plan, looking at accomplishments and identifying gaps.  

The university’s employment equity plan is aimed at addressing barriers to employment for four designated groups: women, Aboriginal peoples, persons with disabilities and people from visible minorities.  

Yvonne says there is a need to focus attention on increasing the university’s representation of persons with disabilities.  

She’s starting an email listserv group for anyone who wants to get involved in a conversation about employment equity.  

“We know there’s a lot of knowledge out there that can help us to create the best program we can,” she said. “We’re going to be talking about what Memorial is doing, and what other universities are doing. It’s really about sharing information and engaging people in conversation.”  

If you’d like to get in touch with Yvonne, you can reach her at 864-2548, or email her at ycollett@mun.ca.
Momentum building for havin’ a time: Reunion 2012

NOW ONLY a few months away, excitement is building for havin’ a time: Reunion 2012 Aug. 8-12, when St. John’s, Grenfell and Marine Institute campuses host five days of special activities (see pages 6-7 in this issue for a detailed events listing).

Dedicated volunteers, staff and faculty are making sure everything is ready for the celebration that features over 75 events in four categories: Run & Roast 1101, Day Tripper 2201, Something to Talk About $800 and Glory Days 4805.

“In planning this event, it gives you pause to think about the scope of our alumni and how many people have graduated from the programs and schools that have been associated with MI,” said Kim Thornhill, MI’s education marketing co-ordinator. “It’s really incredible. We’re welcoming everyone back and hope they take part in some of great activities we’ve got planned.

At Grenfell Campus, plans are also underway for festivities from Aug. 8-10. “Opening night is a special evening at the library with alumni gathering with old friends, enjoying music and munchies,” said Jo-Anne Philpott, manager of Community Education and College Relations. “The evening will be topped off with an alumni art auction and a special preview of the Grenfell Campus Observatory.”

Lisa Russell, chair of the reunion volun-
teeer committee and manager of experiential learning with Career Development and Experiential Learning, is impressed by the way faculty and staff have come together in the planning process.

“With an event of this magnitude, volunteer support is critical and we have incredible people at Memorial who have stepped up,” said Lisa. “Of course, as we get closer to the reunion week, we’ll definitely need more help. So we’d love to hear from anyone who is interested in getting involved.”

The event schedule for havin’ a time: Reunion 2012 can be found at www.reunion.mun.ca. Register for any number of the activities happening from August 8-12. Information is also available online for those interested in volunteering.

Busy retiree co-ordinates Faculty of Science events

FRED SMITH may have retired from his position in the Office of the Dean of Science in 2011, but that doesn’t stop him from showing up for work everyday.

So, of course, it was of little surprise that he would take on one more responsibility: co-ordinating upcoming Reunion 2012 activities in the Faculty of Science.

“The dean asked me if I was interested and I thought it was important,” he explained. “We’ve never had a big reunion for the Faculty of Science and this was an opportunity to be a part of a bigger, all-encompassing, university-wide reunion.

“It’s a chance for alumni to come back, see their old department and see their old faculty members,” he said. “It’s also important for the faculty to keep in touch with students because that’s where a lot of our support comes from – the alumni.”

With all departments in the Faculty of Science now involved in organizing their own activities, from open houses to soccer games; and the main faculty-wide event well-in-hand, Fred’s reunion responsibilities are easing up a bit.

He is hoping that reunion planning may become a regular activity with the Faculty of Science in future years.

But he certainly has plenty of other work to keep him busy. A member of the Senate Committee on Elections and Committees at Memorial University, he is also editor of the Newfoundland Ancestor for the Family History Society, as well as a board member, and he’s involved with the Captain Cook Society.

There’s not enough space to write about everything else he does. But he’s held numerous other positions and memberships during his 49 years on campus, first as a student and then later as a faculty member.

“I live here. I just go home once in a while to sleep,” he jokes.

The Creaking Bones reunite for fun and friendship

IF GRACE LAYMAN hadn’t offered up her house in St. Phillips to host a wedding shower for Carmel Woodford almost 50 years ago, the group of women affectionately known as The Creaking Bones might have never got together.

But she did, and everyone had such a good time, they decided to meet again the next year for jiggs dinner. It was the start of an annual tradition.

“Grace had a great kitchen into which we all paled, in which we all pealed and chopped and got in each other’s way,” recalls Josephine Barron with a smile.

