

# The Surveyor

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## INSIDE Snow and ice storms pound P.E.I.

*Weather has caused havoc for Islanders over the last few months. From thousands losing power for days at a time, to students having extra days off, this winter has proven to be one of the worst on record in years.*



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A tree in Kensington is encased in ice as a result of the ice storm hitting P.E.I. on Jan. 29, 2008. This was a common site as a majority of the Island was left in a deep freeze after the storm. Dunham photo.

# Island farmers may be a dying breed

By **KERRIE THOMPSON**

More than 400 people crowded into the Legion in Kensington on Feb. 19 to show their support for the hog and beef farmers of the Island.

CBC held a public forum on the topic, allowing farmers to offer their comments, ask a panel questions and hopefully find some solutions to the current crisis.

The panel included Provincial Treasurer Wes Sheridan, Agriculture Minister Neil LeClair, President of the Cattle Producers Association Darlene Sanford and hog chairman Anthony Nabuurs.

In his opening statement, LeClair said he feels strongly there is still a future for the hog and beef trade on P.E.I.

But the federal government must help.

"We have to face this nationally as well as provincially."

Karen Fyfe, a hog farmer, said the farmer industry is dying off because of the free trade.

"It's terrifying to know how much ground we've lost through international trade."

Nabuurs agreed. Sanford said too much of their produce is going across the border.

"We have 70 per cent of our slaughtered capacities owned by American companies."

Sheridan said he cannot understand how U.S. President George Bush can say Canada should accept free trade with no complaints.

"We, with no question, need help from the federal government."

Paul Brown, an Island hog farmer, said P.E.I. consumes 15 per cent of the produce grown on the Island while importing 85 per cent.

"We'd like to grow it ourselves and we got the people to do it."

Farmer Marc Schurman said he and his wife could easily move away and get well paying jobs, but they love agriculture.

"Why should I stay?"

Sheridan said getting rid of free trade and helping the hog and beef community is going to be rough and it is going to be a battle.

LeClair said, "It's the dedication of you young people that make me see a cause."

One farmer said it took 20 years



CBC host Bruce Rainnie makes a point about the P.E.I. agriculture situation during a public forum in Kensington on Feb. 19. Thompson photo.

to change the view on drinking and driving, another 20 for smoking and its hazards, but agriculture doesn't have 20 years.

Sheridan said it doesn't matter how many markets they open to sell Island meats.

"People don't care where their foods come from."

Mariah Smith, a young farmer, said agriculture is a central asset to P.E.I.'s economy and it's not going to last.

"Everyone is affected on this Island by agriculture and this government better start recognizing it, 'cause we are going to be gone."

Sheridan said the solution and the problem lie with the consumers.

"I don't know what it has to take, but you're going to have to tell people to stop buying this crap that's coming in from other countries."

Another farmer said the farming community needs to take action, like Le Quebecois in the 1995 Referendum, and make their wants well known and do something about it.

Sheridan said he understands the troubles the farmers are going through and they feel for those affected.

"My heart breaks for everyone of you."

## Fifteen-passenger vans safe: Discount rental manager

By **SAMARA MEADE**

The safety of the 15-passenger vans has been debated since the fatal accident in Bathurst and although many say they shouldn't be on the road, some disagree.

The manager of Discount Van Rentals in Charlottetown, Geoff Thomas, said he doesn't agree with a van ban because the vans they rent are safe.

Thomas is also a coach. The vans are the cheapest and best way to transport students for sports and other activities, he said.

"As long as people follow the right guidelines, it's safe."

The vans are updated every year and drivers must have a class 4 licence to drive them, he said.

Still, Discount has been losing business since the vans were banned after seven high school basketball players and a teacher died in January in New Brunswick.

Most of the renters of vans here are high schools. The ban has meant a big loss because there



Geoff Thomas, Discount van rentals manager, says 15-passenger vans are safe if used properly. Meade photo.

have been vans rented out three to four days a week, and multiple vans at a time, Thomas said.

