

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM COLLEGE OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC

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New president for college

College of the North Atlantic (CNA) has begun its 2007-08 academic year with a new president.

Jean Madill hails from Nova Scotia, though she has lived in western Canada for nearly three decades while employed in the Canadian post-secondary system. She has worked with the University of Toronto, the University of Saskatchewan, Mount Royal College in Calgary, Grant MacEwan College in Edmonton, Grande Prairie Regional College in northern Alberta and most recently, at Lethbridge College in Alberta.

"I have a broad breadth of experience from academics to administration and have looked after everything from boilers to counselling to academic programs," says Madill.

The new president began her employment with CNA on September 10 at Headquarters in Stephenville. She was looking forward to

the move – personally and professionally – for many reasons.

"I am honoured and delighted to be joining CNA," she says. "I am excited at the opportunities that exist for the college and the province and I look forward to being part of that exciting future.

"The college community and the people of the province have already been so warm and welcoming. My husband Doug and I are especially looking forward to settling down and being an integral part of the college and the community."

Madill says she is a firm believer in what the college and the province have to offer.

"With the assistance and guidance of an excellent senior leadership team, I hope to market the college nationally and help to position Newfoundland and Labrador as the greatest place to learn and live."



Jean Madill, president, College of the North Atlantic

CNA takes international awards for marketing

College of the North Atlantic has been awarded three APEX 2007 Awards of Excellence for its work in marketing and public relations.

APEX 2007 – the 19th Annual Awards for Publication Excellence – is an international competition that recognizes outstanding publications from newsletters and magazines to annual reports, brochures and websites. Awards were given in 105 communications categories with close to 5,000 entries being submitted this year. The Marketing and Communications Department at CNA took home honours in three categories.

In addition to receiving Certificates of Excellence, the college has permission to use the "APEX 2007 winner" logo in its publications and on its website for the next year. CNA will also be listed in a special awards issue of Writing that

Works, a magazine published by APEX.

CNA took its first award in the Marketing and Public Relations Campaign category, entering its *Choose CNA Programs and Services Guide*, the *Quick Facts* brochure, the Study in Canada international brochure, the provincial/national lure brochure, the 2006-2007 College Calendar and the Comprehensive Arts and Science brochure.

The college also took an award in the Meeting and Event Campaign and Program category, submitting material created for the provincial Oil and Gas Seminar held in 2006.

Finally, Tanya Alexander, public information officer, took an award for Marketing and Public Relations Writing.

Alexander won this award for an article written about Richard Miller, an Adult Basic Education student who overcame illiteracy and

uses his story to inspire others to complete their studies.



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New scholarships

The new academic school year saw the endowment of several new scholarships for CNA:

CIBC Community Leadership Scholarships are valued at \$9,000 per year for a five-year commitment of \$45,000. These \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to nine second-year students who makes a difference in their community and who also demonstrate academic excellence. One scholarship will be awarded at each of these nine campuses: Corner Brook, Labrador City, Grand Falls-Windsor, Carbonear, Clarenville, Gander, Seal Cove, Ridge Road, and Prince Phillip Drive;

The Amazing Persona Scholarships are valued at \$5,000 per year. These five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to second-year students enrolled in specific programs, please see the awards handbook for details;

The Borden Family Business Scholarships are valued at \$2,500 per year for a four-year commitment of \$10,000. There are five \$500 scholarships available to second-year students enrolled in business programs

at the following campuses: Bay St George, Bonavista, Burin, Clarenville, and Placentia;

Air Canada Jazz Scholarships are valued at \$2,000 per year and will be awarded to two students at the Gander enrolled in either the Aircraft Maintenance Engineering program or Aircraft Structural Repair program;

The QuadraTec Inc. Scholarship is valued at \$500 per year. This scholarship will be awarded to a second-year student enrolled in Mechanical Engineering Technology, Electrical Engineering Technology (Power and Controls Co-op), or Electronics Engineering Technology (Instrumentation) program at Ridge Road Campus;

The Fugro Jacques GeoSurveys Inc. Scholarships are valued at \$3,000. Two \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded to students enrolled in the Geomatics Engineering Technology (Co-op) Program at Ridge Road Campus; and

The Sisters of Mercy/Sisters of Presentation Scholarships are valued at \$2,500 each, for an annual total of \$5,000

(a two-year commitment of \$10,000). Two \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded to students enrolled in the Early Childhood Education program at Prince Phillip Drive Campus.

"These new scholarships are made possible through the cooperation and dedicated effort of the college team and the community," says Corinne Dunne, VP Development/College Advancement, "and I would like to thank the individuals who continue to work with us at the various campuses, especially Donna Feltham, manager of Student Services and chair of the Provincial Awards Committee, and Tara Pearce, manager of Alumni & Advancement.

All awards will be administered through Student Services and the Provincial Awards Committee. For additional information and details on these awards, please contact Tara Pearce, Office of Alumni & Advancement or Donna Feltham, Student Services.

Opportunities for international experience

It is estimated that within the next decade one out of every three jobs will require international experience.

The marketplace is becoming more global due to various country-to-country trade agreements, there is increased access to information via the Internet and there is increased mobility between countries.