She’s sitting with her friends in the living room of Marjorie Dodge Frampton, who organized this get together. All but one of the group are Memorial retirees who met when they were very young, just starting their careers at Memorial, and most of them on the Parade Street Campus. Originally they were a group of 19; these days they are 13.

You can tell they are especially fond of Grace, who at 93 is the oldest in this group of mostly 70-somethings. She’s a retired education professor and the only faculty member in The Creaking Bones.

Besides their annual jiggs dinner, the group has enjoyed outings to places like Woody Island, Trinity and Trinity. They’re involved in social and volunteer activities.

The women remain a little fuzzy on the group’s origins to a nickname Grace received on her 65th birthday.

What matters is the friendship, and seeing each other through life’s triumphs and tragedies.

“We care for each other and what everyone is doing,” said Maureen Stapleton. “Getting together was always important and always will be. We look after each other.”

Fred Smith
SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT 3300: SPEAKER SERIES

Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2012
The Republic of Doyle: St. John’s Real and Imagined
Cost: free
Date/Time: 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Location: Bruneau Centre

Thursday, Aug. 9, 2012
Going the Distance: Health, Education and Memorial’s Collaborative Adventures in Communication Technology
Cost: free
Date/Time: 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Location: Bruneau Centre

Changing Tides: The Impact of Climate Change on Ocean and Marine Resources
Cost: free
Date/Time: 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Location: Hampton Hall, Marine Institute

Friday, Aug. 10, 2012
The Short and Long of It: The Power of Storytelling in Newfoundland and Labrador
Cost: free
Date/Time: 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Location: Bruneau Centre

Saturday, Aug. 11, 2012
The Oldest Nearest Province: Looking to the Future, Reflecting on the Past
Cost: free
Date/Time: 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Location: Bruneau Centre

DAY TRIPPER 2201: EDUCULTURE

Thursday, Aug. 9, 2012
Birds and Whales of Witless Bay
Presented by: McCarthy Tours
Cost: $107.35
Date/Time: 8:30 a.m.
Location: One Mile Centre

Friday, Aug. 10, 2012
A GEO tour of the North Head Trail
(Part of the Prince Phillip Side)
Presented by: McCarthy Tours
Cost: $50.85
Date/Time: 12:30 p.m.
Location: One Mile Centre

Saturday, Aug. 11, 2012
A GEO tour of the Wicked Memorial Variety Show @ One Mile Centre
Presented by: Alumni Affairs and Development
Cost: TBD
Date/Time: TBD
Location: One Mile Centre

For detailed information or updates on Reunion 2012 events, please visit www.reunion.mun.ca
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A Time Reunion 2012 August 8–12

Music
Friday, Aug. 10, 2012
A night with Spirit of Newfoundland
Presented by: School of Music
Cost: $14.00 plus taxes and gratuity
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Masonic Temple, Cathedral St.

Friday, Aug. 10, 2012
A jazz night at the Ship
Cost: Fee at door
Time: 11 p.m.
Location: Ship Inn, 265 Duckworth St.

Saturday, Aug. 11, 2012
Meet the Famfas!
Presented by: School of Music
Cost: $25.00
Time: 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Location: The Duke of Duckworth, 325 Duckworth St.

Sunday, Aug. 12, 2012
Let’s Make Some Music
Presented by: School of Music
Cost: free
Time: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Location: School of Music

Varsity Athletics/Human Kinetics and Recreation
Thursday, Aug. 9, 2012
Turn Back the Clock
Presented by: Varsity Athletics/Human Kinetics
Time: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Location: Gymnasium

Presented by: School of Music
Cost: $10.00
Time: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Location: Botanical Garden, 366 Mount Scio Rd.

