# **WAMUN Newsletter**



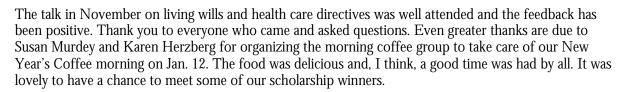
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### Greetings from the President

#### Salvete amicae!

Happy New Year everyone! I hope that you have all survived the holiday season with your senses of humour intact. It is hard to believe that we have started 2008 – my time as president seems to be slipping by very quickly indeed.





If you have studied this year's program carefully, you have noticed that we had planned a second lecture for February. For a variety of reasons, however, the executive has decided to cancel the talk for this year. We have not given up on the subject, so watch the program for next year. And don't forget the AGM on April 26! Information on the menu and on tickets will be coming soon.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of this year's executive who are making everything work so smoothly. Many positions on the executive are coming vacant next year (see Deborah Rehner's article in this newsletter). Deborah Rehner is chair of the nominating committee this year and would love to receive nominations for positions. If you are still looking for a New Year's resolution, say "yes," if a member of the nominating board contacts you.

To raise money for our scholarships, we have traditionally held a plant sale in September. To organize this for 2008, we need a committee of at least four and ideally six members. If you have never been involved with the plant sale, this is the time to join the committee and learn from experienced people. Remember, even if you don't have time for the committee, you can be involved by growing plants for the sale and volunteering on plant sale day when may hands are needed!

All the very best for this new year!

Kathy Simonsen, president kathryns@mun.ca 722-6339 (h), 737-8531(w)

## January Coffee Morning

2008 officially started for WAMUN with the New Year's Morning Coffee, held on Sat., Jan. 12, 2008. Between 50 and 60 members attended: saw old friends, met new ones and caught up on events of the holiday season. Various items of information were reported by our president and three of the four WAMUN graduate scholarship winners were introduced by Linda Hensmen, chair of the scholarship committee. This provided an excellent opportunity for members to talk to the scholarship recipients, who represent a very interesting cross-section of academic disciplines, backgrounds and nationalities. While the scholarships are open to both men and women, all four winners this year were women.

A fine selection of tea, coffee and delicious edibles were organized by the Morning Coffee group. Many thanks to Karen Herzberg, Sue Murdey and all others involved for an excellent event.



Linda Hensman (left) with three of the four WA-MUN graduate scholarship winners and president Kathy Simonsen. (See page 4 for details.)

## **Special Interest Groups**

#### **Book Discussion — Fiction**

Titles selected for reading and discussion during the winter and spring of 2008 are:

19 Feb. The Log of Bob Bartlett, by Robert Bartlett with

Introduction by Paul O'Neil

18 Mar. *Inside* by Kenneth Harvey

15 Apr. The Salvation of Yasch Siemens by Armin Wiebe

20 May Fasting, Feasting by Anita Desai Jun. Pot Luck Supper and voting

The **Evening Group** meets at 8 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month and the **Afternoon Group** meets at 2 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month, both at Tiffany Towers.

**Note:** Please park in the "V" (for Visitors) parking spots at the Towers. Members of one group are welcome as visitors to the other group. Newcomers are welcome at any time.

Both groups get together in June for a pot luck supper and to vote on book suggestions for next year.

For more information, contact:

Julia Mathieson, evening group convenor 722-3249 or <a href="mathieson@nl.rogers.com">mathieson@nl.rogers.com</a>

Karen Herzberg, afternoon group convenor 753-6568 or <a href="mailto:karen-herzberg@hotmail.com">karen herzberg@hotmail.com</a>

#### **Book Discussion — Non-fiction**

The non fiction book group now boast 18 members and has had to change locations as a result. The group is very grateful to Eleanor Nesbitt for allowing us to use her home for the last two years. We still meet the 2nd Thursday of the month (but not in July and August) at 2:00 p.m. but now at Tiffany Towers in the common room.