"It's definitely an impact."

The athletic director of Morell Regional High School, Randy Cheverie, said the school district

ordered a two-week ban on the 15-passenger vans after the accident and they are still reviewing what will happen next.

"It looks like it will be a while before they're in use." Meanwhile, Morell has been using two seven-

passenger vans instead.

Using two small mini-vans instead of one 15-passenger is actually less safe, Cheverie said.

"In my mind the only difference is there's two drivers on the road instead of one, so you're increasing your risk, not decreasing."

And they are more expensive because they must provide gas for two vehicles instead of one, he said.

The 15-passenger vans Morell uses is replaced every year, Cheverie said, so they are always up to date and safe. There has never been a problem with them before.

The manager of student services and athletics of Holland College, Albert Roche, said they are allowed to use vans now, but the review is still being done. There are different factors, such as weather and time, which will help them decide what to do.

A major factor would be the comfort level of the driver, who is usually the coach. And they can stay overnight if the weather is too bad to drive, he said. "Above and beyond, it's safety first."

"As long as people follow the right guidelines, it's safe."

*-Discount Van manager, Geoff Thomas*

Roche looked at the policies at other ACAA schools. There have been a variety of issues, such as weather and the driving distance. Van use will be talked about at the annual general meeting.

Since the Bathurst accident, they have looked at the policy and made sure using vans is still safe, Roche said.

Holland College has been using buses ever since to be safe on the winter roads and for the comfort of the athletes and coaches.

"We want to be able to provide sporting opportunities for as many people as possible."

# School cancellations a big responsibility, says director

By TAUNYA MURCHISON

As Holland College students roll out of their cosy beds on storm days and turn on the radio in hopes of a cancellation, the college's storm watchers have already put in a busy morning.

Dave Beaton, director of programs at the Charlottetown centre, starts the night before a potential storm to determine whether school will be cancelled or delayed the next morning.

He is one of a handful of people who determine the college's plans for the following day by assessing road conditions, sidewalk and parking lot safety and recurring weather patterns.

His morning starts around 4:30 when he calls the storm line to check on current conditions. From there he calls the Department of Transportation to check road conditions and plow activity.

"They're just wonderful, really current detailed information."

Beaton has spotters around the Island who notify him of any bad weather in their area. After listening to radio announcements, monitoring the weather channel and studying the six live cameras offered by the P.E.I. government, it's about 5:45 and time to call



Snow-filled sidewalks and parking lots play an important role in whether classes at Holland College get cancelled during storms. However, that is not the case on this day when a student has no trouble navigating around the college. Murchison photo.

representatives from other Holland College centres in hopes of beating their 6:30 deadline.

After comparing weather conditions with UPEI, it is time to make the final call on canceling classes or not. Representatives from each centre are assigned a radio station to call and report the cancellations.

School cancellations are focused

on one thing, said Beaton.

"By far what tips the scale the greatest is certainly the safety issue. Absolutely, absolutely the safety."

Besides keeping a detailed log on each procedure, Holland College has plans to produce a real-time notification on the college's website. This new web notification would send an alert to stu-

dent and faculty email accounts, announcing whether a delay or cancellation is in place.

Already this winter has produced many storms and Beaton can't help but chuckle when he makes his prediction for the remainder of the year.

"I think we are in for a good old-fashioned Prince Edward Island winter."

Michelle MacDonald, a student at Holland College, travels in her Saturn coupe about 42 kms every day to attend her 9 a.m. classes.

MacDonald, who travels west on the Trans-Canada Highway, said sometimes road conditions are not safe even if Holland College isn't closed for the day.

"Two weeks ago the roads were terrible and weren't plowed, with icy patches."

Even though Holland College students are considered adults, it would be beneficial if the college operated similarly with the school districts, she said.

"If Eastern and Western schools are cancelled, there's a good chance that Holland College should be cancelled."