Thursday, Aug. 9, 2012
Presented by: Graduate Students’ Union
Cost: $10.00
Time: 7:30 p.m. - 1 a.m.
Location: Bitters Pub, Field Hall

Saturday, Aug. 11, 2012
Pre-Show Pub Night at Bitters
Presented by: Graduate Students’ Union
Cost: free
Time: 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Location: Bitters Pub, Field Hall

Student Affairs
Thursday, Aug. 9, 2012
Real Life Timeline
Presented by: Student Affairs and Services – Housing
Cost: $1.00
Time: 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Location: R. Guthrie Hall, Main Dining Hall

Alumni Affairs
Friday, Aug. 10, 2012
Paideia Street Graduates: Morning Coffee and Tour of the Titanic exhibit
Presented by: Alumni Affairs and Development
Cost: $20.00
Time: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Location: Johnson Geo Centre, 175 Signal Hill Rd

Library
Saturday, Aug. 11, 2012
Taking Root
Presented by: Queen Elizabeth II Library
Cost: free
Time: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Location: Queen Elizabeth II Library

FOR FAMILIES

Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2012
Calm Air: A 360° Interactive Experience of Titanic’s Maiden Voyage
Presented by: Marine Institute
Cost: $11.95 / $10.50 / $9.50 / $8.50
Time: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Location: Marine Institute

Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2012
Camping at Whatchamaclall (with lunch)
Field House
Cost: $70.00 (with lunch), $25.00 (without lunch)
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Location: Field House

Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2012
Grenfell CAMPUS

Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2012
St. John’s Campus Tours
Office of Student Recruitment
Cost: free
Time: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Location: Arts and Administration Building, AA-209

Thursday, Aug. 9, 2012
Cape Chidley (with lunch)
Field House
Cost: $70.00 (with lunch), $25.00 (without lunch)
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Location: R. Guthrie Hall, Main Dining Hall

Thursday, Aug. 9, 2012
2012 Kids@MUN Summer Camps
Presented by: Division of Lifelong Learning
Cost: $21.00 (half-day), $37.00 (full-day)
Time: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Location: Centre Scolaire et Communautaire des Grands-Vents (French School), Ridge Rd

Thursday, Aug. 9, 2012
Newfoundland Nature Hike
Presented by: MUN Botanical Garden
Cost: $6.00
Time: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Location: Botanical Garden, 366 Mount Scio Rd.

Thursday, Aug. 9, 2012
St. John’s Campus Tours
Office of Student Recruitment
Cost: free
Time: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Location: Arts and Administration Building, AA-209

Thursday, Aug. 9, 2012
Diggin’ it up at Memorial! A Tour of Archaeology Facilities at Queen’s College
Presented by: Faculty of Arts (Archeology)
Cost: free
Time: 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Location: Queen’s College

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Time: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Location: Centre Scolaire et Communautaire des Grands-Vents (French School), Ridge Rd

Friday, Aug. 10, 2012
Camp Whatchamaclall (with lunch)
Field House
Cost: $70.00 (with lunch), $25.00 (without lunch)
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Location: Field House

Friday, Aug. 10, 2012
What’s in Bloom
Presented by: MUN Botanical Garden
Cost: $6.00
Time: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Location: Botanical Garden, 366 Mount Scio Rd.

Friday, Aug. 10, 2012
St. John’s Campus Tours
Office of Student Recruitment
Cost: free
Time: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Location: Arts and Administration Building, AA-209

Friday, Aug. 11, 2012
Memorial Family Scavenger Hunt
Presented by: Office of Student Recruitment
Cost: free
Time: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Location: R. Gushue Hall, Main Dining Hall

Friday, Aug. 10, 2012
Family Recreational Swim
Presented by: MUN Botanical Garden
Cost: free
Time: 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Location: Various locations on campus

Friday, Aug. 10, 2012
Haven’s a Ball Humber Valley Style
Presented by: Grenfell Campus
Cost: $19.00
Time: 8 p.m. - 2 a.m.
Location: Eagle’s Perch, Humber Valley Resort

Friday, Aug. 10, 2012
Family Day and BBQ
Presented by: Grenfell Campus
Cost: free
Time: 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Location: Grenfell Campus Food Court

Friday, Aug. 10, 2012
WEISON Open House and Health Fair
Presented by: Grenfell Campus
Cost: free
Time: 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Location: Western Regional School of Nursing, Monaghan Hall

Friday, Aug. 10, 2012
Crystal Waters Boat Tour
Presented by: Grenfell Campus
Cost: $30.00
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Location: Yacht Club, Curfuling

MARINE INSTITUTE

Friday, Aug. 10, 2012
Clam Classes and Cocktails
Presented by: Marine Institute
Cost: $20.00
Time: 7:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Location: Centre for Marine Simulation, Main Entrance, 155 Ridge Rd