However, cultural experience can also be gained right here at home through a variety of customer service and event planning opportunities.

If you are interested in being involved with planning activities and welcoming some of CNA's international students, please contact international office representatives – Tiona Corcoran at tiona.corcoran@cna.nl.ca or Laura Cowan at laura.cowan@cna.nl.ca.

Gaining international experience, whether inside or outside of Canada, provides a number of short- and long-term benefits and

impacts including:

- Personal enrichment in the form friendships, increased cultural awareness and experiences, exposure to a variety of perspectives, training and practice of a different language, enhancement of your awareness of your role as a global citizen and development in coping;
- Enhanced employability to become more marketable by gaining additional professional skills, expand your knowledge base and experiences and become an asset to employers by giving them a competitive advantage in specific markets; and
- Networking opportunities, including identifying/meeting potential employers, business partners and clients, establishing contacts in the field and learning social and business protocols.

Retirements

This year saw several employees retire from the college at campuses throughout the province.

From Grand Falls-Windsor Campus, Office Administration Instructor Elizabeth Mercer retired on May 31; Academic Instructor Edward Thorne, on June 30; Psychology Instructor Mary Ricketts, on June 30; and Business Management Instructor Gerald Burton, on June 30; First Year Engineering Technology Instructor Maxwell Keats retired from Gander on June 30; Heavy Equipment Repair Technician Instructor Edward Costello retired from Placentia June 30; Office Administration Instructor Ian Walsh, Placentia, August 31; and Office Administration Instructor Dulcie Drodge retired from the Distributed Learning Service in Clarenville on August 31. Prince Philip Drive saw many retire during the last academic

year: Janet Higgins, September 29, 2006; Ron Jackman, September 30, 2006; Sylvester Murphy, November 30, 2006; Sandra Jones, December 20, 2006; Genevieve Murphy, December 31, 2006; Roy Eveleigh, December 31, 2006; Edward Hanames, February 28, 2007; Gerry Crewe, April 30, 2007; David Spencer, April 30, 2007; Dale Temple, June 30, 2007; Shirley Connolly, June 30, 2007; Ida Perry, July 31, 2007; Wayne Hann, August 1, 2007; Clarence Stone, August 31, 2007; Margaret Copeman, August 31, 2007; Blair Metcalfe, August 31, 2007; Debbie Newhook, August 31, 2007; and Mervyn McIntyre, August 31, 2007.

It is the people of CNA that make it the success it is... thank you to all for your years of service and dedication and all the best, as you embark on an exciting new phase of your lives.



Participants of the fifth Introduction to Teaching and Learning workshop included Ian Osmond and Ken Wheeler of Corner Brook; Marilyn Payne, Guy Hancock, Veijo Manner, George Delahunt, Debbie Sellars and Mark Vardy of Happy Valley-Goose Bay; Kim Badcock of St. Anthony; Gord Dunphy, Sean O'Leary, Richard Neil and Wayne Long of Seal Cove; Rifat Saeed and Jennifer

Poole of Grand Falls-Windsor; Raymond Card, George Power, Gerard Gear, Heather Gushue and Gary Smith of Labrador West; Craig Carter of Port aux Basques; Jason Loder of Ridge Road; Tyrone Batstone and Rob Bryenton of Bay St. George; and Randal Power and Connie Gullage of Prince Philip Drive.

New instructors attend learning workshop

Twenty-six new faculty members attended the Introduction to *Teaching and Learning* workshop held at Headquarters in Stephenville from August 21-23.

The workshop prepares new faculty to commence their careers as professional educators in a community college setting. Participants discuss principles of adult learning as well as planning and delivery processes. They are also introduced to the learning culture at CNA and have an opportunity to review policies and procedures through interaction with various college personnel.

This is the fifth year this workshop has been delivered and although the underlying objectives are the same each year, there is a concerted effort to meet the needs of each group. As such, each workshop is adapted accordingly to meet the needs of the current group.

A highlight this year was the opportunity for the participants to draw on the experience

of a group of current and former instructors through a panel discussion process.

A wide range of program areas and campuses were represented at this workshop. Participants included Ian Osmond of Civil Engineering, Corner Brook; Marilyn Payne of Comprehensive Arts and Sciences, Happy Valley-Goose Bay; Kim Badcock of Career Exploration for Women, St. Anthony; Gord Dunphy of Electrical, Seal Cove; Rifat Saeed of Mathematics, Grand Falls-Windsor; Raymond Card of Millwright, Labrador West; Jennifer Poole of Comprehensive Arts and Sciences, Grand Falls-Windsor; George Power of Mining Technology, Labrador West; Craig Carter of Non Destructive Testing, Port aux Basques; Jason Loder of Electrical Engineering Technology, Ridge Road Campus; Guy Hancock of Automotive Service Technician, Happy Valley-Goose Bay; Gerard Gear of Electrical, Labrador West; and Veijo Manner of Heavy Duty, Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

