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Brian Foley, at podium left, and Stephenville Crossing Mayor Brian Joy address Bennett, seated left, and Campbell, seated centre, as MHA Burke looks on.

Library dedicated to Stephenville Crossing heroes

In a very moving ceremony early this month, Fred Campbell and Ronald Bennett were recognized for heroism with the dedication of College of the North Atlantic's Stephenville Crossing learning resource centre in their names.

The Stephenville Crossing residents rescued the six-man crew of the *Christie and Eleanor* – a ship that went down off the shores of the

town back in 1946. The men put their own lives in peril to venture out into stormy seas in a dory after several unsuccessful attempts were made by themselves and others to reach the wind and sea-whipped wreck.

MHA Joan Burke was in attendance at the ceremony, along with Stephenville Crossing Mayor Brian Joy and CNA campus administrator Brian Foley. Campbell and Bennett were each

presented with a plaque recognizing their heroism and shown the larger, permanent plaque that will be displayed in the Fred Campbell Learning Resource Centre. Minister Burke also surprised the gentlemen with birthday certificates – Campbell turned 90 on May 31 and Bennett celebrated his 85th on June 21.

International student exemplifies excellence

An Award of Excellence from the mathematics faculty at Ridge Road campus was presented to Amandeep Singh Wadhawan, of Northern India, in recognition of outstanding achievement in Mathematics during his studies in Engineering Technology.

Amandeep Singh Wadhawan (Aman) has just completed year two of the Electronics Engineering Technology program (Biomedical) at Ridge Road campus, while maintaining a 4 GPA during the past four semesters, and was awarded the Newfoundland Hydro Scholarship

in the fall. In addition, Aman achieved a grade of 100% in all of the required math courses and continues to be in high demand for his tireless tutorial work. In fact, Brenda Newhook, guidance counsellor at Ridge Road campus, counted 30 different students in 17 different courses who received over 300 hours of tutoring from Aman.

An Award of Excellence was presented by Campus Administrator John Oates, left, to Amandeep Singh Wadhawan, Electronics Engineering Technology student. Harold Baker photo



New transfer with US university

CNA has successfully negotiated a tentative 3+2 credit transfer agreement with Indiana University/Perdue University at Indianapolis (IUPUI) in Indianapolis, following a visit to their campus in February and a thorough review of CNA's Architectural Engineering Technology (AET) program.

This new tentative agreement means that any past graduate of the three-year Architectural Engineering Technology program at CNA is now eligible to be considered for entry into an additional two-year program at IUPUI. Upon completion of this program, graduates will be granted a Bachelor of Science

(Construction Management) and Masters of Science in Technology from Purdue University!

You will most likely recognize the Purdue University name; it is one of the most prestigious universities in the United States, particularly within engineering disciplines. This is truly a ground-breaking agreement in technical post-secondary education in our province.

While a formal agreement is expected to be signed between the two institutions within weeks, applications from individual AET graduates are now being accepted by IUPUI for this coming academic year (2006-2007).

This agreement is currently only being

offered to graduates of CNA's Architectural Engineering Technology program. At this time a GPA of 3.0 or higher will get you clear standing at IUPUI. A GPA between 2.5 and 3.0 will be considered for conditional acceptance. Also, if you maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better, you will be eligible for a 50 percent reduction in out-of-state tuition rates.

For further information on our partnering institution, follow this link to the Purdue School of Engineering and Technology: <http://www.iupui.edu/~iuihome/head.php?url=http://www.engr.iupui.edu>

Medical Radiography instructor/coordinator receives provincial Mentorship Award

The Newfoundland Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (NAMRT) has recently instituted a new provincial Mentorship Award to be presented to a member who is recognized by the membership as having made a significant contribution to the profession. The Health Sciences team is proud to announce that the inaugural recipient of this award is Blair Metcalfe, program coordinator for the Medical Radiography program at CNA's Prince Philip Drive campus.