Saturday, Aug. 11, 2012
Cape Chidley: The 360° Interactive Experience of Titanic’s Maiden Voyage
Presented by: Marine Institute
Cost: $11.95 / $10.50 / $9.50 / $8.50
Time: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Location: Centre for Marine Simulation, Main Entrance, 155 Ridge Rd

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[Memorial University's Employee Newsletter]
WHILE fundraising can be challenging work, Memorial’s development team said the most rewarding part of the job is seeing the impact that financial donations have on the university, and on the donors themselves. “Seeing the look in the students’ eyes when they receive a scholarship is so incredible for our team,” said Jillian Gibson, a senior development officer with Alumni Affairs and Development. “When a student receives an award, the community is giving them the support they need to focus on their studies and to achieve great things. We all believe that education is the key to success for our communities.”

“Connecting with people who see the value in supporting Memorial is what our jobs are all about.” As part of the fundraising team, development officers, or DOs as they are called within the team, are getting to know current and future donors through face-to-face meetings and regular contact. The development team is dedicated to building strategic relationships with alumni, corporations and foundations and the university to encourage charitable giving in support of Memorial’s strategic priorities.

They work with donors to generate financial support for a variety of projects, from establishing new scholarships, bursaries and awards, to research chairs and everything else in between. Dare To: The Campaign for Memorial University has encouraged the team to set ambitious fundraising goals, and to connect with an even larger number of donors and volunteers who are supportive of Memorial.

For more information about the campaign, please visit www.DareTo.ca.

CATHY MORRIS, adviser with Memorial’s Sexual Harassment Office, along with members of the sexual harassment board, recently said farewell to their outgoing chair, Louise Webb. Louise represented NAPE 7850 on the board since 2006 and held the position of chair since March of 2009. She retired from the Marine Institute in January 2012.

During her time with the board, Louise had been involved in the revision of Memorial’s Procedures for Sexual Harassment. The procedures policy document is aimed at preventing sexual harassment through education, mitigating its impact and identifying methods for the resolution of complaints. “Sexual Harassment is a prohibited form of discrimination and Memorial has a legal and ethical responsibility to provide a learning and working environment that is free of sexual harassment,” said Cathy. “I am pleased to be serving the university community in this way” said Brenda. The sexual harassment office provides consultation, resolution and education sessions to the Memorial community. You can contact Cathy Morris at 864 2015 or email her at cbmorris@mun.ca if you have any concerns or questions relating to sexual harassment.

A soft spot for Memorial keeps WAMUN members connected

IF YOU have a soft spot in your heart for Memorial, then Tonya Basler and Karen Lippold say they’ve just place for you! They’re both members of WAMUN, the Women’s Association of Memorial University and they are always ready to welcome new people.

Tonya is a charter member of the group, which got its start in the early 1960s, when Memorial’s campus on Elizabeth Avenue was new and growing, and there was a major influx of new faculty.

“We didn’t have any friends here and it was a really nice way to get to know people,” explains Tonya, who arrived in St. John’s in 1965 with her husband Gerard Basler, now a professor emeritus in the Department of History.

Being part of WAMUN is still a great way to meet to people, said Karen, who is the group’s president. “It’s one of the things I like about the book club and walking group.”

WAMUN runs a number of interest groups, including four popular books clubs (three for fiction, one for non-fiction), a walking group, and a coffee group. They also support important initiatives such as Memorial’s Campus Food Bank, collecting regular donations when members meet for book and coffee groups.

“We really have made an effort to keep donations up,” said Tonya, “We realize there’s still so much need.”

The group’s scholarship program awards eight $1,200 scholarships every year to male and female students at the undergraduate and graduate levels; there’s also an award given to children of faculty or staff.

Contact WAMUN secretary Susan Goold if you want more information about the group. Call her at 237 1837 or email susan.goold@gmail.com. You can also read about WAMUN at www.mun.ca/wamun.
CONGRATULATIONS to all of our service award recipients!
Here are the 231 long-serving Memorial employees who make our university strong.