MacDonald said she doesn't mind traveling in winter conditions, but she follows her own instincts.

"Just use my judgment, common sense. If the roads are hazardous I don't go. My teachers made it clear that if you think the roads are too bad, don't endanger yourself."

In the end, drivers can't escape winter, said MacDonald.

"However, people have to understand that it's winter. You have to adjust to it and leave 20 minutes early."

## Tears, runny noses and hugs common sights at Charlottetown airport

By SHAWNA MACAUSLAND

One-year-old Mikah Hood toddled across the airport floor and through the gate where his father was departing for Alberta.

A job opportunity presented itself and Islander Duane Hood, needed the extra income to pay for his upcoming wedding this summer.

It is a trend on P.E.I. Many couples are forced to say goodbye when promises of better jobs, more money and opportunities temporarily tear families apart.

Ryan Taylor of Charlottetown, was in a similar situation when a move to the United States forced him to leave behind loved ones.

"The hardest part is always leaving the ones you are close to intimately. Friends are friends, it's hard to leave them, but you can make friends anywhere."

Parents and friends are usually fine with it, but the loved ones are the ones who take it tough Taylor



Mikah and Izaiah wave goodbye as Taylor and Hood leave. MacAusland photo

said.

"Talking on the phone is one thing, but being with them is another thing."

So why do Islanders decide to leave their family and friends

behind?

Hood said the answer is simple. "To get ahead, mostly. We didn't want to start our marriage off in debt."

Hood's fiancé, Heather Jane

**"The ones who really make you want to come back are the loved ones who can't be replaced with someone else."**

- Ryan Taylor

Trainor, is going to try to make the best of her life as a temporary single mom.

"It's hard knowing that I can't just pick up the phone and call him," she said.

The hardest part for Duane to leave was leaving Mikah, Trainor said

"He's afraid Mikah won't know him when he comes back."

It was a tough decision and move for Taylor to leave, mainly for that

very reason.

"The ones who really make you want to come back are the loved ones who can't be replaced with someone else," said Taylor.

The Island would be a great place to come back to once he's ready to settle down, Taylor said, but for now, he's on the road.

"Like most young men, the Island didn't provide enough for me, in the areas of interest, hobbies or work and money."

Taylor left the Island to pursue his goals as a cyclist, as opportunities for him on the Island are very limited.

"For a lot of people who have high goals professionally or personally, the only way to reach the top is to leave the Island."

Back at the airport, Hood bent down to pick up his son. He stared long and hard at the little boy who resembled him so much.

"Be good for Mommy," he said as he kissed them both and headed off through the gate.

# Cheaper U.S. car seats not always safer

By MELISSA MCINNIS

It's not uncommon for Canadians to go the United States to buy car seats, says a spokesman for the Canada Safety Council.

George Smith, manager of Traffic Safety and Training, receives many calls from Canadians who've traveled to the U.S. to get a cheaper deal on car seats, which are not approved by Transport Canada.

Smith said Canadian laws are much stricter. "It's not uncommon to get a seat across," he said. "The width, the way it's formatted, the straps, many, many different things."

The Canada Safety Council is a national, non-government, charitable organization that focuses on safety education.

Smith said people don't read the instructions on packaging and don't take the proper steps when transporting a car seat from one vehicle to the next.

"There are many excuses made, but what is a child's life worth?"

Child Safety Link's communica-



Logan McInnis, 4, enjoys being strapped in his car seat. McInnis photo.

tion specialist Lauren MacDougall said they encourage families to review the safety standards of car seats.

"People sometimes are intimidated or not sure... we're here to

help families."

MacDougall said the child should be properly restrained in child safety seat depending on their age, weight and height.

Smith said the Canada Safety

Council doesn't rely on name brands, but on how the car seats are constructed.

"You need to look at the seat on the sticker and label. You'll see approved by Transport Canada."

