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NEWS AND VIEWS FROM COLLEGE OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC



Jolly old St. Nick showed up to tow Corner Brook Campus's prize-winning float for the Annual Santa Claus Parade.

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Best College Float of Corner Brook Parade

Thanks to the efforts of a great many students and staff, Corner Brook campus of College of the North Atlantic won the prize for Best College Float in this year's Annual Santa Claus Parade in Corner Brook.

The parade theme was Decorate a Tree for 2003. In keeping with this theme, students and staff decorated, and in one case even created, trees that represented their programs. Welding students welded various bits of scrap metal into a truly unique and artistic tree. Adventure Tourism students decorated a tree with bottles, compasses, and toques. Fisher Daycare children and staff made a banner, decorated their own "wagon tree" with egg carton bells and other crafty decorations, and wrapped presents for under the trees. Staff from the library decorated a tree with old catalogue cards and CDs, and paper books representing titles for the many different programs in the school. IT program students and staff contributed a "networking tree," made from floppy disks, cables, and other computer parts. Students in the Construction/Industrial Electrical program made candy canes, wreaths, and garland from red, green, and white electrical wire for the college tree, and Early Childhood Education

students added paper representations of the children with whom they work. Office Administration printed and laminated various computer graphics and mini office documents. Fish and Wildlife students contributed shells and other fishy findings. The Electronics Engineering Technology group hung a variety of circuits, panels, and other pieces of electronic equipment. Orientation to Trades and Technology (OTT) students contributed a selection of tools and program postcards.

As well as contributing decorations and trees, a number of other staff and students spent significant amounts of time on the float. These include Susanne Dawe, who helped coordinate the whole thing, Barb McDonald who laminated the paper decorations, Marian Burnett who stayed late Friday night to help assemble the float, the Adventure Tourism students and staff plus several members of Student Representative Council (SRC) who played a key role in putting the whole

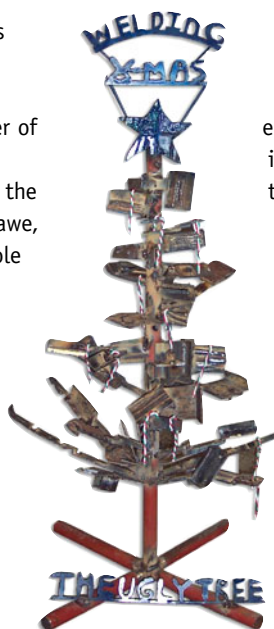
thing together and making sure nothing could fall or blow over (no matter what the weather might bring) and Howard St. Croix, who pushed the tie aside and scrubbed the college van until it sparkled. Special thanks as well to John Warren, for helping with assembly and for getting up early Saturday morning to dress in a Santa suit and drive the van in the parade. Thanks as well to Jim O'Neil and the

Construction/Industrial Electrical students, plus students from Student Council, and OTT, ECE, and Adventure Tourism programs, for enduring the rainy weather to march in the parade and hand out candy to the many children who lined the streets.

Also in the parade was the 40th Anniversary banner, unveiled last Wednesday at the staff and retiree celebration, and Mike Heath, SRC President, dressed as Fisher The Dolphin.

Trees and other float decorations will be on display all week in the cafeteria.

Thanks to all, and Merry Christmas!



College gearing up for ERP implementation

The college is still moving ahead with plans to implement its Enterprise Resource Planning system (Project ICE). However, project leader Wayne Hann says implementation will not get underway in January as was previously hoped.

"We have the software package and implementation firm selected and the contracts are ready for signature. Our documentation is now before government and we are simply awaiting approval to proceed," he says.

The ERP software will replace the old legacy systems currently in use by the college

for human resources, finance, and student services. The new system will be fully integrated and will, among other things, allow

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the college to track and access data more easily and efficiently.

"This is a \$9 million project and now that we have a new government in place, they have to be given time to review the business

case we have provided to them. They have to be comfortable with granting us permission to borrow the money needed to move forward," says Hann.

The college has just recently closed its job competition for secondments for Project ICE. The number of positions (in CNA-NL there are 14 full-time and nine part-time positions, and at CNA-Qatar, two full-time and nine part-time positions, all for varying terms) dedicated to the project is testament to its high level of priority for the college.