Also participating were Sean O'Leary of Power Line Technician, Seal Cove; Tyrone Batstone of Paramedicine, Bay St. George; Richard Neil of Electrical, Seal Cove; Ken Wheeler of Engineering Technology, Corner Brook; Rob Bryenton of Paramedicine, Bay St. George; Wayne Long of Electrical, Seal Cove; Heather Gushue of Comprehensive Arts and Sciences, Labrador West; Debbie Sellars of Mathematics, Happy Valley-Goose Bay; George Delahunt of Comprehensive Arts and Sciences, Happy Valley-Goose Bay; Randal Power of Office of Applied Research, Prince Philip Drive, Connie Gullage of Business Management, Prince Philip Drive; Gary Smith of Millwright, Labrador West; and Mark Vardy of Business Administration, Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

The session was facilitated by Sheldon Brown, coordinator of the college's Learning and Teaching Initiative, and Todd Fradsham, program developer for the School of Industrial Trades.

Donation to women's shelter

CNA recently donated 18 school bags filled with supplies to the Women's Centre in St. John's. Parents are often faced with overwhelming expenses as they prepare their children for school in September. What may seem like an easy task for some can be extremely stressful and financially draining for others. The St. John's Women's Centre offers a Back-to-School Backpack program, using the generous donations from organizations like CNA. The shelter accepts backpacks, school supplies and monetary donations in order to successfully deliver much needed help to the women and children who use their services.



New program offered at Bay St. George Campus

College of the North Atlantic is offering a Stone, Wood, Antler and Driftwood Carving Training program at the Bay St. George Campus.

The 10-week program will cover safety related courses along with training procedures as they relate to carving wood, stone, antler and driftwood.

"The west coast region of Newfoundland has a talented and diverse cultural background. Artisans from the area and their products are becoming evident in the arts and craft industry," says Tom Rose, business development officer for Bay St. George Campus.

"We came up with an idea to offer this 10-week artisan course after we were advised that there was a unique stone in the Flat Bay quarry that had the appropriate grade point for stone carving. After investigating the availability of this unique stone and the ongoing wood and antler carving that takes place in Bay St. George, we felt that there was a need to offer formal training to capitalize on and maximize the resource materials in the region, and the even richer resource of people who have the ability and skills to value-add these precious commodities."

Rose says the next step was to hold a focus group with artists from the Bay St. George area.

"Part of our process in developing a new program is to arrange an industry focus group to determine the need and to ensure that out-



A focus group comprised of artists from the Bay St. George area met in June to discuss curriculum for the new Stone, Wood, Antler and Driftwood Carving Training program offered at Bay St. George Campus.

lined course development and curriculum cover the necessary objectives in developing professional artisans."

The course will begin in Flat Bay in October.

"There were several factors that were a key determinate in selecting Flat Bay as the site. First, was the availability of the quarry stone in the Flat Bay quarry. The strong presence of Mi'kmaq artists from that region was another factor, as part of the mandate of CNA as a community college is to take the college into

communities to advance educational and training development in our region."

Rose says this training will benefit the region as a whole.

"This is a course that's utilizing resources from the area and that can have an economic benefit to individuals and also to businesses looking at selling local crafts or local products produced by artists from the Bay St. George region."

Awards of Excellence handed out

In June, awards were handed out for the 2006 College of the North Atlantic Awards of Excellence.

These annual awards showcase the extraordinary contribution of individuals to the college and communities we serve.

Nominees are submitted by campus administrators in five excellence categories: Leadership, Program, Student, Staff and Teaching.

Conrad Tulk of Prince Philip Drive took home the \$500 prize in the Student division, while Glen Howell of Grand Falls-Windsor took the top honour in the Staff division and walked away with \$500, as well as \$1,000 for professional development.

The Program Award of Excellence went to Graphic Design at Prince Philip Drive Campus,

which received a \$1,500 grant for program specific purchases.

Genevieve Murphy of Seal Cove received the Teaching award. She took home \$500, as well as \$1,000 for professional development.

Finally, in the Leadership division, Cindy Brinston of Grand Falls-Windsor received \$500 and \$1,000 for professional development.

All winners also received engraved plaques, which were sent to Human Resources managers and presented to the winners.

Nominees for the awards all received an engraved pen.

Cindy Brinston of Grand Falls-Windsor was the Leadership Excellence winner in College of the North Atlantic's annual Awards of Excellence competition.



Extension completed at Happy Valley-Goose Bay

College of the North Atlantic held the official opening in September for the new wing of Happy Valley-Goose Bay Campus.

The multi-million dollar, two-story extension is more than 1,800 square metres, and provides additional space for new classrooms, two lecture theatres, a library, increased common areas and offices.

Bob Simms, campus administrator, says he was pleased to have CNA's new president Jean Madill help cut the ribbon on the facility.

"I was pleased to have the Board of Governors here. I was especially pleased to have Jean Madill here for her first public function in her roll as the new president of College of the North Atlantic."

The Honourable John Hickey, minister responsible for Labrador Affairs and MHA for Lake Melville, and Happy Valley-Goose Bay Mayor Leo Abbass were present for the opening of the wing.

The additional space is shared with the Labrador Institute of Memorial University and houses college programming such as the Comprehensive Arts and Science Transfer Year and the Integrated Nursing Access programs.