## Why car seat safety is so important

- Four out of every five kids are not correctly buckled up while riding in motor vehicles.
- Motor vehicle collisions are the number one cause of death for children ages one to nine.
- Three out of four crash-related deaths and serious injuries can be prevented by the correct use of a child restraint on every trip

Source:

<http://www.safety-council.org/child/buckle-bear.html>

He said it is not only the parent's responsibility to ensure a child's safety, it is anyone who is taking a child in their vehicle.

About 20 per cent of car seats are not installed properly, said Smith.

## Volunteering for headaches, happiness at fest

By MELISSA MCINNIS

It's early Sunday morning and Jack Frost carnival staff are busy blowing up inflatable bouncy rides while ducks from the petting zoo quack loudly and cleaning ladies vacuum hay and dirt off the carpet.

Volunteers slowly begin to show up for 8:45 at the Civic Centre, sleep still in their eyes. They're handed red volunteer shirts saying CIBC Run for the Cure-all Jack Frost until they are all gone.

As 9 a.m. draws near three volunteers take their post at the gate. Only people with orange jacket tags are allowed in at this point.

Their V.I.P. passes let them enjoy the activities without being stuck in lineups.

Boys and girls eyes fill with excitement at the sight of a giant blown-up pirate, pony rides and the Scrambler.

The shift starts slowly. But by 10 a.m., lineups begin to form. Volunteers keep a close watch and tell the new arrivals about the wait: Sorry sir you still have about 10 minutes to wait. It's V.I.P. only.

About 30 adults and children wait in line, casting dirty looks to those who could walk in. A rush of people hurry into the Indoor Playland, making it hard to keep track of those with tickets.

Gusts of cold air sweep through the doors, lingering for several minutes and indicating a busload has just been dropped off. Buses run every 15-20 minutes bringing people to and from Peakes Quay, the hotels and the Civic Centre.

To distract themselves from sore legs and the cold, volunteers joke around, but things quickly turn serious.

A child has gone missing. Gate watchers are not allowed to let any boy through wearing a red shirt and blue pants.

The boy's mother's eyes fill with tears, her friend trying to console her.

"What happened?"

"Jacob is missing."

The radio station blares and children scream with laughter. Every child suddenly looks the same. Staff and volunteers look worried.

After about 10 minutes of searching, Jacob is finally found,

struggling to run away again to go on a carnival ride.

The danger passed, it's time to take post at the gates again.

A sign near the entrance stating all tickets for the festival are sold out proves a great annoyance to people. Some claim they were supposed to be guaranteed a ticket and others just want to join at the last minute.

A couple with their young daughter asks a volunteer for tickets only to be told I'm so sorry, but we are all sold out. There's nothing I can do.

"Like \*\*\*\* you are."

They storm off, returning minutes later. Their daughter is crying and her father demands to talk to the manager.

"Can you go get your manager so she can tell my daughter she can't go in?"

Sometimes, if you make enough of a fuss, you'll get what you want. They get in. The rest of the shift goes smoothly. No more run-aways and no more cursing at the volunteers. At 1 p.m., the end of the shift, it's all about hunger, fatigue and having seen enough children to last a lifetime.



**THEIR FIRST VICTORY** - Left to right: assistant coach Katherine Walters, Amanda Wells, Joanna Harrison, Mallory Wedge and Samara Meade celebrate the Holland College women's basketball team's first victory of the season Saturday. They played in memory of Rene Ayangma. The UPEI student died of natural causes while exercising. Klein photo.

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# Driving on P.E.I. and road rage go hand-in-hand

By AL MACLEOD

Not a single day goes by while driving in my car on P.E.I. that I don't get at least a slight case of road rage.

It's not because I'm an angry person, or because there are major traffic problems on P.E.I. streets. No, the problem is much worse.

The reason I typically feel the need to do anything from shake my head and mutter to myself to lay on the car horn and shout at someone is because the average motorist on P.E.I. does not follow the rules of the road.