Book list for 2008 is:

Feb. 14 Colour: Travel Through the Paintbox by Victoria Finlay

Mar. 13 The Marsh Arabs by Wilfred Thesinger

Apr. 10 Suggestions and Presentations for 2008-2009

May 8 A Woman in Berlin by Anon

Jun. 12 Voting for 2008-2009 and *An Inconvenient Truth* by Al Gore.

Newcomers are welcome at any time.

For more information, contact Annmari Tougui 726-5567 or <a href="mailto:amtougui@nl.rogers.com">amtougui@nl.rogers.com</a>.

#### **Coffee Break**

The coffee break group meets in the home of one of the participants every second week on Wednesday morning from 10:30 a.m. to noon for coffee and a chat. The location for the next coffee morning will be e-mailed to all regular participants. Please let Susan know if you would like your name to be added to the e-mail list, or to be phoned with the information.

Susan Murdey, 726-0428

#### **Discovery Investment Club**

The Discovery Investment Club meets monthly to educate members in the basic principles of investment practices and make regular investments for long-term growth. The current executive consists of: Deborah Rehner, president; Maire O'Dea, vice-president; Diane Hogan, secretary; Elfi Boehm, treasurer.

Deborah Rehner, president 739-5046 or <a href="mailto:dbrehner@gmail.com">dbrehner@gmail.com</a>

#### Saturday Walking

The **Saturday Walking Group** sends out a notice of the route for the Saturday 1:30 p.m. walk each week on Thursday or Friday.

We walk for about an hour or slightly more, then usually stop at Tim's on the way home for a snack and an opportunity to solve the problems of the world.

Deborah Rehner, president, 739-5046 or <a href="mailto:dbrehner@gmail.com">dbrehner@gmail.com</a>

Some of the Saturday walking group members went on a walking tour of the MUN campus after the recent coffee morning. This has become a bit of a tradition and, in spite of a dreadful forecast, the weather held back long enough for the walk to be enjoyed by all. Clockwise from top right: Annie Antonenko, Deborah Rehner, Mary Varghese, Betty Wong, Marjorie Evans and Kathy Simonsen.

Photo: Karen Herzberg



## **Special Interest Groups**

#### **Tuesday Hiking**

The **Tuesday Hiking Group** is taking a winter break. When better weather returns, we hope to resume our hikes on the first and third Tuesday mornings of the month.

It would be great to have a co-convenor for this group. Please contact Pat if you are interested.

Thank you,

Pat Collins, convenor 754-0507 or patriciacollins@nl.rogers.com

On Jan. 7, abundant snow on the trails provided an opportunity for the Tuesday hiking and Saturday walking groups to get together for snowshoe adventures! (L-R) Cheryl Schultz, Pat Collins, Anna Kralik, and Marjorie Evans.

(Photo: Karen Herzberg)



#### **International Food Group**

Approximately 16 regular and seven substitute couples participate in the WAMUN International Food Group. The group meets at the homes of various members throughout the year. Our first event was an hors d'oeuvres evening where everyone brought their favourite hors d'oeuvres and wine. This has been followed by dinners made from recipes compiled by chefs from around the world.

More details will be available by phoning Susan Jackson at 726-3808, or Brenda Burness at 895-2712

#### Scrabble

The Scrabble Group formed last year and has been a success. Members meet regularly at a number of venues, including a number of coffee shops around town and members' homes, at mutually agreed days/times and play in groups of four, many versions of scrabble depending on member's interests.

For more information call Joan Fuller at 726-8896

### Membership Secretary's Report

The 2007-2008 membership list is being distributed with this newsletter. "Thank you" to all those renewing their memberships and a hearty "welcome" to new members and those returning after an absence. These members include: Lynn Dent, Ann Hinton, Anna Kralik, Catherine Mason, Lee Ann Montgomery, Lily Musteata, Cheryl Schulz, Lilly Walker and Ruth Zivtina.

