Giving new life to province’s past

Archivists at Memorial have formed a new group to help promote some of the hidden treasures from Newfoundland and Labrador’s past that are housed at the university.

From stunning resettlement photos and early snapshots of this province’s towns and outports, to crew lists from countless ships that docked here, as well as personal letters, political papers, extensive collections of Newfoundland and Labrador folklore and music, and documents from leading medical leaders – there are literally thousands of one-of-a-kind items available at employees’ fingertips.

Now, the new organization is hoping to encourage more staff and faculty to visit their facilities and discover for themselves the fascinating bits of history tucked away on the St. John’s campus.

Archivists@MUN was established this spring in an attempt to also raise awareness amongst the university community of the important work the employees have been doing for years. The group is made up of representatives from the MUN Folklore and Language Archive, located on the fourth floor of the Education Building; the Maritime History Archive (MHA), which is housed in the basement of the Henrietta Harvey Building; the Archives and Manuscripts Division in the Queen Elizabeth II Library; and the Faculty of Medicine Founders’ Archive, located in the Health Sciences Centre.

Dr. Melvin Baker, archivist/historian with the Office of the President, is also part of the new group.

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Best wishes,

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Memorial University honoured the efforts of its best educators, researchers and staff members at a special ceremony on Nov. 22 at the Fluvarium in St. John’s. Ten Memorial employees were honoured at the reception – three for outstanding research; two for distinguished teaching and five for exemplary service. For details on the achievements of all the winners, see http://today.mun.ca/news.php?news_id=2589.

**President’s Award for Outstanding Research**

The President’s Award for Outstanding Research recognizes researchers who have made outstanding contributions to their scholarly disciplines. The award includes a $5,000 research grant.

**Dr. David Behm**
School of Human Kinetics and Recreation

**President’s Award for Distinguished Teaching**

President’s Awards for Distinguished Teaching recognize the teaching excellence in the university community. Each winner of the teaching award receives a $5,000 grant contributed by the Memorial University Alumni Association.

**Dr. Ursula Kelly**
Faculty of Education

**University Research Professor**

University Research Professors have acquired a designation above the rank of professor. The title is the most prestigious award the university gives for research, and goes to faculty who have demonstrated a consistently high level of scholarship and whose research is of truly international stature. The designation carries with it a $4,000 research grant each year for five years and a reduced teaching schedule.

**Dr. Wieslaw KubiaK**
Faculty of Business Administration

**President’s Award for Exemplary Service**

The President’s Award for Exemplary Service is presented each year to recognize employees who have demonstrated outstanding service and/or who have made significant contributions to the university community beyond that normally expected for their positions.

**Carol Tibbo**
Faculty of Business Administration

**Roxanne Rideout Scott**
Office of Student Affairs and Services

**Shona Perry-Maidment**
Office of Student Recruitment

**Gary Green**
Student Affairs, Marine Institute

**Rose Barrett**
Distance Education and Learning Technologies

**Michael Bruce-Lockhart**
Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

**Dr. Carole Peterson**
Department of Psychology
Employees honoured for dedication to Memorial

A special ceremony was held on Oct. 10 on the St. John’s campus to mark the 20th annual presentation of Employee Service Awards. It was a chance for the university to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of more than 200 of our co-workers who’ve marked special anniversaries here at Memorial for 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service, respectively. Meanwhile, Grenfell College held its Employee Service Awards event in late November. Stay tuned for coverage in the Spring issue of The Communicator. The Communicator congratulates all of this year’s recipients!

20 Year Recipients

L. Michael Deal
James Frederick Duffy
Beverly Earle
Darrell Ronald Ellis
Beverly Evans-Hong
Sharon A. Fagan
Christopher G Flinn
Judith D. Ford
Brian Gillett
Glenn L Gileson
Diane Ellen Goldstein
Alan Edward Goodridge
E. Jennifer Gosse
H. Louise Green
Mahmoud M R Haddara
Diane Mary Hall
Christopher Hammond
Donald James Hanames
Victor C Hancock
Fred Hawkesley
Edward Hearne
Robert J. Helleur