Part of the funding from government, approximately \$400,000, has been directed to provide new resources, including furnishings for the library and student centres, computers, white boards and audio/video equipment.

Simms says they had a great turn out for the opening and he is delighted the extension is open for business.

"This project is providing a greater capacity for post-secondary training in Labrador that builds on the strengths of both the college and Memorial University. It will clearly take us into a new phase of service to the region, particularly with the two institutions working together in the spirit of government's White Paper."



CNA President Jean Madill, Board of Governors Chair Al Goss, the Honourable John Hickey, minister responsible for Labrador Affairs and MHA for Lake Melville and Memorial University Representative Michael Collins, cut the ribbon to officially open the new wing at Happy Valley-Goose Bay Campus.

Instructor takes national award

Lillian Moores, an instructor of Level I Adult Basic Education in Grand Falls-Windsor, is committed to improving literacy levels in Newfoundland and Labrador.

For nearly two decades, she has been volunteering her time to help people.

Her dedication was acknowledged recently by Canada Post with the National Literacy Educator Award.

"Sometimes I think I volunteer as much as I work," says Moores with a chuckle.

"To be given this award was marvelous. It was a great honour to be recognized, but you almost feel like there are a lot of others who deserve it equally. It's a great honour to be nominated and an even bigger honour to actually receive the award."

The Canada Post Literacy Awards were established in 1993 as a means to discover and acknowledge the achievements of adult Canadians who have made a special effort or an important contribution to literacy.

As winner of this award, Moores received a cash prize of \$500 and a framed, personalized certificate of appreciation.

In addition to volunteering with the local Exploits Literacy Council in Grand Falls-Windsor and holding the title of provincial training officer for 15 years, Moores has been on the board for Literacy Newfoundland and

Labrador since its inception four years ago.

"I go around the province to train tutors who then teach other people to read and write," she says of her provincial training officer position. "We do this free of charge. I volunteer free of charge, and the tutors I train volunteer their time as well."

She has not only helped individual students, but has also developed and delivered train-the-trainer courses in English as a Second Language for the provincial Laubach council. She helped produce a video to promote literacy, and serves on the board of Laubach Literacy.

In addition, she is currently the literacy advisor for a new community centre opening in Grand Falls-Windsor.

"I'm very active in literacy and I will be travelling the province to teach tutors how to teach ESL this fall. I'll be working my way across the province."

She says there's lots of work to be done, but finds it very rewarding.

"Working with literacy really becomes a passion. When you see that you've helped one person, it makes you want to do it over and over. To help someone read, it's a really good feeling and it's very rewarding. It makes you want to just keep going and there's nothing that would ever make me want to stop doing this."



However, she says she wouldn't be able to do as much without the support of the college.

"The campus in Grand Falls-Windsor supports everything I do in my volunteer work with literacy. They are very supportive in letting me use any campus I need to teach. They will let me leave early if I have to when teaching a workshop, and they give me access to use office equipment for photocopying and whatnot."

For more information about the Newfoundland and Labrador Laubach Literacy Council, log on to www.nald.ca/litweb/province/nl/nlllc/index.htm.

Recent appointments

Keith White has been appointed as the new Manager of Business Solutions. Operating from Headquarters in Stephenville, Keith will be responsible for overseeing the PeopleSoft project as well as related administrative IT initiatives.

Keith holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from Memorial University and over 30 years' experience as an Information Technology professional. He holds several designations and certifications: Information Systems professional by the Canadian Information Processing Society, Information Technology Infrastructure Library certification in best practices, Project Management and Microsoft Certified Professional as well as Sun Programmer for Java 2 Platform. Keith also worked as a systems analyst with Newfoundland and Labrador Computer Services in the late '70s and early '80s.

He began his employment with us as an instructor of Information Technology at Corner Brook Campus in 1982. He presently serves as West Coast Director of the Newfoundland and Labrador Chapter of the Canadian Information Processing Society and has been involved with a number of volunteer groups in his home community of Corner Brook. Keith is the father of three, one boy and two girls.

Debbie Tobin has been appointed to the position of Manager of Collections at Headquarters.

Debbie holds a certificate in Accounting and a diploma in Business Computer Programming from CNA and has more than 20 years' experience in Accounts Receivable and Collections with us and with the Bay St. George School Tax Authority.

Prior to her appointment, she performed in various positions at CNA in Accounts Receivable, Policies and Procedures, Contract Training and Continuing Education, and Accounting. Tobin also gained extensive experience in information technology while employed with the Government of Ontario as a Database Support Technician.

She is currently a member of the ERP, Accounts Receivable and Student Financial Implementation teams, and provides cashier and student financial training for PeopleSoft.

Debbie has held positions with the college's Social Club, presently serves as Junior Golf Chairperson, and has been actively involved with other volunteer groups in the community.

She resides in Kippens with her husband and is the mother of two boys.

Roger Hulan has been appointed as the Public Information Officer-Qatar Project, based in Stephenville.