If you have not yet renewed your subscription, your name will be taken off the WAMUN distribution list and you will not receive the next newsletter. To avoid this please send your completed application form and \$15 fee to the membership secretary, Annmari Tougui, c/o WAMUN, Arts and Administration Building, Mail Room Box 130, Memorial University, P.O. Box 4200, St. John's, A1C 5S7 Annmari can also be contacted at 726-5567 or <a href="mailto:amtougui@nl.rogers.com">amtougui@nl.rogers.com</a> or via <a href="mailto:wamun@mun.ca">wamun@mun.ca</a>.

Membership forms will be sent to those receiving paper copies of the newsletter but can also be printed from the <a href="https://www.mun.ca/wamun">www.mun.ca/wamun</a> website.

### Local Quilt Guild Seeking Volunteers

Cabot Quilters' Guild is hosting a national quilt conference to be held in St. John's from June 2-8, 2008. *Quilting on the Edge* is expected to attract upwards of 600 delegates to the campus of Memorial University. In order to run smoothly, the organizers hope to enlist the help of volunteers from the local community. You don't need to know anything about quilting in order to be of help.

If you are interested,, please contact Anne Crawford Major (annec@cdli.ca or 738-3374) or telephone Helen Harding (726-9909). We would love to hear from you. To learn more about Cabot Quilters' Guild, go to <a href="www.cabotquilters.com">www.cabotquilters.com</a> or about the parent organization, the Canadian Quilters' Association, go to <a href="www.canadianquilter.com">www.canadianquilter.com</a>

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### WAMUN Scholarships Awarded

On Saturday, Jan. 12 at our annual coffee morning we had the pleasure of meeting three of our four graduate scholarship recipients – fine young ladies indeed, with very diverse and interesting backgrounds.

Ms. Susan Edmonds was the recipient of the Master's All Course Route Scholarship. Susan came to MUN from Ontario where she received a Bachelor of Music from Wilfred Laurier University and a Bachelor of Education from the University of Western Ontario. She is currently pursuing a Master's in Flute Pedagogy/Performance in the School of Music. She will be using the scholarship funds to assist in the purchase of a new flute.

Originally from Bangladesh, **Ms. Shoshanna Shana** is the winner of the Master's Thesis Route Scholarship. She has undergraduate and graduate degrees in statistics from Bangladesh and worked for several years before coming to Newfoundland and Labrador to complete a Master's degree in statistics in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.



WAMUN graduate scholarship winners (third to fifth from left) Susan Edmonds, Oana Radu, and Ginny Fugarino and scholarship committee members, (l-r) Linda Hensman, chair, Marilyn Macdonald, Tonya Bassler and Olga Broomfield-Richards at the Jan. 12 morning coffee.

The Doctoral Scholarship recipients were Ms. Ginny Fugarino and Ms. Oana Redo.

Ginny comes to us from Texas where she obtained undergraduate and graduate degrees at the University of Houston in English, Psychology and Occupational Technology. She spent several years as a teacher in different settings. At MUN she will pursuing PhD studies in Folklore specifically focusing on Teacher Narratives in Public Schools.

Oana moved to Newfoundland and Labrador from Romania in 2000 to complete a Master's degree in Mathematics. Since completing that she has served as Lecturer in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics as well as obtaining a Secondary Education Teaching Certificate. In September she began her doctoral studies in the Faculty of Education focusing on Mathematics Education.

Many of our members took time to chat with our scholarship recipients and were highly impressed with their backgrounds, research interests and enthusiasm.

We are still waiting to hear about the undergraduate scholarship recipients.

Congratulations are extended to all our scholarship winners.

Thank you to all the members who have contributed over the years to supporting the WAMUN Scholarship endowment fund.

Linda Hensman, Scholarship committee chair

## CFUW Book Sale April 25-26, 2008

This year the book sale will again be held at the Arts and Culture Centre. Many WAMUN members are also CFUW members and are involved in this sale which raises money for scholarships and the Newfoundland and Labrador Arts Posters in Schools Program.