Denise Jones
Keith Montgomery Kean
Susan Kearney
Vincent G. Kelly
Frances Dorothy Kirby
Kenneth D. Livingstone
Angela Lonardo
Donna Catherine Manning
Viola Martin
Cheryl Annie Miller
Michael R. Morrow
Sheila R. Mullins
Deanne Marie Newhook
Richard Wallace Lenn Newman
Margaret S. Nixon
Wayne David Olford
Sharon Anne O’Neill
James Otteron
Peggy Ann Parsons
Cheryl P. Peckham
Gregory Dean Penney
Sharon D. Peters
Peter Graham Pickup
Mary B. Pope
Colleen A. Porter
Shirley Roberts
John Joseph Robinson
Sandra Jean Sansome
Regina B. Squires
Karen J. Stapleton
David Ralph Starks
David R. Stirling
Jacqueline Lorraine Stone
Howard R. Strong
Annette N. Sullivan
Linda Mac Tilley
Linda Mary Vecchi
Margarette Wade
Carol Anne Warman
Mary T. Wall
Robert S. Wells
Louise Margaret White
Wayne James Whiteway

25 Year Recipients

Azmy Aboulazm
Luanne M. Agriesti-Cleary
Joan A. Andrews
Deborah M Barnes
Joan M. Barry
Donna Barten
George H. Beckett
Edita Bosak
Elisabeth Brett-Williams
Doreen E. Browne
Brenda A. Burke
Linda Carter
Wayne T. Clarke
Jacqueline Collins
Paula C. Corbett
Robert W. Davis
Beatrice K. Dickers

Douglas A. Dunsmore
Avery G. Earle
Alex J. Faeruk
P. Bruce Faulkner
Isabella Fleming
John Foley
Jean Guthrie
Mary E. Halladay
Lois J. Hammond
June A. Harris
Elaine M. Healey
Clyde S. Hillier
Javis Hulan
Richard Ilnger
Donna M. Jackman
Wallace K. Jacobs
Deborah Jane

Roy Knoechel
Beverly Mahoney
Patrick Mansfield
Lester G. Marshall
Janet A. McHugh
Brenda L. Mullert
David B. Murphy
Keith Nicol
Kevin J. O’Leary
Leslie O'Reilly
Donna Marie Osborne
Frank Pippy
M. A. P. Renouf
Brian Alan Roberts
Hans Rollmann
Francis G. Shapre
Dennis B. Sharpe

Sheila B. Silver
Clairinda Skanes
Ken C. Stanley
George C. Summers
Donald A. Tennent
Sharon M. Wall
Patrick W. Webber
Randy G. White
Nolan White
Irene A. Whitfield
Annette Williams

30 Year Recipients

Shirley V. Atkins
Paul Bendzsa
Lillian M. Beresford
Rosalyn Blackwood
Brian J. Cahill
Marlyn G. Collins
Douglas W. Collins
Jennifer C. Dawe
Lewis R. Fischer
Joan Fowlow
Harold J. Gibbons
Gail D. Green

Virginia A. Harger-Grinling
Carol Hawco
Christopher D. Hayes
Mary C. Hayes
Kjellrun K. Hestekin
Edward F. Hipditch
Fred A. Huscoc
Robert Hyde
Carol A. Kennedy
William J. McGrath
Eric P. Mintz
Elizabeth Oates

Ingrid U. Parodie
Margaret Y. Pippy
Richard D. Predham
M. D. Azizur Rahman
Wayne Rowe
Jane T. Ryan
Shirley M. Sorrell
Lea Sparrell
Brian W. Tiller
Teressa Toope
Sharon L. Walsh
Wayne F. Yerman

35 Year Recipients

Eleanor E. Bennett
Theresa B. Bradbury
Walter Joseph Cherwinski
Richard H. Ellis
Adrian J. Fowler
Norman Garlie

Morley D. Garrett
Lan T. Gien
Verena F. Gosse
Malcolm J. Grant
Carolyn A. Harley

Sonja M. Jerkic
Madonna J. King
Luis J. Lobo
Bernard T. O’Dwyer
Wanda M. Parrott
Catherine G. B. Penney

Gordon J. Power
Gary E. Riser
Shannon Ryan
Ronald D. Schwartz
John A. Scott
Michael F. Sherrick
Keith Storey
John E. Strawbridge
Danny Summers
Donna Walsh
Steven B. Wolnitz

40 Year Recipient

Peter Booth
In the spirit of the winter season, we’re starting a new contest here at The Communicator. Pass this colouring page onto a young family member, encourage them to put their magic touch on Sammy the Sea-Hawk and this winter wonderland, and then bring the sheet back to work with you. We’ll award prizes for individual age categories in the new year. The contest is open to all relatives of Memorial employees between the ages of 3 and 10. Send submissions via internal mail to the Department of Human Resources, A-4031. Deadline for entries is Jan. 8, 2007. Be sure to help them fill out the form below!