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Alistair Bath
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Patricia Canning
Lynne Cannon
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Christine Duddy
Maria e Silva
Mary Garnier
Sue Ghazala
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Lakmali Hewa
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Tina Hunt
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Dawn King
Kenneth Leidez
Bruce Mann
Caroline Murphy
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25-YEAR RECIPIENTS

Hilda Arnett
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Eileen Barnable
Donna Best
Neil Bishop
Theresa Bishop-Stirling
James Bradley
Joan Brown
Amanda Brown
Wayne Caddigan
Clyde Churchill
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Alice Collins
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Sharon Fagan
Christopher Flinn
Judith Ford
Brian Gillett
Glen Glasson
Alan Goodridge
Louise Green
Diana Hull
Christopher Hammond
Donald Hanames
Victor Hancock
Fred Hawkesley
Edward Heam
Robert Helleur
Jacqueline Higdon
Denise Jones
Mohammedtaki Kara
Susan Kearsay
Vincent Kelly
Frances Kirby
Angela Lonardo
Donna Manning
Michael Morrow
Sheila Mullins
Deanne Newhook
Richard Newman
Margaret Nixon
Elizabeth Noseworthy
Wayne Olford
Sharon O'Neill
Peggy Ann Parsons
Cheryl Peckham
Gregory Penney
Sharon Peters
Peter Pickup

30-YEAR RECIPIENTS

Luann Agriesti-Cleary
Joan Andrews
Deborah Barnes
Joan Barry
Donna Batten
George Beckett
Elisabeth Brett-Williams
Doreen Browne
Linda Carter
Wayne Clarke
Jacqueline Collins
Paula Corbett
Robert Davis
Beatrice Dickens
Douglas Dunmore
Avery Earle
Alex Faarluk
Bruce Faulkner
Isabel Fleming
John Foley
Mary Halliday
Lois Hammond
Gary Hancock
June Harris
Elaine Healey
Margaret Hennessy
Clyde Hiller
Donna Jackman
Deborah Janes
Helen Knapman
Beverly Mahoney
Patrick Mansfield
Lester Marshall
Janet McHugh
Brenda Mullette
David Murphy
Kevin O'Leary
Janet Oliver
Frank Pippy
Priscilla Rendall
Brian Roberts
Hans Rollmann
Frances Shapter
Dennis Sharpe
Sheila Silver
Ken Stanley
George Summers
Sharon Wall
Patric Webber
Randy White
Nolan White
Irene Whitfield
Annette Williams
Kevin O'Leary

35-YEAR RECIPIENTS

Richard Predham
Azizur Rahman
Jane Ryan
Shirley Solberg
Judith Strange
Brian Tiller
Wayne Yetman

40-YEAR RECIPIENTS

Dr. Leonard Zebed

Jane Ryan

Kevin Clarke
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MOLLY KENNEDY has always loved to sing. She started when she was a little girl growing up on Bell Island, when she'd take any opportunity that came along to perform at school, community concerts and with local bands.

These days she performs with her four-piece band, Ryman Country, in country music concerts, festivals, coffee houses and at senior's homes. Some of her favourite gigs are at senior's and retirement residences, where she and husband Clayton Kennedy, with two other musicians, Bill Spurvey and John Wiseman, do volunteer performances 50 or 60 times a year.

"I love it," said Molly who has had a regular day job as a custodian in the Department of Facilities Management for the past 17 years.

"Someone asked me if we get paid and I said, "Yes, I get paid in hugs and kisses." It feels good to see people smile as they remember a favourite old song," said Molly, who considers the volunteer performing to be among the most rewarding she's ever done.

"It would be surprising how involved they get, music is great therapy, we see it all the time. They sing along, clap, dance and some join us on stage to sing or play the accordion or guitar with the band."

Molly's colleagues in the Faculty of Education, where she's based, admire the time she devotes to playing at senior's residences and Eastern Health facilities, etc. "She's bringing music to those who need it the most," said Barbara Ryder, academic program administrator. "She does some great work."

Keep an ear out for Molly and Ryman Country this summer. You can also catch them at the Country Music Café, St. Augustine's parish hall, where they hold a coffee house on the first Saturday of every month.

Running for fun, training for life

DR. LINDA HENSMAN, dean of the School of Pharmacy, completed her first Boston Marathon this past April. Although it was her first time running in Boston, Linda is no stranger to marathons, with five to her credit in cities that include Prague, Toronto and Vancouver.

Despite record high temperatures that forced many runners out of the race, she placed 62nd in her division, finishing 17,279 among a field of 22,480.