Originally from overseas (i.e. Bell Island), Blair has been a registered technologist (radiography) since 1972. Employed as an MRT by St. Clare's Hospital for many years, Blair has been the quintessential "all-around guy" from general duty/tomography to

clinical instructor to manager. He completed advanced certification, and holds diplomas in post-secondary education as well as departmental management. He currently serves the national professional body (CAMRT) on its degree advisory committee, and the Canadian Medical Association as a valued and frequently recruited accreditation team member.

Under his tutelage, there are currently over 200 registered diagnostic imaging specialists across the country employed in this rapidly-growing, ever-expanding field of diagnostic and therapeutic wizardry. As the scope of practice expands almost daily for these practitioners, so do the entry-level skills, knowledge and attitudes that must be brought into the high-stress, high-tech work environment by

program graduates. Blair's credibility as a practitioner coupled with his abilities as both instructor and coordinator make him an excellent choice for this recognition. Even more significant is that this professional body is comprised largely of former students who currently view him as a valued and much loved colleague, mentor and friend.

A few quotes from endorsement letters from his former students:

"He's a cross between *Father Knows Best* and Yoda!"

"I tried for two years to stump him on something...it can't be done!"

This doesn't mean there aren't still a few skeletons in his closet...

Congratulations, Blair!

College receives scholarships from VBNC

Voisey's Bay Nickel Company (VBNC) recently extended its commitment to the college's scholarship program by contributing an additional \$60,000 for students enrolled in trades and technology programs.

"We are extremely pleased with VBNC's decision to again provide scholarships to our students," says Bruce Hollett, President of CNA. "Pursuing a post-secondary education can be a major financial challenge to students, and scholarships such as these being provided by VBNC can go a long way toward easing that financial burden."

This latest contribution will be spread out over a three year period, with \$20,000 in scholarships available in each year, and

brings VBNC's scholarship contribution total to \$110,000 over five years.

"This is a significant investment and is indicative of the commitment Voisey's Bay Nickel Company has to this province and its residents," says Joan Burke, Minister of Education.

"It is these kinds of mutually beneficial partnerships between industry and education that will ensure this province has a skilled workforce, enabling companies such as VBNC to prosper and thus leading to continued growth and development of our province's economy."

Phil du Toit, VBNC's Managing Director noted that. "The partnership VBNC has devel-



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oped with the college since the project development began has been a win-win for both our organizations. We have quite a number of CNA graduates working for us and we've been very pleased with the quality of the graduates from the college's technology and trades programs."

"The college has been a great partner to work with. From a business development perspective, continuing this partnership and the scholarship program makes perfect sense."

Appointments

Two new team members have joined the Division of Development/College Advancement:

Connie Gullage – Alumni & Advancement Officer

Connie Gullage has joined us as Alumni and Advancement Officer, working with Laura Edwards as part of our Alumni and Advancement Team. Connie will be working closely with campuses and volunteers to help develop the Alumni Association. She will also focus on fundraising initiatives and scholarship partnerships with college, community and industry stakeholders.

Connie comes to us from Memorial University where she worked with the Faculty of Medicine. She has a Bachelor of Commerce degree and brings a great level of knowledge and experience in the field of strategic funding partnerships, volunteer management and communications.



Connie Gullage - Alumni & Advancement Officer

Chris Turpin – Business Development Coordinator

Chris Turpin has been appointed as Business Development Coordinator with Continuing Education & Contract Training. Chris joined the college team in 1991 and

has been involved in program development, instructional coordination, and administration since that time.

Chris has held such positions as Instructional Coordinator (Business) Carbonear and Burin, Campus Administrator at both Carbonear and Bonavista campuses, and Director of Corporate Training at Qatar campus. Chris has also been involved in social economic development through the provisional board process as well as serving as Director of the Education Committee with Zone 17 (Trinity/Conception) and Chairperson of the Trinity Conception Community Employment Corporation.

Chris holds a Bachelor of Commerce and a Bachelor of Education degree from Memorial University. In addition he holds certificates in Micro Computer Applications, Vocational Education and Teaching English as a Foreign Language.