If you have books you'd like to donate to the sale, please call or e-mail either Diane or Karen. Note that CD's, video tapes and DVD's are accepted, but not text books.

For answers to questions, please contact:

Diane Hogan 726-6028 dianehogan@nf.sympatico.ca

Karen Herzberg 753-6568 <u>karen herzberg@hotmail.com</u>

#### **Notice to Members**

Fitness and Nutrition for Women scheduled for Wed., Feb. 27, 2008 has been cancelled.

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## Elements of a Living Will and Enduring Power of Attorney

On Nov. 14, 2007, about 50 W AMUN members and guests were treated to a very informative presentation titled "Elements of a Living Will and Enduring Power of Attorney" by Isobel O'Shea, a lawyer with the firm Stewart McKelvey. A summary of the presentation is provided below. Information resulting from audience discussions and queries is presented separately in a different font.

In addition to having an updated will, an essential part of estate planning is preparing for a time when you may not be able to make decisions concerning your health care or financial affairs. You can take control by putting in place an Advance Health Care Directive and an Enduring Power of Attorney. Both of these documents provide peace of mind to you and your loved ones as they allow you to choose who will make such decisions on your behalf during your lifetime, should this type of assistance be required.

An **Advance Health Care Directive** (AHDC), also known as a "living will", permits you to appoint a "substitute decision maker" for healthcare decisions (treatments, life support). The AHCD must be witnessed by two people who are not the substitute decision maker or spouse of the substitute decision maker, and accepted in writing by your substitute decision maker(s). It takes effect when you are not able to communicate your wishes and terminates on your decease. If no AHCD is in place and you are not able to communicate your wishes with respect to a health care decision, the *Advance Health Care Directives Act* applies and determines who will make the health care decision on your behalf. It is important to note that you cannot make an AHCD once you are deemed incompetent.

It is in your interest to have an AHCD because this is the only way you can determine who will make health care decisions if you are unable to do so. A broadly worded document works best; or, you can outline specific situations. If you do this, be as specific as possible to avoid misunderstanding and be sure your substitute decision maker understands your wishes in relation to specifics.

When travelling, be aware that your AHCD may not apply in all jurisdictions even if you have it with you. A suggestion was made that a DNR (do not resuscitate) card could be carried in your purse or wallet and posted in a prominent position in your home.

An **Enduring Power of Attorney** (EPOA) is a document that appoints another person (the "attorney") to manage your property and financial affairs. It must be in writing, preferably witnessed by a lawyer, and executed by you (the

"donor") while you are competent to do so. Be sure to advise your chosen attorney and confirm that s/he is willing to act on your behalf. The EPOA takes effect when you are not able to manage your affairs and terminates on your decease. The *Enduring Power of Attorney Act* provides that the attorney must act in the best interests of the donor.

What happens if I have no EPOA? If you become legally incapacitated and unable to manage your affairs, persons wishing to manage your finances will have to apply for guardianship under the *Mentally Disabled Persons Estate Act*. Under these circumstances, you will have no say in who will be your guardian. This process is also costly and requires obtaining consents from beneficiaries of you estate.

An EPOA comes into effect once you are no longer competent to carry out the responsibilities and applies mostly to finances. If actions taken by the attorney are challenged, determination of the "best interests" of the donor is based on precedents and previous judgements. Rules are different for each province. Joint bank accounts are not a substitute for an EPOA.

The same person (preferably someone local and younger than you) can be appointed as attorney, substitute decision maker and executor; or, these responsibilities can be distributed among several people; or, a company can be appointed to undertake these responsibilities. Pursuant to the Trustee Act, an executor may elect to receive a small percentage of the total value of your estate, usually 2 or 3%, but where more work is required to finalize your estate, the executor may be entitled to up to 5%.



Isobel O'Shea delivered a very interesting presentation.

Depending on the complexity of the documents, the cost of putting

in place a Will, an Advance Health Care Directive and an Enduring Power of Attorney will likely range from between \$250 and \$500 plus tax. Be sure to let your lawyer know if you have property in another jurisdiction. If you move, be sure to have your estate planning documents checked by a lawyer in the new area to ensure validity.