Programs receive accreditation

Engineering Technology

Civil Engineering Technology and Petroleum Engineering Technology programs at Ridge Road campus received accreditation from The Canadian Technology Accreditation Board (CTAB) in March 2003. The CTAB review teams assessed CNA's School of Engineering Technology's Civil Engineering Technology and Petroleum Engineering Technology programs. CTAB has informed the School that we have again been successful in achieving National Accreditation in both programs. Congratulations to all who participated in this achievement. CTAB acknowledges the college

by noting of CNA, "...continuing proof of...commitment to academic excellence and to the technology professions."

Industrial Trades

All trades programs are now accredited, including: Welding, Machinist, Industrial Mechanic (Millwright), and Heavy Equipment Service Technician programs.

Information Technology

Business and Networking areas of the Programmer Analyst program at Grand Falls-Windsor campus were accredited October 16,

2003, for the period running June 2003-June 2006.

Natural Resources

The Forest Resources Technician program recently underwent a CTAB biennial review and accreditation has been extended for an additional two years.

Health Sciences

The Respiratory Therapy program has been recently accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Respiratory Therapy Education.

Cultural Awareness Day 2003

On November 21, the Happy Valley-Goose Bay campus hosted its annual Cultural Awareness Day. This event began four years ago to give students an opportunity to celebrate the cultural diversity at the campus. The day was filled with displays of crafts, traditional food, music, prizes, and a class door collage that reflected cultures present in the student body. Congratulations to the 1st place winners – Office Administration I! A number of classes set up displays including the Orientation to Trades and Technology class and Welding students from Nunavut. The Nunavut students were also gracious enough

to demonstrate their skills in traditional Inuit games. In addition, a group of musicians from Sheshatshiu dropped by to entertain for the afternoon.

Appreciating cultural diversity is something that most students will require for future work environments. Therefore, we encourage our students to participate and respect the unique differences around us.

Thanks to the organizing committee, participants, and local businesses who donated prizes for this spirited event!

Nunavut Welding Program

The Happy Valley-Goose Bay campus is pleased to have secured a partnership with the Department of Education, Nunavut Government, to deliver a Welding program to 16 students, beginning October 27, 2003. Now in their 7th week of the program, students have settled in and are enjoying their program at the campus. Tom Walsh of Point Verte is the instructor for the program.

Live Help at the DLS

The Distributed Learning Service is constantly striving to enhance the level of service offered to instructors and students. In recent weeks, a live help feature has been added to the website. This enables instructors and students to interact with help desk staff via an online chat mechanism.

Live Help is available during regular distance learning hours by clicking on the Live Help icon found at the top of the DLS home page at: <http://dls.cna.nl.ca>. Students and instructors are encouraged to use the live help feature whenever help desk assistance is required.

This feature provides considerable benefits for all students, particularly those that access the Internet using dial-up modems. Dial-up users can now access help desk assistance without having to disconnect from their ISP to contact the DLS help desk by phone. Other features of the PHP Live Help include real-time chat capability, multiple chat request, and leave-a-message capacity.

Visit the DLS website: <http://dls.can.nl.ca>, and have a live chat with one of the Help Desk team members Sheina, Jody, or Jordan.



DLS employee receives WebCT trainer certification

Theresa Pittman, Instructional Design Specialist with College of the North Atlantic's (CNA) Distributed Learning Services, has recently joined two other college employees, Maisie Caines and Kevin Deveau, in receiving WebCT Trainer Certification. When they were certified in 2001, Caines and Deveau were the first WebCT Certified Trainers in Canada.

The WebCT Trainer certification process consists of a two-week online course, a two-day face-to-face workshop, and a live evaluation training session. Leslie Kennedy, WebCT evaluator, says Pittman exhibited excellent teaching/training skills during the session.

"Theresa incorporated many training concepts into her presentation and made it an enjoyable experience."

The certification program establishes trainer performance standards around teaching the pedagogical foundation of WebCT. The program is based on a professional training framework that promotes best practices and core competencies, ensuring that the WebCT

user community gets access to the highest quality WebCT training programs.

College of the North Atlantic has been selected as a WebCT Institute for 2002-2003, and currently is the only WebCT Institute in eastern Canada. The WebCT Institute program is a networked Centre of Excellence related to best practice in campus-wide implementation of WebCT. All Institutes share a commitment to supporting exceptional web-based and/or web-enhanced instruction, and have a proven track record in hosting WebCT courses, providing faculty development and support, and focusing upon research to advance web-enhanced instruction.