Roger brings a broad base of experience and expertise to this role. He has a Diploma of Applied Arts/Journalism and a Bachelor of Community Studies, majoring in Communications. Over the years, he has worked as the Manager of Marketing and Communications with CNA, with the Corner Brook Triathlon, International Triathlon Union, in the role of Public Relations/Marketing Manager, with the Kittiwake Coast Tourism Association in a marketing role, at CNA as a writer/research consultant and as an Economic Development Officer for the Long Range Regional Economic Development Board.

Mark Whalen recently joined CNA staff as the new Manager of Human Resources for Clarendville, Carbonear, Placentia, Bonavista and Burin campuses.

Mark holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Memorial University with a concentration in Human Resources and Marketing and has over seven years of experience in executive, technical and financial recruitment.

Since 2002, he has been employed in various capacities with Kelly Services (Canada) Limited, an international staffing and recruiting company. His extensive experience with Kelly Services in western Canada provided him the opportunity to move to Halifax in 2006, where he held the position of Branch Manager for their operations throughout Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. During his time with Kelly Services, Mark was responsible for managing clients such as Solectron Corporation, TransCanada Pipelines Limited and Shell Canada Limited.

Mark continues to expand on his training through various workshops and courses, including Behavioral Recruiting Techniques, Mentoring with Results, Influencing and Negotiating, and Dale Carnegie Training.

He originally hails from Heart's Desire, Trinity Bay.

Paul Forward has been appointed to the position of Campus Administrator at Prince Phillip Drive. Paul has been employed at CNA for the past eight years as a Student

Development Officer (Co-op) and most recently, as the Associate Registrar.

While carrying out these roles, Paul was active on a number of college committees including the White Paper Working Group on Career Services, the Provincial Student Development Committee, the Provincial Recruitment Team, and as Provincial Team Lead for Co-operative Education.

He has a broad business background as an entrepreneur, having owned his own business for more than 10 years. His community involvement includes membership on the organizing committee for the Capital Coast Career Fair, as well as involvement with other community organizations and the Baie Verte Chamber of Commerce.

He holds diplomas in Surveying Engineering Technology and in Applied Business Information Technology from CNA as well as a degree in Post-Secondary Education from Memorial University (MUN). He is presently enrolled in a Masters program in Post-Secondary Education at MUN.

Paul currently lives in Mount Pearl with his wife Brenda and his three children, Chris, Carolyn and Colin.

Melanie Foote has been appointed to the position of Buyer for Headquarters.

She joined the college in 2002 as Marketing Assistant with the Marketing and Communications Department before holding numerous positions in Ontario as an office assistant. She holds a diploma from College of the North Atlantic's Business Administration program, volunteers with the Bay St. George Cadet program, and lives in St. George's with her two children, Mackenzie and Morgan.

Kim Blanchard has joined the Marketing and Communications Department at Headquarters as Marketing Assistant. She has been an employee of the college since September 2006, beginning in Student Services at Bay St. George Campus and moving to the mailroom.

Kim holds a certificate from CNA in Office Administration and worked in the banking industry for 11 years, as well as in sales. She lives in Cold Brook with her husband Bill, two dogs and a cat.

Welcome all and congratulations!

Congratulations

Carbonear Campus' librarian, **Stephen Nolan**, has launched a new novel entitled *Leaving Newfoundland*. The book tells the dramatic story of the people of Newfoundland and Labrador and their bid to survive in a place of uncompromising hardship. Stephen has contributed to several provincial publications, is the creator of the Health and Community Services Museum and Archive newsletter, *Code White!*, and is co-writer of *The Whostorian Quaterly*. His first book, *A History of Health Care in Newfoundland and Labrador*, was widely acclaimed.

Also, **Dr. Dermot Kelly**, instructor of College-University Transfer English at Carbonear Campus, had a paper published last March. The piece is called *James Joyce's Home Rule Comet, Elvis Costello's Anglo-Irish Agreement* and it appears in *Estudios Irlandeses*, an online journal out of Spain. Visit www.estudiosirlandeses.org and click on "Issues" to see the essay in the latest number. "It just looks great to see the words 'College of the North Atlantic, Carbonear Campus' in big letters at the top of the page," says Campus Administrator Gary Myrden, "and it's going out around the world in this open access online journal."

Wade Pinhorn, instructor of the Music Industry and Performance program at Bay St. George Campus, has been elected the new Chair of the East Coast Music Association. This is the first time in 10 years that a Newfoundlander is at the helm. "On behalf of the Bay St. George Campus, I would like to congratulate Wade on this tremendous accomplishment," says Campus Administrator Chad Simms. "As a campus, we fully support our staff's participation in this type of activity." The February 2008 awards show is in Fredericton, New Brunswick, followed by a Newfoundland and Labrador venue in February 2009.

Last but not least, **Dr. Barry Hicks**, CAS-Transfer instructor at Carbonear Campus, along with his colleagues, recently published a research paper in *Scottish Forestry*, the scientific journal for the Royal Scottish Forestry Society. The research involved field and lab studies looking at parasitism of a forest caterpillar in Scotland.

Congratulations to all on your accomplishments!



Victoria Clarke of St. John's recently won an iPod for directing grand prize winner Colleen Sutherland to the Alumni Association's Reconnect to the college campaign.