Congratulations!

Seal Cove finishes renos to campus library

During the past academic year, the library at Seal Cove was extensively renovated. Work began in August 2005, and was completed in January 2006. This same renovation saw construction of a new counselling office and disability services centre at the campus.

Changes in the library include adding a silent study/reading room and creating a media room for viewing audiovisual resources or listening to sound recordings. The reference area was opened up to make room for extra group study tables and to take advantage of abundant natural light. The circulation and reference desks were separated. This is especially important for busy times of the day when both LRC staff members are working. The serials and paperback novels were reconfigured to create a cozy reading corner with a more attractive display of titles. The Newfoundland and Labrador collection was treated to new shelving units. A

separate career resources section was created near the reference desk. In the computer area, cable terminals were installed for two additional workstations.

While shelves of reference resources remained up front, shelves containing the main collection of books, audiovisuals, and back issues of magazines were moved to the rear of the library. The result is a more airy, bright, and welcoming learning space, enhanced with fresh paint and new carpeting in a classic green, brown, and ivory colour scheme. The response from students, staff and faculty to these changes has been overwhelmingly positive.

Despite dust and noise (some days worse than others!) the library remained open for most of the construction, closing for only two weeks at the end of fall term. Library staff want to thank the faculty and students of Seal

Cove for their patience and understanding. We also want to thank the tradespeople and other workers whose skill brought our vision to reality. Susan Prior, librarian at Prince Philip Drive campus, provided assistance whenever asked. Last, but not least, no project of this scale could be completed without the support, financial and otherwise, of college management. Special thanks to Robin Walters, campus administrator at Seal Cove, and Donna Feltham, manager of student services for St. John's campuses. Building managers Ed Hanames (Prince Philip Drive) and Ron Coombs (Seal Cove) also deserve special mention for their support and contributions. As campus librarian, and on behalf of all staff and students, I want to personally thank all of you for helping make Seal Cove campus library into a functional, useful, and beautiful place to work and learn.

Placentia launches alumni association chapter

Placentia Campus recently hosted a successful launch of its Alumni Chapter on May 4, 2006. The group of approximately 50 alumni from College of the North Atlantic (and its predecessor institutions) heard from Board of Governors Member Roy Bennett, Campus Administrator Darrell Clarke, and two alumni guest speakers: Gerald O'Reilly (alumnus and



retired campus administrator) and Jane Hynes (Business Administration 2005) who both conveyed the importance and value of an organization like the alumni association for graduates and for the college. Thank you to everyone involved!

CNA employee appointed to national steering committee

Gary Tulk, campus administrator at Ridge Road campus, has recently been appointed to the Canadian Council of Technicians and Technologists (CCTT) steering committee to evaluate foreign credentials for technicians and technologists. It is his professional association with the Association of Engineering Technicians and Technologists of Newfoundland and Labrador (AETTNL) that facilitated the connection. The objective of this steering

committee is to set up the terms of reference and to oversee the development of a national database for professional certification purposes. This will ultimately assist the college in accessing foreign credentials/applicants for its technology/technician programs.

Tulk says from a college perspective, assessing foreign credentials for advanced placement into technology/technician programs is an ongoing challenge.

"The work of the International Qualifications Data Base (IQDB) committee will assist the college and provincial technology associations in assessing foreign credentialed applicants," says Tulk.

"It will also assist us in the recruitment of international students and facilitate the transition of immigrants into the workforce."

Instructor continues work with music association

Wade Pinhorn, coordinating instructor for the Music Industry and Performance program at Bay St. George campus, has been elected for a second term as Vice Chair of the East Coast Music Association.

Pinhorn has been involved with the

association for four years, first appointed as Education Chair then elected as Association Vice Chair. Pinhorn's position with the association is for a two-year term.

He says he is both excited and honored to be elected once again by the ECMA member-

ship as a board member.

"To be re-elected as Association Vice Chair enables me to continue with on-going initiatives and to assist in the implementation of the association's strategic plan," he says.