There are currently more than 200 courses available through Distributed Learning Services, with another 30 in development. To find out more about programs offered through CNA's Distributed Learning Centre, visit the website at: <http://dls.cna.nl.ca>, visit any College of the North Atlantic campus, or call 1-877-465-2250. For more information about WebCT's products and services, visit their website at: www.WebCT.com.



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CNA-Qatar heads to the golf course

By Jennifer Sheppard, Manager of Marketing and Public Relations, CNA-Qatar

On Friday, December 5, 44 CNA-Q employees headed to the Doha Golf Course for the 3rd Annual Fun Golf Day. The event was meticulously organized by Gerald Burton and Monique Rideout of CNA-Q, and was fully sponsored by a number of CNA-Q suppliers.

After the “not-so-hard” day on the course,

everyone returned to the Club House for a wonderful buffet meal and distribution of prizes. The big winners of the prize draws were Renee Shute, with a ticket to Vienna from Qatar Airways, Alan Corcoran, with a weekend package to Dubai from Qatar Tours, Wilf Riego, with an entertainment system from Alman & Partners, Jeff Ryan, with a printer from Computer Arabia, Rob Tyrell, with a CD-Writer from Qatar Datamation Systems, and Bill Gosse, with a digital camera from

Doha Insurance. Oh yes, I guess we also have to mention there were also some prizes for the skilled golfers among us. Sharion Burton won a prize for closest to the rope and Mark Sheppard won a prize for longest putt.

The day generated loads of swings, impressive demonstrations of talent and, of course, barrels of fun. Everyone walked away with excellent prizes as well as memories. There are definitely benefits to living in the desert in December month!

CNA-Qatar couldn't be prouder



College of the North Atlantic-Qatar is very proud to announce another outstanding achievement. Jane Gamberg, the Director of Health Sciences, completed her PhD from Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada on November 5, 2003.

Dr. Gamberg conducted her PhD research at Memorial University of Newfoundland, in the Faculty of Medicine Basic Sciences Division. Her thesis, entitled *CD8+ Cytotoxic T Lymphocytes in Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection*, involved a detailed examination of the CD8+ blood cells from HIV-infected individuals. These specialized cells are a major component of the human immune system and their primary function is

to protect the body from viral infections and cancer.

Dr. Gamberg's research yielded intriguing results and her findings are published in leading scientific journals. She received several awards during her graduate studies, including a PhD fellowship from the Canadian Foundation for AIDS Research, and presented her research at national and international conferences.

She has published several papers and brings a wealth of research experience and knowledge to CNA-Qatar's Health Sciences department. Congratulations Dr. Jane, we couldn't be prouder of you!

Information session garners lots of interest

The college held an information session at the Prince Philip Drive campus on Monday, December 1, to inform the public about international projects in Qatar, China, and other parts of the world.

The session was originally slated to take place in the lecture theatre in the annex of the campus, but due to an overwhelming response, was changed to the gymnasium.

Well over 100 people attended the evening session, with many staying around afterwards to discuss employment and business opportunities overseas. A lot of interest was

expressed for job opportunities in Qatar, which is very timely, considering the campus is about to embark on a recruitment

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campaign in preparation for the next academic year.

Larry Reid, director of the Qatar project, says the annual plan for the 2003-2004 academic year has gone to the Canadian

Bureau for International Education for review and will be presented to the Joint Oversight Board in January.

“The project is going very well,” says Reid.

“We are bringing in new programs and that is resulting in a growing number of employment opportunities.”

The success of the recently held information session has organizers thinking about taking the show on the road and doing similar initiatives in western and central Newfoundland sometime after Christmas.

District 5 hosts Professional Development day

The Fifth Annual Professional Development Day for 190 Office Administration students and instructors at District 5 was held on September 24, at the Holiday Inn, St. John's.

The keynote speaker was Geoff Eaton of RealTime Cancer. Geoff is a very powerful speaker and really got his message across to the students. Many questions were asked, and the students were most interested and impressed with what Geoff had to say.

Cathy Martin, owner of Sharington's, presented Dress for Success, complete with four first-year student models presenting three outfits each. Cathy did a wonderful job, and the clothes were most appropriate and stylish.

The panel this year included employers Elaina Janes, Human Resources Specialist with Newfoundland Power; Brenda Collins, Librarian/Records Administrator with Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro; Kelly Reynolds (Legal Graduate 1998), Public Affairs Coordinator Atlantic Canada, Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers; and Tobi Butt (Executive Graduate 2002), Operations Clerk, Program Services Department, Transport Canada. Students were informed of employer expectations as well as graduate experience in the workforce.