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**2006 Colouring Contest!**

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The Department of Human Resources has had a number of successes over the past few months. We have entered a partnership with the School of Human Kinetics and Recreation to provide ergonomic assessments and follow-ups internally using university resources and expertise to benefit students and employees. The remaining staff collective agreements were concluded. The wellness fair and flu clinics were well received. An employment equity survey was conducted and the analysis has begun.

The Employee Benefits Committee has been working closely with our department to establish a new optional life insurance benefit to provide greater protection for spouses and dependent children. As with our current life insurance benefit to provide greater protection for spouses and dependent children. Coverage on spouses will be available in units of $10,000 up to a maximum of $200,000 and premiums will be determined based upon the spouse’s age and whether they are a smoker or non-smoker. Coverage for dependent children will be a flat amount of $10,000.

Preparations are underway to introduce this new benefit and we expect to provide employees with individual information packages shortly.

Over the next few months we will be working on understanding the impact of changes to the Human Rights Code around age discrimination; pursuing initiatives arising out of the Katz Report, including the finalization and roll-out of a Respectful Workplace Policy; conducting an employee opinion survey; and we will be engaged in a review of our employment systems to identify and correct any systemic discrimination in our processes.

The Department of Human Resources has taken steps to ensure that Memorial can achieve the people aspects of the strategic plan. We have recently hired two full-time learning and development officers. I would like to congratulate Lynn Best and Anne Marie O’Keefe-Penney on their appointments to these roles which report to Robert Barker, manager of Organizational Development. Anne Marie is immediately moving to a secondment as manager of Continuing Professional Development Programs with the Faculty of Medicine. Kim Slaney, data entry operator, has accepted a one-year appointment to the position of senior clerk in Administration and Systems Integration and will work with Karen Stockley to provide systems support over the next year. Gail Greenslade is rejoining our department in Kim’s position. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Tina Mulcahy as our compensation analyst in Recruitment.

I believe 2007 will be a year of creation, a year of transformation for Memorial and for Human Resources, a year of respecting our history and celebrating our future. Please join other members of the Memorial community to celebrate the season with the university Christmas party on Dec. 19 and the Annual Carol Sing on Dec. 22. Please remember to celebrate in a safe and respectful manner and enjoy all that the season has to offer.

I would like to hear from you and make sure this column meets your needs. Please send any comments or questions to lhollet@mun.ca or call 709-737-4615.

Cheers, Lisa

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**Newfoundland Holidays for 2007**

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Carol Sing, 2006

In preparation for the Christmas season, I extend a cordial invitation to all faculty, staff, students and those retired from the university community to come along to the annual Carol Sing on Friday, Dec. 22, 2006.

Arrangements have been made for refreshments to be served in the foyer of the Arts and Administration Building at 10 a.m., followed by lots of singing and merriment in the Robert G. Reid III Theatre at 10:45 a.m.

I would be very happy if you would add to the spirit of the occasion by having your family join in the festivities.

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Career scene

The following career changes have received approval since the last issue of The Communicator. They are provided by Human Resources and are current at the time of publication.

ACADEMIC

Appointments – tenure-track
Dr. Jeff Webb, Department of History, assistant professor, Sept. 1, 2007

Appointments – regular term
Tasha Bantone, Faculty of Business Administration, lecturer, Sept. 1, 2006

Appointments – other
Peggy Coudy, Faculty of Business Administration, acting associate dean (academic programs), Oct. 1, 2006
Noeleen Wadden, Co-operative Education, co-operative education co-ordinator I, Oct. 19, 2006

Cross Appointments
Dr. Dale Corbett, Faculty of Medicine, to the Department of Psychology, Sept. 1, 2006
Dr. Daniel MacPhail, Faculty of Medicine, to the Department of Biochemistry, Sept. 1, 2006

Retirements
Dr. William Bavington, Faculty of Medicine, associate professor, Aug. 31, 2006
Dr. Peter Booth, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, professor, Aug. 31, 2006
Dr. Ian Boomer, Faculty of Medicine, professor, Oct. 31, 2006
Dr. Hermann Brunner, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, professor, Aug. 31, 2006
N. Bruce Bossuyt, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, associate professor, Dec. 31, 2006
Dr. Murray Colbo, Department of Biology, professor, Aug. 31, 2006
Selena Delahunty, Math Learning Centre, math learning instructor, Aug. 31, 2006
Dr. Goverdina Fahraeus-Van Ree, Department of Biology, associate professor, Aug. 31, 2006
Dr. Dzintra Fernandez, Faculty of Medicine, professor, Aug. 31, 2006
Doug A. Frits, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science, professor, Aug. 31, 2007
Dr. Richard N. Hiscott, Department of Earth Sciences, professor, Aug. 31, 2007
Helen Jones, Department of English, Language and Literature, associate professor, Aug. 31, 2006
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Administrative