Reconnect to CNA and win with alumni association

Earlier this year, the Alumni Association kicked off the Reconnect to the College campaign.

The goal of this campaign was to increase the number of alumni who are registered with the alumni association and ultimately reconnect them with the college and fellow alumni.

CNA and its predecessor institutions have more than 100,000 graduates throughout Newfoundland and Labrador and around the globe.

All alumni who registered between March 26 and June 30 were entered to win a return flight for two, compliments of Air Labrador. The grand prize went to Colleen Sutherland

of Mount Pearl, a graduate of the Business Management Accounting program at Prince Philip Drive.

Victoria Clarke of St. John's, a graduate of the Programmer Analyst program, won the second prize for having directed a new registrant to the CNA Alumni Association. Clarke won a new iPod!

CNA alumni wishing to Reconnect should visit; www.cna.nl.ca/alumni/register.asp to submit contact information. Keep watching for more chances to win in Fall 2007.

Register today and discover the power of reconnecting.

Government donates equipment

The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador recently donated a number of items to the college. Some of the items donated include a flatbed trailer, air compressor, four outboard motors, two man lifts, two Lincoln A.C. motors, a Reuland electric motor, a Kohler compressor and two Monarch pumps. The flatbed trailer, air compressor, outboard motors and one man lift were donated to Bay St. George Campus while the remaining items were donated to Placentia Campus along with seven crates of pulleys, belts, motors and shafts. All of the equipment is valued at over \$225,000.





Aircraft Maintenance Engineering Technician students gain hands-on experience at Gander Campus. Photo courtesy of the NL Department of Innovation, Trade, and Rural Development.

Aircraft Maintenance program helps student soar

CNA has revamped the Aircraft Maintenance Engineering Technician program at Gander Campus.

“The two-year Aircraft Maintenance Engineering Technician program offers training in fixed and rotary wing categories,” says Bob Dwyer, campus administrator.

The program includes safety practices, ground handling, inspection techniques, power plants, structural repair, aircraft systems and avionics.

“The new program qualifies people so they can receive more than one Aircraft Maintenance Engineer license,” explains Dwyer. “It is accredited by Transport Canada as meeting the basic training requirements for the two Aircraft Maintenance Engineer licenses.”

This unique program is the only one in Canada to award two licenses within just two years of study.

“There is no other school in Canada that meets these requirements. In every other province, you would have to take two separate programs,” says Dwyer.

“And it gives students great value for their tuition and for putting the time into the training. If they were to do this type of program anywhere else, it would be double the cost and double the amount of time to complete

both licenses.”

He also feels the program holds appeal to those who enjoy learning in a hands-on environment.

“The program is designed to be 50 per cent hands-on practical work with the college’s own fleet of aircraft. A lot of people are attracted to programs where they do hands-on kind of work so this is the perfect program for those individuals.”

Graduates may find employment with fixed wing or rotary wing commercial airlines, aircraft manufacturers and repair and overhaul companies. In addition, there are opportunities with private operators, flying schools and government departments.

“The industry is forecasting a skills shortage, much like the other skilled trades,” continues

Dwyer. “When people talk about the skilled trades they don’t think of aircraft maintenance, but it is one that works with highly technical equipment.”

And he says graduates from CNA are highly respected in the aviation industry.

“Gander has been offering aviation programs since 1963 – that’s 44 years. We have seen companies from around the world come to recruit our graduates.”

“When people talk about the skilled trades they don’t think of aircraft maintenance, but it is one that works with highly technical equipment.”

Spreading the word

Dan Goodyear, coordinator of services for students with disabilities, will spread the word on how CNA helps disabled students during the annual Atlantic Educators Conference being held in Charlottetown later this month.

“The conference will focus on Embracing Diversity in Canadian Educational Communities and I’ll be looking at one of our students who has a disability,” says Goodyear.

“In order to provide opportunities for students with diverse learning needs, we have to learn outside the box.”

“The student has been diagnosed with autism and I’ll look at how the college has been providing and enabling a learning environment for such students with diverse learning needs.”

In fact, Goodyear hopes to make a video to document the student’s story.

“We will be highlighting things like faculty involvement, program planning and external linkages and supports,” he adds.

“In order to provide opportunities for students with diverse learning needs, we have to learn outside the box. Traditional things will not always work so we have resource facilitators in place to help students with disabilities.”

He says resource facilitators also play a big role in the students’ college experience.

“Critical to a student’s success is the resource facilitator who provides any and all necessary support to a disabled student whether it be in an academic nature, or by helping facilitate anything that might need to be done between the student and instructor.”

The Atlantic Educators Conference will be held Oct. 25-27. The conference aims to promote collaborative research and curriculum work between colleges and universities. For more information, log on to their website at www.ccl-cca.ca.

First Leadership Development graduation held

At a small luncheon on June 26, the first 21 graduates of the Leadership Development Certificate program received their certificates.

The process began a little over two years ago when the college received a request from the Iron Ore Company of Canada (IOC) to provide leadership training for its front-line supervisors.