The Holiday Inn provided a delicious three-course meal, after which Nancy Riche, well-known former labour leader, was the guest

speaker. Nancy very nicely tied together the morning's information by informing the students what their expectations should be of future employers.

Perfect attendance awards for the year 2002-2003 were presented to five students: Nicole Coady, Joy Gill, Chrystal King, Heather Rose, and Dawn Tucker. Quite a feat indeed to attend every single class for a full year!

In addition to the wealth of information students garnered from the day's events, it also was an excellent example of teamwork on the part of organizers.

Everyone agreed that this year's was the best ever. It will be quite a chore for the 2004 event to top this one!

Instructor to chair ECMA's education committee

College of the North Atlantic's Wade Pinhorn was recently appointed to the East Coast Music Association (ECMA) Board of Directors. The Music Industry and Performance coordinating instructor, and ECMA award-winner, received a request to attend the association's AGM in October by then Board Chair Sherri Jones (Jones is now chair of the Nominations Committee).

At the conference, Pinhorn was unanimously appointed to the Board of Directors for a one-year term. Board members are usually elected by EMCA membership. However, as Pinhorn discovered, the ECMA board has the power to appoint directors.

"It was especially nice to be asked by such a prestigious association to join their Board of Directors," says Pinhorn.

"Having that vote of confidence makes me want to work very hard for the association."

Pinhorn was also asked to chair the ECMA's Education Committee. This new committee will examine music education in Atlantic Canada and is a component of the ECMA's new strategic plan, says ECMA Chair Shelley Nordstrom.

"After an extensive strategic planning process, education has emerged as a high priority for the ECMA over the next 3-5 years.

We are delighted that Wade Pinhorn has joined the ECMA Board of Directors to head up these efforts with the membership," says Nordstrom.

"Wade brings valuable resources and expertise to the educational component of the strategic plan, through his extensive teaching background and musicianship in the industry."

Pinhorn says he is thrilled to be a part of the ECMA this year, especially with regard to the education aspect.

"I've been teaching in the music industry for 25 years and am extremely excited about chairing the education component of the ECMA's new plan," he says.

"I look forward to bringing my skills to the table, as well as learning from this experience."

He'll have his work cut out for him this year, as the next ECMA awards show – rotated annually to locales throughout Atlantic Canada – will take place in St. John's in February 2004.

"I am 100 percent ready to accept all responsibilities that come with being a member of the ECMA board and look forward to helping host the 2004 ECMA event in Newfoundland and Labrador."



Wade Pinhorn, Music Industry and Performance coordinating instructor at Bay St. George campus, has been appointed to the ECMA Board of Directors. He also chairs the association's new education committee.

Congratulations!

CNA employees published

Congratulations to Barry Green and Bob Hearn on having their literary work included in the publication *Success Strategies for Adjunct Faculty* by Dr. Richard E. Lyons (Faculty Development Associates).

Green is a Business and Tourism Studies instructor at Prince Philip Drive campus, and Hearn is ADA at Grand Falls-Windsor campus. They found out about the possibility of being included in the book from Sheldon Brown, Professional Development Coordinator at the college.

"Sheldon told us that Richard Lyons wanted submissions to use in his book," says Green.

"I really didn't expect to be chosen, but it's especially nice because my story is about an old professor of mine who has since passed away. I'm glad I could acknowledge him."

Green's piece is called The Final Word and appears at the end of Chapter Two; Hearn's piece, Strategic Course Planning, appears at the end of Chapter Four.

Hearn says his submission comes from actual practice in the classroom.

"My submissions are actually practiced and very much enjoyed by the students."

Published

Dale Temple, an Electronics Engineering

Technology instructor at Ridge Road campus, is co-author of the Canadian edition of an electronics textbook published by Prentice-Hall. The book, entitled *Electronic Devices and Circuit Theory, Canadian Edition*, is used in our Electronics Engineering Technology programs. Temple is also currently working on the Canadian edition of another textbook for Prentice-Hall, entitled *Digital Systems: Principles and Applications*, to be published in 2004 (the American edition is presently used in our Electronics Engineering Technology programs). Well done!