Sally Arkeman, Faculty of Medicine, education specialist, Sept. 5, 2006
Craig Collins, Department of Computing and Communications, pc consultant II, Oct. 16, 2006
Darrell Pike, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science, manager of engineering laboratories, Sept. 7, 2006

Contractual to permanent
Donna Barton, Queen Elizabeth II Library, library assistant I, Sept. 6, 2006
Grace Butler, Queen Elizabeth II Library, library assistant I, Sept. 6, 2006
Juanita Ford, Division of Marketing and Communications, intermediate clerk stenographer, Oct. 3, 2006
Kelly Knight, Office of the Registrar, co-ordinator – university liaison, Sept. 25, 2006
Shelja Penton, Office of the Dean of Science, mathematics learning instructor, Aug. 27, 2006
Stephen Scott, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, microcomputer support specialist, March 3, 2006
Diame Stuckless, Faculty of Medicine, secretary, Sept. 14, 2006
Adam Taylor, Department of Computing and Communications, postal clerk I, Sept. 4, 2006
Colleen Woolgar, Queen Elizabeth II Library, library assistant I, Sept. 19, 2006

Contractual appointments (one year or more)
Lynn Best, Department of Human Resources, learning development officer, Nov. 13, 2006
Hayward Blake, Faculty of Education, co-ordinator – field services, Sept. 1, 2006
Amanda Butt, Faculty of Medicine, program co-ordinator – safetyNet, Oct. 2, 2006
Erika Hansford, Faculty of Medicine, research assistant I, Sept. 5, 2006
John Hunter, Faculty of Medicine, instructional design specialist, Oct. 10, 2006
Marc Kawaja, Faculty of Medicine, research assistant II, Sept. 29, 2006
Rebecca Lam, CREATE Network, research laboratory co-ordinator II, Sept. 1, 2006
Carl Noseworthy, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, staff accountant, Oct. 30, 2006
Tammy Perry, Faculty of Medicine, multimedia specialist, Oct. 10, 2006
Glenn Piercy, CREATE Network, research laboratory co-ordinator I, Sept. 1, 2006
Alain Potel, CREATE Network, research laboratory co-ordinator II, Sept. 15, 2006
Marsha Roche, CREATE Network, senior clerk, Nov. 6, 2006
Kelly Squires, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science, intermediate clerk stenographer, Oct. 3, 2006
Tracy Thorne, Office of the Registrar, assistant registrar, Oct. 9, 2006
Cynthia Whitton, Faculty of Medicine, manager, continuing professional development, Oct. 23, 2006

Promotions and transfers
Beverly Evans-Hong, Department of German and Russian, administrative secretary, Sept. 1, 2006
Linda Holwell Tibble, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, library assistant VII, Sept. 1, 2006
Karen Hulan, Department of Facilities Management, accounts clerk, Sept. 8, 2006

Patrick Miskell, Queen Elizabeth II Library, library assistant VI, Sept. 12, 2006
Henry Murphy, Department of Biochemistry, supply supervisor, Oct. 2, 2006
Heather O’Brien, Office of the Vice-president (Research), senior secretary, May 29, 2006
Deborah Parrott, Faculty of Medicine, secretary, Nov. 1, 2006
Nancy Parsons, Housing, Food and Conference Services, assistant director – operations, Oct. 9, 2006
Lisa Small, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, library assistant IV, Sept. 26, 2006
Mike Woodfine, Department of Facilities Management, tractor operator, Oct. 26, 2006

Retirements
Robert Dillin, Department of Facilities Management, manager of custodial services, Oct. 27, 2006
Jeanette Doran, Department of Facilities Management, work control dispatcher, Sept. 25, 2006
Carol Earle, Queen Elizabeth II Library, library assistant IV, Oct. 2, 2006
Maurice Gillingham, Department of Facilities Management, assistant manager – campus enforcement and patrol, Oct. 13, 2006
Maire Lams, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, library assistant, Apr. 28, 2006

Secondments
Bridge Glanhey, Housing, Food and Conference Services, intermediate secretary, Sept. 1, 2006

Phase two of four-step review underway

The numbers are in and officials from the Department of Human Resources are currently taking a closer look at the make up of Memorial’s workforce.

Earlier this fall, the first of a four-phase mandatory review of the university’s employment equity program was completed, giving the department a better snapshot of who works at Memorial.

As a result of the equity questionnaire completed by employees in September 2006, Human Resources has employment equity data on almost 90 per cent of Memorial’s workforce.