"Bostonians are clearly proud of the marathon and they make you feel very welcome and care about your success," says Linda, talking about her experience. "Even though it was my worst marathon time, I can't complain given the conditions.

"I crossed the finish line, upright and smiling against the odds. Many other runners encountered significant problems attributed to the extraordinarily hot weather."

Competing in the Boston Marathon is a goal for many amateur runners, as the race requires a minimum qualifying time that must be officially-recorded in another marathon. Linda has recorded that qualifying time twice, at marathons in Toronto in 2010 and 2011 – a feat that guarantees her eligibility for 2013 in Boston, should she choose to participate. Running is key for Linda in terms of helping her achieve a work-life balance.

"It provides me with an opportunity to take that necessary break from work and helps me to deal with stress that is inevitable in the kind of position I have," she says. "It keeps me fit both physically and mentally and I have a wonderful social network as a result of my running."

Web design superhero in our midst

BY DAY, Levin Meija is a multimedia specialist at Memorial, but by night he's busy rubbing elbows with the best of the best in web design.

As the organizer of the recent Go Beyond Pixels conference, Levin brought together local web designers and developers for the first time to witness presentations from renowned industry speakers. The line up included a keynote from Jeffrey Zeldman, renowned industry speakers. The line up included a keynote from Jeffrey Zeldman, renowned industry speakers. The line up included a keynote from Jeffrey Zeldman, renowned industry speakers.

"You'd be surprised how involved they get us together and to talk about what we love to do every single day, but I want that to continue."

In addition to working full time with DELTS at Memorial, Levin is a freelance web designer.

"In my time off I like to explore work outside the education field, and to help people understand why their websites matter," he says. "It doesn't feel like work to me, and it's a great way to learn new things and bring that knowledge back to my job."

Levin Meija

people profiles

THE COMMUNICATOR
It’s a sunny afternoon when Marie Donovan, Linda White and Ellen Turpin meet for their photo outside Coughlan College. The red brick building is home to the Math Learning Centre, and also a student residence, but was once a dedicated student residence owned by the United Church of Canada.

Linda and Ellen spent a few memorable years living there; all three of the women served as proctors.

“Coughlan was very progressive,” said Linda, and you can tell from her voice that she’s proud of its legacy. “It was the first and only coed (church-owned) residence, and students who lived here came from all denominations, to reflect the larger society.”

It’s Ellen who speaks up when the three pass through the main entrance. “Walking through those doors brings back so many memories. I remember my first year I was so intimidated, but thankfully my sister was here.”

Ellen, a lawyer with Aylward, Chislett and Whitten just outside the city, left her hometown of St. Lawrence and took up residence in Coughlan in 1977, followed by Linda a year later in 1978.

Linda had just given up her career in nursing and was returning to Memorial to study history. She’s now Memorial’s archivist in the Special Collections Division at the QEII Library.

“We were a pretty close-knit group and we did so much together,” said Ellen about her time at Coughlan. “We had floor parties and competitions, and we really connected with each other.”

Marie lived at home when she attended Memorial, went on to study Osgood Hall. Ellen attended law school at UNB, and met Marie while articling in St. John’s. Marie is now Memorial’s assistant registrar.

Marie and Linda met at Coughlan at a party Ellen held when she was called to the bar. The three women have maintained a steady friendship ever since.

“It’s nice to keep our friendship going when you’ve been through so many stages together,” said Marie. “It’s nice to have people you can rely on.”

Paternal Michael Power was born on March 28, 2012. The proud parents are Brian Power, manager of prospect research with the Office of Alumni Affairs and Development, and his wife Tara Power. Congratulations!

Molly Lyn Conway was born on April 10, 2012, to proud parents Roxanne Keats of the Provost’s Office and Dale Conway of Computing and Communications. Congratulations!

Hazel L. Starcher, a former research co-ordinator and administrative assistant in the Faculty of Medicine, passed away Feb. 2 in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She was 79.

Lloyd Smith, a former employee of Memorial University, passed away on March 2. He was 82.

Dr. Lanier Phillips, a prominent civil rights activist, an honorary doctor of laws degree recipient at Memorial and an honorary member of the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador, passed away March 11, in Gulfport, Mississippi. He was 88.

Pauline Anastasia Kane, an employee at the Queen Elizabeth II Library, passed away on Wednesday, March 21. She was 59.