Cancer research published

Sanat Mandal, chemistry instructor at Clarendville campus, and adjunct professor in Basic Medical Sciences at Memorial University, is one of an international team of scientists who have had one of their research papers on breast cancer drugs published in *Bioorganic and Medicinal Chemistry*, volume 13, Issue 22.

Mandal has been actively involved with several research groups, and to date, has had more than 45 research papers published.

ACE

Congratulations to Gerard Morris of Prince Philip Drive campus, and Advancing Canadian Entrepreneurship (ACE) team members of College of the North Atlantic-Cabot! The team

placed second in their opening round division of the Students in Free Enterprise program league.



Neil Bishop with a student of the Recording Arts program.

Music Educator of the Year

Congratulations are also extended to Neil Bishop, Recording Arts instructor at Bay St. George campus, for winning the 2003 Music Industry Association of Newfoundland and Labrador's Music Educator of the Year award this past November.

Grand Falls-Windsor holds lunch hour concert

November 26 wasn't just another Wednesday with a free one-hour period at Grand Falls-Windsor campus. Music could be heard throughout the halls as staff, faculty, and students cheered the performances of several faculty members. Foot-stomping accordion music by Pierce Foley was accompanied by Alfred Dyck's guitar stylings. Things really warmed up as A Fridge Full of Blues: Alfred Dyck (harmonica and whistle) and Gerry Tobin (guitar and vocals) belled out tunes from the Rolling Stones. The crowd went wild when the campus' newest employee Rodney Cooke took the stage and charmed the

audience with Blue Rodeo's *Bad Timing*. Students played the part of the appreciative audience with cheers, applauding, and screams for more as Alfred, Gerry, and Rodney continued with Johnnie Cash's *I Hear the Train a Coming*. According to Sheila Trask who organized the event, in addition to having a good time, donations were collected for the local food bank.

"We all benefit from activities such as this one."

Sound and equipment for the event were graciously provided by Tom Pinsent.



Tobin, Dyck, and Cooke wow the audience with some Johnny Cash music.



(L-R) Bill Peddle, Bill Norcott, Clarice (Bradley) Decker, Dave Budgell, Debbie Stanley, Fred Green, Harold Noel, Brenda Quinton, Lilly Dalton, Audrey Penney, Norm Higdon, Grace Noel, Ross Martin Clayton Saint, Abel Briffett, Myrtle Parsons, Joliffe Quinton, and Harry O'Gay. (Missing from Photo: Phillip Veitch, Sheila Trickett, Alex Holloway, Steve Quinton, and Lynn Woodfine)

Clareville hosts 40th Anniversary Dinner

Forty years is a long time unless you were here forty years ago – it seems like yesterday!

That summed up the mood of the retirees and former staff who attended the 40th Anniversary dinner at Clareville campus. The December 2nd combination Christmas dinner and 40th Anniversary dinner was an overwhelming success.

Campus ADA Brenda Reid captured the spirit of the day when she described the indebtedness of the campus to its founders.

"Our former employees helped make Clareville campus what it is today – every one of you played an important role in building the campus and it is great that you could join us again in this celebration," she said.

Over 100 current students and staff at

Clareville campus watched and listened intently as Bill Norcott, one of the original instructors, gave an emotional address that described just how far the campus has come in 40 years, and how change was and is a constant theme at the campus and in the workforce.

"We started with almost nothing," he said.

"We had few supplies, few textbooks, no course outlines, and last but not least – very few students, but we did it. Our goal was to make Clareville campus the envy of all the province."

Norcott also referenced fellow original instructors and staff in the audience including Bill Peddle, Sheila Trickett, and Alex Holloway.

"None of us were afraid of challenges, in fact we welcomed them. Because of this, Clareville campus was a leader and remains a

leader in the province's post-secondary system," Norcotte said.

In his address, Clareville Mayor Fred Best noted the parallels between the town and the campus. The best-cited examples of the College's involvement were the building of the Bare Mountain Star and the Chamber of Commerce, as well as employee's involvement in and around the community.

"The college is more than an institution in this town; students and staff have had, and continue to have, a real impact on growth and development of Clareville," he said.

After dinner, people returned to the campus for a presentation, walkabout, and a social.

Gander campus celebrates 40th Anniversary

Gander campus continued its 40th Anniversary Celebrations with a community reception and Open House on November 27, 2003. Dignitaries from local communities attended, along with representatives of the CNA Board of Governors, members of the business community, former staff, students, and members of the general public. The opening address was given by ADA Mac Moss, followed by remarks from Cyril Farrell, Director of Programs, and Gander Deputy Mayor Zane

Tucker. Tucker presented the campus with a plaque congratulating the college and campus on their 40th Anniversary.