Libyan visitor leaves campus a better place

Burin campus had a visitor from Libya this past spring. Mohammad El-Mozeugi enrolled at the campus to study Control System Maintenance with instructors and students in Burin campus' Industrial Instrumentation Mechanic and Electrical Engineering Technology (Industrial Controls) programs.

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"The advanced technology here is important to our industry. It has allowed me to become



Mohammad El-Mozeugi received a certificate in Industrial Control System Maintenance from Dr. Michael Graham, campus administrator of Burin campus, upon completion of his studies.

current with up-to-date equipment. I want to thank everyone very much for everything I received here."

Mozeugi has returned to Libya where he resumes work with Brega Oil. Campus Administrator Dr. Michael Graham notes that the faculty and staff of the campus are very proud that they were selected by Mr. Mozeugi's company to deliver his training.

"Mr. Mozeugi has been an excellent and dedicated student. We wish him the very best and look forward to a return visit from him and any of his co-workers," said Graham.

"He did not only come here to learn; his study here has taught us how small the world can be, and how even small towns in Newfoundland and Labrador can compete on a global scale."



Team NL shines at national skills competition

Congratulations to Team Newfoundland and Labrador 2006, who won six medals at the 12th Canadian Skills Competition (CSC). The annual competition was held in Halifax, Nova Scotia from May 23 to 26, 2006 at the Halifax Metro and World Trade Centre. Of the six medals won by Team NL, three were taken home by College of the North Atlantic (CNA) students:

GOLD MEDAL:

Graphic Design: Geri Coady, Prince Philip Drive

SILVER MEDAL:

Architectural Design: Brad Coish, Ridge Road

BRONZE MEDAL:

Refrigeration: Edward Decker, Ridge Road

Other members of Team NL included Gold medalist Sarah Peach of Woodford's Training Centre, Kelligrews for Aesthetics, and Bronze medal winners Heidi Morris, Queen Elizabeth High School, CBS for Job Interview, and Hayward Butler, Ascension Collegiate, Bay Roberts for Job Skill Demonstration.

Over 500 students from secondary and post-secondary institutions from throughout the country competed in 42 competitions, having earned a spot on their team through the provincial skilled trade and technology competitions. For Newfoundland and Labrador, this was the 9th Annual Provincial Skills Competition which took place in March and was hosted mainly by CNA in St. John's.

Qualifying National Skills Canada winners earn the right to compete in the 39th World Skills Competition – taking place in Numazu City, Shizuoka Prefecture, Japan from November 14-21, 2007. Congratulations to all competitors and winners!

CNA signs cooperative agreement

College of the North Atlantic (CNA) and the Human Resources Professionals of Newfoundland and Labrador (HRPNL) have signed a cooperative agreement to offer a certificate program entitled Skills Development in Human Resources Management.

The program is designed to provide HRPNL members with academic qualifications and skills they will use throughout their careers. It will also provide assistance to those members interested in obtaining a Certified Human Resources Professional (CHRP) designation. The curriculum consists of 10 human resources management courses to be delivered at CNA campuses throughout the province as well as through distance learning.

"This partnership with College of the North Atlantic will give human resources professionals throughout Newfoundland and Labrador the opportunity to obtain their CHRP designation – a nationally recognized level of achievement within the field," says Joe Bouzanne, President of HRPNL.

"It reflects the conviction that the professional practice of Human Resources Management can safeguard the interest of employers, employees, and the general public. Employers who hire people with a CHRP designation can be assured they are acquiring highly qualified individuals who have passed a rigorous accreditation process."

The HRPNL is a professional association for Human Resources practitioners with members throughout Newfoundland and Labrador. It has chapters in St. John's and Grand Falls-Windsor and is dedicated to promoting and advocating the personal and professional development of its members while providing a forum for exchanging Human Resources experiences and ideas. The association has grown to 138 members since inception in February 2004, with 15 members holding the coveted national CHRP designation.