In June 2005, the college acquired seven training modules – First Level Leadership, Interpersonal Communication Skills, Managing Your Priorities, Planning and Leading Effective Meetings, Presentation Success, Effective Facilitation Skills, and Performance Appraisals – from the American Management Association (AMA) as the basis for the program.

Sharon Kent, a business instructor at the campus, customized the modules to suit participants from mining and related industries. The college's partnership with the AMA allows the graduates from the program to receive a joint CNA/AMA certificate.

The program was delivered on a module by module basis with one module offered per month over the course of the academic year. Depending on the module delivered, training ranged from one to three days a month. As each module was completed, the participants accumulated continuing education unit (CEU) credits toward their certificate.

Although only 21 participants actually received certificates, a number of other participants completed some of the modules and will have another opportunity to complete the program when it is next offered in the fall.

The program has been a great success with a wide range of participants from industry, business and government taking part.

Congratulations to Sharon Kent, who also facilitated the first two offerings and saw the first graduates through the program.



Sharon Kent, facilitator for the Leadership Development Certificate program, presents Sheila Masters with her diploma. The first Leadership Development class graduated in June.

Remembering a lost one

On September 16 we lost an amazing friend and colleague.

Pierce Foley taught French in the CAS Transfer: College-University Program at Grand Falls-Windsor Campus. He came to us in 2002 and somehow it seemed like he was always here. Known for his sense of humor, Pierce made us laugh. He was an accomplished musician who loved to play the accordion and was a great dancer.

But what was special about Pierce was his ability to make people feel good about themselves. Regardless of your mood, in the presence of Pierce, one could not help but feel warmth and life. His positive outlook and love for life made you want to be in his company.

During his time with us, Pierce spoke highly of his friends and his family. He enjoyed life to the fullest with his wife Marg, and together they had many friends with whom they loved to spend time. Thankfully, we shared some of those times. When Pierce spoke of his children and grandchildren, he did so with a sparkle in his eye. He was very proud of his children and enjoyed the time he spent with his grandchildren.



Although Pierce loved to tell stories and make you laugh, he was always a helper first. He never denied a request or made life difficult for anyone. He was always there to pitch in.

One of the funniest stories I remember Pierce telling us was about when he was in the hospital last year recovering from surgery. He and a group of women were getting take-out most nights. I told him it probably wasn't a good idea to be eating take out after his surgery and he quickly responded that it wasn't

his fault because the women on the ward needed his help. Every night they would come in, he said, "Mr. Foley we're getting take-out tonight. Do you want to order with us?" One night was Chinese, the next Ches' fish and chips. "I couldn't see them stuck," he said, "I had to chip in for the taxi to deliver it."

Pierce never hesitated to tell us when we were doing well and always reassured us when we weren't. So now we are left to think about how he would respond to our sorrow and grief. If I were to say to him, "It's not fair, you were only 63," Pierce would reply, "It doesn't matter how long the journey was, as long as you enjoyed the ride."

He wouldn't want us to be sad, no; he would definitely be the first to say, "What odds sure, have a good time, you're only going this way once." Yes, Pierce, we will truly miss you, your humor, your spirit and your wisdom.

Submitted by Sheila Trask, Instructional Coordinator, CAS Transfer: College-University and Community Studies at Grand Falls-Windsor Campus

Instructor presents paper in China

Dr. Wayne Eastman, co-coordinator of Applied Arts and Access Programs and an Early Childhood Education instructor at the Corner Brook Campus, was invited to present a paper at the 8th International Conference of the Pacific Early Childhood Education Research Association (PECERA) in Hong Kong this past summer.

Eastman's paper was entitled *Beginnings and Beyond: Critically Thinking the Relationship between Media Violence and the Behavioral Patterns of Young Children*. Eastman has been doing research in this area of child development for several years; his research has been conducted in collaboration with a colleague at Wheelock College in Boston and another at Tribhuvan University, Katmandu, Nepal.

The conference had some 300 presentations, along with poster sessions by scholars from around the world. Some 1,000 delegates attended sessions that focused not only on the latest theories and research findings, but also on innovative practices in early childhood classrooms. PECERA conferences aim at promoting greater interaction among not only education and early childhood education professionals, but also professionals and practitioners in varied fields and disciplines.

This interaction between fields has become increasingly more significant because of the extent of the impact on the young child and the myriad of shaping influences in their world, says Eastman.

"Early childhood education research has become important in understanding more fully the functioning of the brain, the formation of character, the development of intelligence and emotions and the way a child thinks and feels," he says.



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"Hence, the conference afforded me the opportunity to re-think early childhood education in light of the reality that the quality of programming can be improved and upgraded not only in Newfoundland and Labrador, but throughout Canada."

The international gathering enabled delegates to forge a network among early childhood professionals from different countries for collaboration and social capacity building.

Eastman wore several hats while attending the Hong Kong conference, that of presenter, president of the Canadian Association for Young Children, and as the newly appointed International Organizing Committee member of the 2009 World Forum on Early Care and Education.

After the conference, Eastman had the opportunity to visit several other Chinese cities: Macau – now known as the Las Vegas of the Asia-Pacific rim, Shenzhen – an industrial city of 10 million inhabitants, Guangzhou – with a population of 12 million, the third largest city in China and one of the oldest in the world, and Zhuhai – a new city that borders Macau and is known for its resorts.