You may wish to consider executing more than one original of each of the documents discussed. What is essential is that people know where your documents are so they can be found easily in case of an emergency! A safety deposit box is not a good place to store them. There are many fire retardant storage boxes available for home use. Some suggest that the refrigerator provides a useful storage alternative. If you use a mobile phone, store important phone numbers under ICE (in case of emergency).

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## **Direct from the Metropolitan Opera**

In 2007-08, the Met offers its second season of international HD transmissions - this time with eight broadcasts, up from last year's six\*. Don't miss the chance to enjoy thrilling, world-class opera at Empire Theatres Studio 12, Avalon Mall, St. John's. Tickets can be purchased in advance on-line at <a href="http://empiretheatres.com/promotions/met2007.asp">http://empiretheatres.com/promotions/met2007.asp</a>

**Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008** (2:30 p.m.) *Encore Performance* Sat., Mar. 1, 2008 (2:30 p.m.)

*Manon Lescaut* – **Puccini.** Conductor James Levine; Karita Mattila, Marcello Giordani, Dwayne Croft, Dale Travis

Running time: 3 hours, 41 minutes. 3 intermissions

**Saturday, March 15, 2008** (3 p.m.) *Encore Performance* Sat., Mar. 29, 2008 (3 p.m.)

**Peter Grimes** (new production) – Britten. Conductor Donald Runnicles; Production John Doyle; Patricia Racette, Anthony Dean Griffey, Anthony Michaels-Moore. Running time: 3 hours, 45 minutes. 2 intermissions

Saturday, March 22, 2008 (2 p.m.) Encore Performance Sat., Apr. 12, 2008 (2 p.m.) *Tristan und Isolde* – Wagner. Conductor James Levine; Production Dieter Dorn;

Deborah Voigt, Michelle De Young, Ben Heppner, Eike Wilm Schulte, Matti Salminen. Running time: 5 hours, 35 minute. 2 intermissions

**Saturday, April 5, 2008** (3 p.m.) *Encore Performance* Sat., May 3, 2008 (3 p.m.)

*La Bohème* – **Puccini**. Conductor Nicola Luisotti; Production Franco Zeffirelli; Angela Gheorghiu, Ainhoa Arteta, Ramón Vargas, Ludovic Tézier, Quinn Kelsey, Oren Gradus, Paul Plishka. Running time: 3 hours, 20 minutes. 2 intermissions

**Saturday, April 26, 2008** (3 p.m.) *Encore Performance* Sat., May 10, 2008 (3 p.m.)

La Fille du Régiment (new production) – Donizetti. Conductor Marco Armiliato; Production Laurent Pelly; Natalie Dessay, Felicity Palmer, Juan Diego Flórez, Alessandro Corbelli, Zoe Caldwell. Running time: 3 hours, 10 minutes. 1 intermission.

\*Programs and casting subject to change. Running times are approximate. Check for updates, possible changes and a plot synopsis for each opera at <a href="https://www.metoperafamily.org/metopera/broadcast/hd\_events.aspx">www.metoperafamily.org/metopera/broadcast/hd\_events.aspx</a>

#### **MUN Cinema Series**

All screenings are at 7 p.m., Thursday, in Empire Theatres Studio 12 Cinemas in the Avalon Mall and are open to the public. MUN Cinema sets up a table near the Empire Cinema's box office about an hour before each screening where tickets and passes may be purchased. Single Admission: \$ 8.00 regular, \$ 7.00 students and seniors

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Margot at the Wedding
Persepolis
Death at a Funeral

Title

Feb. 14	Poor Boy's Game
Feb. 21	Youth Without Youth
Feb. 28	Redacted
Mar. 6	4 Months, 3 Weeks and 2 Days
Mar. 13	In the Shadow of the Moon
Mar. 20	<i>I'm Not There</i> (tentative booking)
Mar. 27	Up the Yangtze
Apr. 3	Waiter (Ober)

A synopsis of each film is available at <a href="https://www.mun.ca/film/">www.mun.ca/film/</a>

#### **German Cinema Series**

Dr. John Buffinga has again organized a German cinema series for his German 3000/German Film course. These free movies are shown on Monday nights at 7 pm in A-1046.