Congratulations

CNA instructor elected to NLCA Board of Directors

Harry Bown, Civil Engineering Technology instructor at Ridge Road campus, was recently elected by a majority to the board of NLCA, as the association's Education and Training Committee Chair.

O'Brien wins award

Congratulations to Irene O'Brien who has been awarded the *Dr. Marshall Mallett Lamp of Knowledge Award* by the Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists Board of Directors. This award highlights Irene's significant contribution to the profession in the field of education.

Oates elected

John Oates, Campus Administrator for Ridge Road campus, has been elected to the Public Service Credit Union Board of Directors for a two-year term. He was subsequently elected to two committees of the board – the Human Resources Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee.

Congratulations, John!

Newfoundland and Labrador work it!

WOW! Congratulations to Clarenville's ACE (Advancing Canadian Entrepreneurship) chapter who once again did us proud at the recent national exposition of Advancing Canadian Entrepreneurship (ACE). This year, ACE Clarenville took home the 2006 Award of Innovation. This award is presented to the team which demonstrated innovative ideas and approaches in their entrepreneurial projects. Additionally, we extend congratulations to Tracy Holloway, who received the John Dobson Award in recognition for her contribution to her ACE team as a mentor and coach. ACE Clarenville's past president Kenn Pond was nominated for ACE's Alumni of the Year as well.

Six members of the ACE team: Sarah Chalk, Lacey Kendell, Cheryl Noel, April Snow, Chan Wiseman, and Fallon Yetman, joined faculty advisors Tracy Holloway and Paul Tilley to attend this year's exposition in Toronto. The exposition included the national SIFE (Students In Free Enterprise) competition, where 51 ACE teams from universities and colleges across Canada prepared and delivered in-depth presentations on their educational outreach projects to panels of judges from some of Canada's preeminent companies. Other events included award ceremonies, special scholarships and bursaries. Students also had the opportunity to meet with recruiters at a



From back left, Tracy Holloway, Faculty Advisor; Cheryl Noel, Office Administration second-year; Chan Wiseman, Business Administration second-year; Lacey Kendell, Business Administration second-year; and Paul Tilley, faculty advisor. From front left, April Snow, Business Administration second-year; Sarah Chalk, Business Administration first-year; and Fallon Yetman, Business Administration first-year.

Career Opportunity Fair.

Overall, Newfoundland and Labrador was well represented at the Exposition with almost 50 students and faculty advisors attending. In addition to the ACE Clarenville team, ACE Cabot (also a recipient of the Award of Innovation), ACE Grand Falls-Windsor, ACE Corner Brook, ACE Stephenville and ACE Memorial attended the event. ACE Cabot,

ACE Clarenville, ACE Corner Brook, and ACE Memorial participated in the competition.

A special thanks to ACOA for their continued support! And a special thanks to James Dyke of ACE Canada for ongoing support and guidance to the team!

For more details and photos see: <http://cville.cna.nl.ca/ptilley/My%20Webs/acetoronto06/acetoronto06.htm>

CNA profiled

Our college has been profiled in the June 19, 2006 issue of *The Oil and Gas Magazine Online* and in their June/July hardcopy issue. The article speaks to our Centres of Excellence, in particular Seal Cove campus.

To view this article, please click this link or copy into your address line at the top of your browser page: <http://www.oilworks.com/Features/training0606.asp>

You will also find a story on Burin campus' new wave powered pump (the S.A.R.A.H. pump) in the premier issue of the *Journal of Ocean Technology* due out in July. This magazine is published by the Canadian Centre for Marine Communications (CCMC), and marries scientific papers, interest essays and community profiles "...on regions of oceans excellence from around the globe."

The quarterly publication will feature peer-review papers and non peer-review essays and articles. For more information on reviewed scientific research contact them at: papers@journalofoceantechnology.com

Scholarship Awarded

Kenneth H. Slaney, lifetime member of the Association of Engineering Technicians and Technologists of Newfoundland and Labrador (AETTNL) recently presented a scholarship award on behalf of the association in the amount of \$200 to Mark Bragg, a First Year Engineering Technology student who is pursuing an Electronics Engineering Technology Program with an Instrumentation focus. Mark did very well academically during his first year of studies with College of the North Atlantic's

Gander campus and proved to all of his instructors that he valued the education he was receiving through his challenging common first year. For the next two years, Mark is quite prepared for further course work in his chosen career at the Ridge Road campus in St. John's. Good luck Mark with the rest of your program and with all of your future endeavors.