According to the results, 4.23 per cent of employees self-identified as visible minorities; 2.71 per cent said they were a person with a disability and 0.78 per cent said they were aboriginal, while 49 per cent of Memorial’s workforce is female.

Amy Wyse, employment equity officer with the Department of Human Resources, said she’s encouraged by the response rate. She said the questionnaire is important because it helps officials gauge the true composition of Memorial’s workforce.

“This information will help the university determine whether or not Memorial’s workforce properly reflects the population and labour force,” she said. “Human Resources is now in the process of producing a detailed analysis of our workforce based on job classifications.

“This process ensures that the university will be in compliance with the Federal Contractors Program,” Ms. Wyse added. “Compliance with this program allows the university to continue to receive contracts and research money from the federal government. It also ensures that the university is an equitable employer and that our workforce is diverse.”

Employees will be asked to update and confirm their employment equity information periodically.

As well, the Employment Equity Committee began meeting on a regular basis in December 2006. That group is made up of representatives from the more than 500 Memorial employees who volunteered to participate in committees and focus groups in order to support the employment equity program.

“It’s definitely encouraging that so many employees are willing to contribute,” Ms. Wyse said. To find out more information about the Federal Contractors Compliance review, visit www.mun.ca/equity, e-mail equity@mun.ca or call Amy Wyse at 737-2548.
How will you ring in 2007?

New Years is a time to look back and to look ahead. My wife and I will be trying to fit in a trip to Ireland this coming year – to experience the music, culture and people first hand. Professionally I’m looking forward to acquiring some new skills by learning Adobe Flex, a new technology for developing rich Internet applications. My wife and I both lost a parent in the last 12 months as well, so we’ll be looking back and remembering them with fondness as we ring in the New Year with friends.

Allan Farrell
Research Computing Specialist
Faculty of Arts

This year, my husband and I will be celebrating with my friends who do not have family in St. John’s. We’re planning to have dinner at my house and then play a few games of cards. At midnight, we’ll head downtown to watch the fireworks. If we still have any energy after that, we’ll drop by a café to warm up with some hot drinks and enjoy chatting about the New Year.

Jinghua Nie
International Student Co-ordinator
Marine Institute

Until this year I was away from the province and away from my relatives for a long period of time. I’m looking forward to a down-home Christmas on the Northern Peninsula. Hopefully, we’ll do some snowmobiling and get reacquainted with family. And of course there’ll be some good old Newfoundland parties to ring in the New Year! I’ve missed that for a long time and our children need to rediscover their roots.

Bruce Bryne
Shop supervisor/stagecraft carpentry instructor, Theatre program
Sir Wilfred Grenfell College

This year I will be going to Flemington, N.J. to spend the holidays with my brother and his family. Maybe you’ll see me in Time Square on New Year’s Eve! I never make New Year’s resolutions. My philosophy is that if you want to do something, just do it. About 13 years ago, I decided to live a more active lifestyle. Keeping fit is the key to being able to enjoy everything else in life, and now that the university offers employees the Preferred Rate Program at The Works, it’s really convenient. This year, I think I’ll try something new. I don’t know what yet, but when I find it, I’m going to just do it.

Maria e Silva
Secretary to the Assistant Directors
Department of Facilities Management

What do you like about working at Memorial?

“I’m very happy to be at Grenfell because of the small class size and the opportunity to work with students on a more individual basis. I think that Memorial offers a number of advantages to junior faculty: access to good research support, a collegial atmosphere and hard-working students.”

Dr. Edwin Bezzina
assistant professor
Historical Studies Program
Sir Wilfred Grenfell College

Days Gone By

We admit it was a tough one to guess. In the fall 2006 issue, we asked you where this interior photo was taken. Only a handful of people correctly identified it as the entrance of what’s now known as the Henrietta Harvey Building, which housed our library before our current facility was built. Congratulations to Dr. John Hewson, professor emeritus from the Department of Linguistics who also has the apt title of Henrietta Harvey Professor. As Dr. Hewson pointed out, when this picture was taken, the building wasn’t the Henrietta Harvey Building at the time; it was simply the Library Building. The new name came later, after the Henrietta Harvey Endowment was made.”

Take a look at the picture to the right. Where was it taken? Again, be as specific as possible. Send your submissions to jeffgriffin@ca for a chance to win a unique Memorial prize. The contest is open to all Memorial faculty, staff and pensioners, and the deadline is Feb. 2, 2007. One entry per submission. Include your name, work number and your department in the e-mail.

Thanks to Linda White in the Archives and Manuscripts Division in the Queen Elizabeth II Library for helping with this contest.