Eastman says China is a fascinating country in regards to its culture, traditions, and rapid industrial growth.

"During a bus ride between Shenzhen and Guangzhou, nothing but factory after factory could be seen. Such sights give credence to China's influence as a world power."



Left: Speakers' dinner at a restaurant in Hong Kong. Above: The city of Shenzhen in Southern China has a population of 10 million and it is known as the garden city.

Surplus computer donation benefits children

The college recently donated six surplus computers to the Children's Activity Centre at Nature House, operated by the Heritage Foundation for Terra Nova National Park.

These computers had been declared as surplus by College of the North Atlantic and were not required by any campus.

John King, Chair of Distributed Learning, volunteers time as a board member and is past Chair of the Heritage Foundation Board of Directors.

He says the Heritage Foundation's role is to support and enhance the Parks Canada mandate through programs that increase the effectiveness of the park.

Some of the programs include environmental stewardship, climate change and waste management. These programs provide Canadian and International visitors with an opportunity to learn about and support Canada's natural and cultural heritage through interpretive hikes, walks and similar events.

The Children's Activity Centre's regular programs include story and movie time, puppet shows, arts and crafts activities, computer games, nature walks and other environmental games. In addition, there is a Junior Naturalist program and an annual Kid's Day and Kid's Concert special event.

Environmental education and awareness,



CNA recently donated six surplus computers to Nature House, operated by the Heritage Foundation for Terra Nova National Park. The computers, seen here, will be used by the Children's Activity Centre for official programs such as Environmental Stewardship, Climate Change and Waste Management.

good conservation attitudes and responsible recreational use of the outdoors are important themes in all of the centre's programs. Children are able to maintain aquariums, terrariums, insectaries and vermi-composting, allowing participants the opportunity to have a supervised hands-on experience with nature.

Nature House is an important part of Terra Nova National Park, enjoyed and appreciated

by parents and children alike.

"These computers are marvelous assets to the activity centre," says Paula Gobi, executive director of the Heritage Foundation.

"The children love our educational programs, and the computers provide additional access to learning materials."



CNA Shifters ride raise cash

On Sept. 16, members of the Corner Brook chapter of the CNA Shifters rode to Stephenville in the rain and cold to raise money for the Children's Wish Foundation. A total of \$853 was raised for the foundation.

Beware of fax, email scams

We've all received them by email or fax – those pesky notices requesting your assistance with a money transfer.

In one instance the sender requests assistance for a \$20.5 million deal with a foreign company which, as contribution for your help, you will receive a percentage in excess of \$5 million. These scam artists ask for assistance to enable a company to claim money owed to them as they are unable to operate foreign accounts.

Ironically, these scams ask for "an honest person to handle the transaction with sincerity, trust and confidentiality."

Employees are warned to beware of such scams which come by email and fax. If something seems too good to be true, it usually is. Employees are urged to ignore these fraudulent emails and faxes.



St. Anthony Campus raised over \$1,000 for the third annual Relay for Life sponsored by the Canadian Cancer Society. The event was held on June 15 in St. Anthony.

Supporting cancer research College teams participate in Relay for Life

The Relay for Life, sponsored by the Canadian Cancer Society, was held in St. Anthony on June 15. It was the third such event in St. Anthony and the second time the campus team participated.

The 18 teams at the event raised approximately \$40,000, with \$1,303 contributed by St. Anthony Campus. The funds were raised and donated through various means – the campus staff made personal donations; in lieu of exchanging Christmas gifts, staff donated to the Relay; staff contributed individual items to an Easter basket on which they sold tickets; and they also held two card games.

“We started the all-night event on Friday evening at 7 p.m. and concluded at 7 a.m. on

Saturday,” says Cec Roberts of St. Anthony Campus. “We were all tired and sleepy as the morning approached. However we had fun and the pleasure of knowing that we were supporting a very worthwhile cause.”

Although there were 10 members officially on the relay team, Roberts says it was an all-campus initiative and all staff participated in the fundraising effort.

Bay St. George Campus took part in the annual Relay for Life held in Stephenville on Aug. 24.

Members of the team included Paul O’Keefe, Stephanie Frankland, Vivian White, Melanie Foote, Valerie Warren, Monique Rideout, Theresa Hynes, Melissa Dunphy, Charlene Russell, Joy St. Croix, Erica Flynn and Jane Robinson.

CNA Explorers – Searching for a Cure! raised approximately \$2,500 for the worthwhile cause by selling luminaries, spacers, cookbooks and basket tickets and through a bottle recycling drive.

Over \$57,000 was raised through the Bay St. George Relay for Life.



Bay St. George Campus also participated in the Relay for Life. Here the team takes their first lap around the track at Stephenville Middle School.

Do you have a college story to tell? Do you know a student, faculty, or staff member that should be recognized for their achievements? CURRENTS is looking for a few good stories about our public college and the people who make it a success. Send us your photos, announcements, and alumni updates. If you have any ideas, suggestions or criticisms, please drop us a line. Please let us know how we can make CURRENTS a better newsletter for you.

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