One highlight of the evening was the cutting of the anniversary cakes. As part of the reception and Open House, staff and students had displays set up in the reception area, as well as shop projects on display for persons who toured the shop and classroom facilities during the evening.



From left, ABE student Margaret England and ABE Instructor Terry Dechman cut one cake while Job Norris (1963 Welding alumnus) and Aubrey Goodyear (Welding Instructor in 1963) cut the other cake.

Adventure Tourism program organizes successful adventure challenge

Adventure Tourism students at Corner Brook campus held the 4th Annual Adventure Challenge 2003 in October. The event was the most successful yet, with a turnout of some 30 people from Corner Brook and surrounding areas.

Greg Wood, instructor for the program and coordinator of the annual event, explains that the event is part of the courses he teaches.

"I decided to include an adventure challenge as a component of the Leadership and Field Navigation courses I teach in the program," says Wood.

"I originally got the idea from an Eco-challenge that was held in Corner Brook several years ago, and realized that Marble Mountain would be an ideal place for us to hold something similar."

The event is entirely organized by students as part of their learning in the program.

"In preparation, students have to pick a route, set up stations and man them," says Wood.

"They deal with field navigation and plotting the course, as well as learning to read map and compass, and Global Positioning System (GPS) units."

Those who maintain the wilderness stations along the course have to be certified in Wilderness First Aid, and are usually second-year students, as are those who act as "floaters" – those who follow the course, making sure things are going smoothly and that no one is lost. They carry mobile radios for constant contact.

Participants from the area enter in teams of three, set out at a start line, and have to mountain bike up a section of Marble Mountain and then bike to the Humber River, canoe upstream for one kilometre to the other side of the river, and navigate their way through the woods to each station, and then make their way back to the finish point by foot, canoe, and mountain bike again.

This year, a group of students wanted to participate as a team.

"A group of second-year students requested special permission to form a team for the competition," says Wood. "They still did some setup, but they weren't allowed to know where the stations were placed, so they wouldn't have an unfair advantage."

Wood says this year saw more participants

than ever (10 three-person teams), and a variety of weather and challenges.

"The sun shone, the rain fell, the hail pelted and the mist shrouded the hills... all within a few hours."

"But the spirit of the Adventure Challenge grew as the weather changed. Although participants felt the course this year was more challenging than usual, they mastered the hills, the wind, and the mud to complete the course in outstanding times."

There was one female team, five mixed teams, and three men's teams. One of the

men's teams finished the course in record time. The team called The Senior Statesmen included Chris van Niekerk, Keith Nicol, and Kevin Taylor. The team came in at 3:00:30, nearly 20 minutes before anyone else crossed the finish line.

Sponsorship from local business was exceptional this year, as well, says Wood, and they deserve special thanks for their patronage.

Major sponsors include: College of the North Atlantic, Marble Mountain Resort, Explore NF Kayaking, and Cycle Solutions. Other Sponsors: Shopper's Drug Mart, National Shoe, Dooley's, George's Ski World, Arthur James, Canadian Tire, Take the Plunge, Corner Brook Triathlon, Jeans Experts, Newfoundland Emporium, Forever Young Fitness Centre, Coleman's Furniture, First Choice Haircutters, Dominion, Video Gallery, Centre Bowl, and Casual Jacks.



LEFT: The Adventure Challenge 2003 trail was as breathtaking as it was challenging.

TOP: First Year Adventure tourism students Sarah Thornhill (left) and Denise MacDonald prepare a warm lunch at their checkpoint. Photo by Doug Allen.

BOTTOM: From left, Chris van Niekerk, Keith Nicol, and Kevin Taylor – winners of the Men's Adventure Challenge line up at the start line in preparation for the race. Photo by Chris van Niekerk.

The French Connection

By Gary Peschell, Labrador West campus

During my three years plus as librarian at the Baie Verte campus, I did some research for the Dorset Trail Tourism Association on the history of the French Shore (i.e. the northeast coast of Newfoundland), where France had an inshore cod fishery from the early 1500's up until 1904. The main goal was to promote tourism with interpretation centres through historical signage and information packages. We shamelessly sought publicity through the news media, including coverage by CBC-TV of a diving expedition for a pirate ship in mid-December near Fleur-de-Lys. The college supported this activity under The French Shore Initiative, and in 1998, two summer students conducted a survey of French sites on the Baie Verte Peninsula.