Jan. 28 Volker Schlöndorff and Margarethe von Trotta. *The Lost Honor of Katharina Blum* (1975)

Feb. 4 Rainer Werner Fassbinder. *The Marriage of Maria Braun* (1979)

Feb. 25 Michael verhoeven. The Nasty Girl (1990)

Mar. 3 Margarethe von Trotta. *The Promise* (1995)

Mar. 10 Sandra Nettelbeck. Mostly Martha (2001)

Mar. 17 Wolfgang Becker. *Goodbye, Lenin!* (2003)

Mar. 24 Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck. *The Lives of Others* (2006)

Mar. 31 Tom Tykwer.

Perfume: The Story of a Murderer (2006)

For more information contact J. O. Buffinga, Department of German and Russian, johnb@mun.ca

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## Annual General Meeting 2008 - A New Approach

Feedback from members who attended the 2007 Spring Luncheon and AGM indicated that, while they very much enjoyed the luncheon and thought it provided excellent value for the price, most found the Annual General Meeting to be too long. In response, your executive has revised how the 2008 AGM will be organized and conducted in order to reduce the time needed to fulfil constitutional requirements for the AGM.

Minutes of the 2007 AGM were published in the June 2007 WAMUN newsletter. Electronic copies of this newsletter are available by request from wamun@mun.ca These minutes will not be read aloud at the 2008 AGM before being discussed, amended (if required) and voted. Please be sure to review last year's minutes and make note of any corrections or amendments you may wish to bring to the attention of members at the 2008 AGM.

Annual reports by most executive members, committees and special interest groups will be printed in the April 2008 WA-MUN Newsletter and will not be read aloud at the AGM. However, as chairs and convenors are introduced and thanked, members will be given ample opportunity to raise issues, ask questions and discuss matters concerning any of these reports.

As stated in the September newsletter, Deborah Rehner (739-5046 or dbrehner@gmail.com) is heading up the current Nomination Committee. This committee is working diligently to have a full slate of nominees in place for the next AGM. (See article on page 8.) Anyone interested in getting more information, suggesting someone for a position, or serving on the next executive should contact Deborah or a member of the committee.

We very much hope this approach will dramatically reduce time required at the AGM for presentation of reports and will allow more time for members to ask questions, discuss items of interest and still conclude the event in a timely manner.

## Nominees for WAMUN Distinguished Service Award 2008

Initiated in 1988, the Distinguished Service Award is presented by the Women's Association of Memorial University (WAMUN) to recognize members who have made outstanding contributions to the organization and its goals.

Each year, members are asked write to (or email) the Executive suggesting candidates they feel meet this criterion outlining what the person's contribution has been and why she particularly deserves to be recognized.

In the past, the woman who received the most letters of support was presented with the Distinguished Service Award at the AGM. This same selection process will be followed in 2008.

Distinguished Service Award Recipients					
1988 1989 1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996	Marjorie Cooper, Olive Mews, and Grace Morgan Susan Jackson Joyce Cho Brenda Burness Marg Kozma Elizabeth Rich Sylvia Hartmann Elinor Eaton Eleanor Nesbitt and Ingrid Pardoe	1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007	Gladys Deutsch Robin Moore-Orr Lynda Younghusband Shirley Cooper Jane Foltz Susan Scott Elfie Boehm Marilyn Tuck-Lewis Elke Molgaard Tonya Bassler Karen Herzberg		

PLANT SALE 2008
Interested in helping to organize or assist with a plant sale in support of the scholarship fund?

Please let WAMUN executive know!

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#### AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Proposed amendments to the constitution must be circulated one month before the AGM.