Labrador West campus moves to a different drum

When campus administrator Azmy Aboulazam learned of a bellydancing instructor in town, he decided it would be a refreshing addition to Lab West's Continuing Education offerings.

The bellydancing class was offered in January 2006 to 47 fee payers and six staff. Four classes were offered per week and the course was 15 weeks in duration and participants' ages ranged from 20 to 65.

Instructor Ellen Johnson designed the program to teach the basics of bellydancing and to introduce students to the most common dance moves and drum rhythms as well as basic costuming. Bellydancing is most often done barefoot but participants could wear dance slippers if they preferred.

Staff participant Donna Freake says she now has a new perspective on the art.

"It is great exercise and a lot of fun!"

For more information, contact Donna at: 944-6581 or madonna.stacey@cna.nl.ca.



Alumni recognized

Lenore Cahill, a graduate of the Legal Office Administration program, Class of 1999, is leading the way in the field of legal administration and has been duly recognized by her peers.

The International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) is the world's largest association for administrative support staff, with nearly 700 chapters and 40,000 members and affiliates worldwide. The Beothuk Chapter (located in St. John's) is working hard to promote the administrative profession in the province – and across Canada – and has won several awards in the last few years for their efforts. For the past seven years, the Beothuk Chapter has been offering the Administrative Professional of the Year award to an administrative professional in the province.

This year Cahill, a member of CNA's Alumni Association, is the recipient. She is a legal secretary with Bob Buckingham Law and Treasurer of the Beothuk Chapter of IAAP.

Cahill was nominated and awarded this prestigious accomplishment for numerous reasons. She goes above and beyond the call of duty to promote her employer. She does so through public relations/marketing and continuously builds on the various areas in

which her company can succeed. Cahill volunteers her time on behalf of her employer for speaking engagements, in organizing various functions for clients and other events. She maintains a very public profile in organizations – promoting her employer through networking. As a relatively junior employee in the legal industry, she stands out due to her dependability, client service, organizational skills, outgoing personality, and willingness to go the extra mile for her employer. She was nomi-

nated by Bob Buckingham (principal of Bob Buckingham Law) for the prominent award.

Cahill is also President-Elect (2006-2007) for the Beothuk Chapter, which means she will be president of the association for 2007-2008. She recently wrote her Certified Professional Secretary certification exam this past spring and will find out the results later in the summer. Lenore is a true ambassador of the legal administration profession and is certainly a leader in her field.

Congratulations Lenore!



...she stands out due to her dependability, client service, organizational skills, outgoing personality, and willingness to go the extra mile for her employer.

CNA alumna Lenore Cahill accepts the Administrative Professional of the Year award from employer Bob Buckingham.

Graduation



The Alumni & Advancement Office is continuing to offer for purchase beautiful diploma and certificate frames, embossed with the CNA logo. These frames are now available for pick up at the Prince Philip Drive campus bookstore, or through web or mail order province wide. Some frames are now

available in landscape and portrait orientation. CNA's embossed mattings are now available for purchase separately.

Please encourage graduates to order frames and/or mattings by contacting us via email: alumni@cna.nl.ca.

Remembering a Colleague

Robert James Rideout died tragically at the Health Science Centre in St. John's after a sudden illness on Monday, June 5, 2006, at the age of 46.

Bob began his career at N.L.C.S., then pursued opportunities with Newfoundland Power. He started his educational administration career at Terra Nova Integrated School Board and joined College of the North Atlantic (CNA) upon its amalgamation. At the time of his death he was Vice-President of Finance and Administration at CNA Qatar.



Robert James Rideout 1960 - 2006

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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