Since transferring to the Labrador West campus in early 1999, I have continued my work with The French Shore project. I helped organize the first French Shore Workshop in Baie Verte, where scholars from MUN and other institutions and interested local people shared information about the history of the French Shore and visited French fishing sites in Fleur-de-Lys, Coachman's Cove, and La Scie. The following year, the historical association in Placentia organized a second conference/workshop in that community and I attended, aided by funding from CNA. I am pleased to note that communities on the Northern Peninsula, like Conche, have taken



Gary Peschell on a long-liner in mid-December, 1997, when he organized a dive in Barry's Cove- just north of Fleur-de-Lys, to look for a pirate ship. Cannons had been found there over the years.

up promoting the history of the French Shore in that region – with an interpretation centre and archaeological surveys. They had a conference/workshop in Conche this past spring.

Over the past two years, I have been working on Plan 2004, a project directed by Francoise Enguehard, a CBC journalist, to celebrate the French historical heritage in Atlantic Canada in the year 2004. Over the same period, I have been assisting (as a consultant) Lynx Images, a Toronto film company making a documentary about Newfoundland called "Out of the Mist" which, they say, will run on History Television in late December or January.

In early September of this year, Lara Maynard of the Newfoundland Historic Trust contacted me concerning an article I had written for their newsletter about five years ago describing the French Shore survey on the Baie Verte Peninsula (mentioned above). Jean Pol Dumont Le Douarec, a historian in the

Breton port of Binic, had asked her about that article - which mentioned the gravesite in Coachman's Cove of Jean-Marie Le Mee, a fisherman from Binic. I was pleased to tell Jean Pol Dumont Le Douarec that descendants of Jean-Marie Le Mee still reside in Coachman's Cove, and I sent him contact information. At the same time, I brought into the loop Francoise Enguehard who visited Binic in October during a trip to France, and is making arrangements for the Le Mee family in Binic to visit Newfoundland during the French heritage celebrations in 2004. In the meantime, I have been exchanging (via e-mail) messages and photos with Jean Pol Dumont Le Douarec.

Linking College of the North Atlantic with the public promotion of Newfoundland and Labrador's French history and culture is, I believe, an effective and inexpensive way of putting the college name before the public across the province and beyond.

Colour your world



The Office Administration, Executive Graduating Class of 2004 brightened up Grand Falls-Windsor campus this fall. During an OF2100 class, the question was asked of students, "If I could change what school was like, I'd...". The response was a resounding "Put some color on these walls!". From there, approval was given for a painting project on the walls of Room 323, where most OF2100 classes are held. The students' proposal was approved and their painting supplies were ordered.

One of the project guidelines was that the

work be completed in one weekend. So, beginning at 1 p.m. on Friday, October 3, 2003, the fun began with 100 percent involvement from the class! After using overhead projectors to aid in tracing pictures and text onto the walls, everyone pitched in and painted. The globe and 13 flags were the most challenging to paint, but as you can see, the final result was well worth the effort. Students finished the project at 11 p.m. that same evening with a great sense of accomplishment. Bravo!

Small Business Week in Port aux Basques

Small Business Week started on October 19, and business programs at Port aux Basques campus decided to participate by holding activities during the week. They had a Jeopardy game (TV version) aimed at content across the Office I, Office II, and Business Administration programs, a Price is Right game was developed to highlight products marketed in the local area, and guest speakers from the region addressed the students. The speakers included Cathy Lomond – manager at Hotel Port aux Basques and nominee for a national tourism award, and Kelly Tompkins – owner/operator of Starboard Woodcraft, manufacturer of custom made furniture and cabinets.

Students also had the opportunity to be involved in sessions arranged by the local Chamber of Commerce, and took part in an Internet scavenger hunt for business-oriented topics.

Gander triumphs in volleyball tournament

Congratulations to Gander campus for winning the CNA Provincial Volleyball Tournament, held in St. John's from November 21-22, 2003. The tournament was an excellent opportunity for students from various campuses to get together in friendly competition to enhance and promote community spirit and personal development.

Many thanks to the Student Council at Prince Philip Drive for their efforts in organizing a successful event!



From left, Roger Butt, Lisa Paul, and David Jenkins. Missing from photo: Joanne Brown, Mitch Goodyear, and Naomi Smart.

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