

# MUN Board of Regents hold summer retreat at St. Anthony

There have been many achievements in Newfoundland and Labrador over the past 100 years, but none are as significant as the establishment of Memorial University of Newfoundland.

That's the view of Chris Decker of Roddickton. He made the comments as chairperson of the Board of Regents of Memorial University when the group gathered at St. Anthony last month for a series of meetings.

"I'm very proud of Memorial University," he says. "Look at the contributions which the alumni have made to the province, the country and the world. Nothing is as important as the establishment of the old Memorial College."

It represented the first time the Board of Regents had held its summer retreat on the Northern Peninsula. Mr. Decker, who assumed the position of chairperson when Edward Roberts was appointed Lieutenant-Governor, says he concurred when it was suggested to him that the board meet at St. Anthony.

The former clergyman, businessman and politician says his association with the Board of Regents has enabled him to get to know the university "better than I've known before."

In addition to discussing regular business, members of the Board of Regents visited

places such as the Grenfell Historical Properties and L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site.

During a dinner for board members and invited guests, Dr. Axel Meisen, president and vice-chancellor of the university, delivered a presentation on the institution. He notes that with an enrolment of 17,000 students and 2,500 faculty and staff, MUN is the largest university in Atlantic Canada.

One of the challenges facing the university, he says, is to maintain that enrolment level when fewer students are graduating from high schools in the province. That is especially true on the Northern Peninsula, Dr. Meisen points out, where 60 per cent of graduates attend the university.

Provincially, enrolment from high school graduates in the province will decline from 8,000 in 1995 to 4,000 in 2010.

Dr. Meisen says the university is countering that trend with an aggressive recruitment drive that targets students who live outside the province and country.

He notes that several students from the peninsula have distinguished themselves as student leaders at the university. They include Judy Symes, Christine Wu and Dean O'Keefe, all of whom are graduates of Roncalli Central



Members of the Board of Regents of Memorial University met at St. Anthony for the annual summer retreat. Those who attended the sessions were: Chris Decker, Georgina Hedges, John Crosbie, Dr. Axel Meisen, Evan Simpson, Gail Aylward, Hayward Blake, Lisa Browne, Calvin Butt,

Samuel Chaulk, Sharon Duggan, Ed Kelly, Nancy Kelly, Brendan Lewis, Joan Pinsent, David Porter, Andrea Quinlan, Kathryn Small, Susan Wood, Glenn Collins, Brian Colbourne and Eleanor Bennett.

## High in Port Saunders.

Dr. Meisen says students pondering their options for post-secondary schooling should be aware that MUN — at \$2,000-\$3,000 — has the lowest tuition fees in the country. He credited the provincial government for helping the university offer a "tremendous bargain" to students.

— Story and photos by Allan Bock

## RCMP investigating acts of vandalism

The St. Anthony detachment of the RCMP is investigating several acts of vandalism which took place last week at Graham's Auto Repairs in St. Anthony.

Cpl. Colin MacLean says on two separate occasions, vandals

went behind the North Street establishment and threw rocks through the windows of cars and a bus.

A total of 10 windows were smashed.

Anyone with information

about the incidents is asked to contact the St. Anthony detachment of the RCMP or Crime Stoppers.

In other proceedings from the police report, the RCMP at Port Saunders recovered a vehicle which had been reported stolen at Port Saunders. The vehicle was recovered at Port au Choix.

Police say anyone with information about this incident should contact the detachment or Crime Stoppers.

■ The Flowers Cove detachment of the RCMP received a complaint of a break and enter on July 24.

■ The Port Saunders detachment of the RCMP responded to a motor vehicle accident at Hawkes Bay on July 29.

## NOTE OF THANKS

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We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all those who provided support, assistance and care to Dad (Stuart) after undergoing four surgeries at the Health Sciences Centre in St. John's. Thank you to all who phoned, sent money, brought food, sent flowers and fruit baskets, visited and helped in any way. A special thanks to the doctors and nurses at 5 South A, ICU at the Health Sciences Centre and the doctors and nursing staff at Curtis Memorial Hospital in St. Anthony. Also, a special thank you to Rev. Arnold and Rev. Woodman for your calls and prayers; the United Church chaplains in St. John's; Rev. Sam Johnson; Rev. Florence Sanna and all the other clergy who visited. Your kindness and caring is very much appreciated and will never be forgotten. May God bless you all.

Stuart and Grace Hancock and families



Chris Decker (left) of Roddickton and Dr. Axel Meisen review notes prior to a meeting of Memorial University's Board of Regents at St. Anthony last month.