Please submit any such proposals to WAMUN by Mar. 10, 2008 for circulation to members.

Want to contact WAMUN? Executive and committee members and special interest group leaders are listed on the WAMUN website at www.mun.ca/wamun. Phone any of these people, e-mail wamun@mun.ca, or write to the following address:

WAMUN, Arts and Administration Building, Mail Room Box 130, Memorial University, P.O. Box 4200, St. John's, A1C 5S7

## Nominations Committee Report

At the AGM, we will elect a new executive for 2008-2009. It is important that any WAMUN member who is interested in serving on the board has that opportunity. Have you an interest in serving? Do you know someone whom you would like to see on the board? If so, please e-mail or phone a member of the nominating committee (information below).

The executive consists of the immediate past president, president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, two social convenors, membership chair, and newsletter editor. Nominations for all positions are welcome, but we are particularly interested in finding candidates for vice president, newsletter editor and social convenor(s).

According to the constitution, the vice-president assists the president in her duties and is asked to consider becoming president in the following year. We are particularly interested in finding someone who is interested in becoming president after a year as vice-president. Since there is a year of apprenticeship, the candidate need not have had previous experience on the executive. Our current, very able, president joined WAMUN in 2005 and became vice-president in 2006.

The newsletter editor is responsible for compiling and distributing four newsletters per year. If you look through the archives\*, you see that over the years the newsletters have changed, as have the editors. In the past two years, Carolyn Hodych has brought the newsletter to a new standard. Perhaps the new editor will want to follow her lead, or perhaps a new editor will mark the newsletter with her own special touch. Carolyn and others are willing to help if some parts of the editing job, such as the layout, seem extra challenging.

This year we have not had social convenors on the executive and interest groups have helped to organize social events. This has worked well; however, there is still a role for one or two people who can co-ordinate WAMUN activities. Developing a new role for the convenor as one who oversees the program, but who may not take the entire responsibility for carrying it out is a very important task for the coming year.

Although we have people in mind to fill the other positions on the Executive, this does not preclude others from being nominated for these positions. We are confident that every person who wants to serve in a position of leadership will find a place for her talents.

Now, think about yourself and think about your friends. Are you interested in playing an active role in keeping WAMUN vibrant? Do you have a friend whom you know would make a good newsletter editor, or the new model social convenor, or the president of the future? Let us know. The nominating committee (Jean Guthrie (jguthrie@mun.ca, 754-4855), Karen Herzberg (karen herzberg@hotmail.com, 753-6568), and Deborah Rehner (dbrehner@gmail.com, 739-5046)) is very interested in hearing from you.

\* WAMUN archives are held in the Centre for Newfoundland Studies. Staff there are very cooperative and will help you find whatever documents you might wish to view, including back issues of the newsletter.

### Support for Campus Food Bank

Throughout the year, WAMUN supports the Campus Food Bank by collecting non-perishable food items at each of its events and interest group meetings In addition, anyone wishing to donate food items or cash directly, can take them to the food bank in Corte Real near Burton's Pond on the MUN campus. Items such as peanut butter, chicken noodle soup, vegetable soup, canned milk, canned fruit, and Kraft Dinner (or similar macaroni and cheese dinners) are always in demand.

Thanks to all members and interest groups who participate.

## Recycling for WAMUN Scholarships

Although heavy snow arrived early this year we hope you are still taking your recycling to one of the Evergreen Recycling locations\* and donating the proceeds to the WAMUN Scholarship Fund. Just ask the depot employee counting your items to complete a blue credit slip for your signature. A separate receipt for your files can be obtained at the refund desk, if desired. Thanks very much for your continued contributions.

For more information on how to donate your recycling proceeds contact: Marilyn Macdonald, m\_macdonald17@hotmail.com 726-3134.

\*Mill Lane Enterprises, 807 Water Street (777-3400), Cowan Avenue at Waterford Bridge Road (777-3832) and Regatta Plaza Building, 92 Elizabeth Avenue (777-3382).