James Power, an employee retired from Facilities Management, passed away on Thursday, March 22. He was 83.

There was nothing quiet about the Queen Elizabeth II Library on April 24, 2012. The halls were filled with laughter, cheering, and singing as more than 100 people gathered to celebrate Derek Dunn’s retirement. Derek retired after 38 years of service with the library, starting at the Henrietta Harvey Library and later moving to the Queen Elizabeth II Library. Congratulations and happy retirement, Derek; well Dunn!

Residence life sparks friendships that last … and last!

Scholarship fund receives donation

When Faculty and students of the Department of Physics and Physical Oceanography hosted the Annual Congress of the Canadian Association of Physicists (CAP) in 2011, they were gratified by the registration, which, at 463, was well above expectations.

It is CAP policy to recognize efforts of the local Congress organizers by donating a portion of the funds raised toward local initiatives for the promotion of physics or physics teaching.

The CAP’s donation for the 2011 Congress will go toward the Harry Kiefte Scholarship Fund, which was a department priority in the recent DARE TO campaign.

Harry Kiefte was a colleague and former Department Head who passed away in 1997. (L-R) Physics head Dr. John Whitehead presents a cheque for $3,850 to Daphne Corbett, administrative officer for physics, along with colleague Dr. Mike Morrow. John and Mike were co-chairs for the 2011 CAP Congress.
CONGRATULATIONS to Angie Bishop, graphic designer at the Marine Institute, for correctly identifying the Days Gone By mystery photo in the 2012 spring edition of The Communicator. Angie guessed that the photo was taken at the official opening of the College of Fisheries, Navigation, Marine Engineering and Electronics in 1964.

Now to this month’s contest. Have a look at the photo above that was taken in 1973. Write to us and tell us who is speaking, and where.

Send your guesses to Marcia Porter at mlporter@mun.ca, or mail it to us (our complete mailing address is on page 2) for a chance to win some Memorial swag! The deadline for entries is July 30, 2012. Be sure to include your name, work or home telephone number and your department. A huge thank you goes out to Linda White, Archives and Special Collections Division, QE II Library, for her help putting together this contest!

Last month’s mystery photo was taken at the official opening of the College of Fisheries.

I HAVE BEEN at Grenfell for just over a year. I support ESL students on campus and I’m responsible for the development and implementation of ESL programs, primarily the Intensive English Bridge Program at Grenfell (IEBP-G). It’s a full-time course in English that prepares students for entry to degree programs. The IEBP-G will have its first offering in September of 2012.

I also teach a specialized credit course for non-native speakers (English 1020), support registered international students through personal consultations and tutoring, advise Community Education and College Relations on developing community and short-term ESL courses, and work to establish relationships with current and future students, partner institutions and agencies.

I sit on a number of committees related to campus and community internationalization.

I love the variety in my work and the opportunities I have to work with people across the campus, community, province and the world!

HADJIA DRUMMOND
English as a second language (ESL) co-ordinator
Grenfell Campus

I would say my favourite memory is graduation day in 2008. I had been working here at the Marine Institute for 29 years at that point, and had attended over 20 graduation ceremonies. It was a great feeling to finally walk across the stage myself to receive my postgraduate certificate in quality management.

MARGO HANLON
Quality management representative
Marine Institute

“My most memorable experience at MUN is the time spent living in residence. My odyssey began with a bang: two unforgettable years of good times with good friends. I’m happy to say that I continually spend my workdays with more great friends that I have made on campus.”

NICOLE DEVEREAUX
Accreditation clerk
Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science
St. John’s Campus

“My favourite campus memory would have to be when I was recognized with a Campus Kudos award when I was a student for my work with SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise), GBS (Grenfell Business Society) and Grenfell’s Student Leadership program.”

JUSTIN COOMBS
Coordinator, Off-Campus Housing
Grenfell Campus

“I recall that some of the most important lessons I learned about research were received at Bitters Pub from faculty members who were my future colleagues. I fondly remember the freedom of discussion that took place during Friday gatherings and as a young aspiring scientist I learned lessons in this informal setting that I couldn’t have learned anywhere else. Today I continue the tradition of meeting with my own graduate students in the informal atmosphere of Bitters.”

ROD RUSSELL
Assistant professor of immunology and infectious disease, Division of BioMedical Sciences, Faculty of Medicine
St. John’s Campus