Being an analytical type, I have racked my brain trying to figure out why someone is unable (physically or mentally) to switch on a turn signal and give me advanced warning that they are going to make a turn so I don't come within inches of slamming into them.

Not much I can do in this case because the driver can't see my reaction, so I just mutter a few choice words to myself and maybe honk the horn.

I often find myself trying to figure out when I am stopped at a traffic light why, when it turns green, the person on the opposite side thinks he or she can quickly make a left and nearly slam into me while I am going straight



through.

Depending on my mood, I usually just start driving anyway and lay on the horn when I nearly miss hitting him or her.

We all have been stuck behind a slow driver at some point and I understand how frustrating that can be, but why, when I am going over the speed limit by about 15-

20 km/h, is someone riding my bumper?

All that does is encourage me to take my foot off the gas and go under the limit.

P.E.I. motorists also seem to think not stopping for pedestrians is legal, as is going through a red light to turn left when the arrow has long disappeared, and cutting

people off when switching lanes.

Is this a problem with how driving is taught here on the Island? I took the same course as most everyone else with a valid licence here and I am very conscious of the laws. I wouldn't be complaining about it if I was a habitual offender.

Is this a new trend that has just started happening on Island roads? I don't think so because I remember my parents often saying P.E.I. has the worst drivers anywhere.

I think the main problem is the enforcement of these laws.

I have lived in a few cities and towns in my life (I am 30 years old) and the laws of the road seem to be enforced. I know this because I have seen several speed traps and heard stories of friends getting stopped for violations ranging from not using a turn signal to going 40 km/h over the speed limit.

I am not saying the police are not doing their jobs, but I am wondering how people are getting away with these things over and over again and why it seems I have to deal with these violators in my own way to let the anger out and not do something really stupid.

Maybe I should just relax and not bother following the rules, either.

## Mandatory interlock systems not logical for Islanders

By TAUNYA MURCHISON

A recent article by CBC said Mothers Against Drunk Drivers wants the P.E.I. government to make alcohol interlock systems mandatory for all drunk driving offenders.

I, a DUI-free journalism student, think this proposal is illogical.

Currently, the alcohol interlock system is a device that offenders can choose, for additional costs on top of fines, which reduces their licence suspension and allows them to drive.

The device works on a no-tolerance level of alcohol and has even been revamped to require the offender to hum while they try to start their cars, to prevent anyone from using air compressors.

Although this is a great advancement industrially, I can't help but wonder what the government or MADD proposes for those offenders bold enough to use someone



else's vehicle.

To further that debate, will they remove the rights of the offender from renting a vehicle? What about those offenders who drive for a living? Would parents want their child riding on a bus where the drivers blow into a device to start their vehicle to see if alcohol is present?

The article said about 10 per cent of those convicted opt to use the device. In my opinion, 10 per cent

believe they are responsible enough to remain sober and continue to drive.

It is senseless to assume all offenders who opt not to use the device are taking their penalty honestly and responsibly.

I don't see the logic in installing a device into vehicles allowing offenders to do the one thing they are supposed to be suspended from.

I had the opportunity to inter-

view a DUI offender who chose to use the interlock device and while his opinions caught my attention, I know he is one of the 10 per cent who are responsible enough to use this device.

My opinion on the interlock vs. rights situation is this: if you are so inclined to make this a mandatory issue, wait until the offender is through his penalty and then install the device for six months. I'm sure this will direct the drunk drivers to think before they start their cars.

Those who enjoy sipping on an alcoholic beverage should also know that once you drink you don't drive.

Punishing the offenders by giving back their privilege of driving is nonsensical.

If a DUI offender did get someone else's vehicle and crashed, injuring others, what is a device in a vehicle going to do? Tell you this person wasn't responsible enough to have it in the first place.

# Samara Meade asks kids: What does love mean?



Olivia, 5

"I think it means that people care for each other."



Isaac, 5

"I think it means people like each other."



Taylor, 5

"It's when people kiss, like my mom and dad. And they kiss me too. And also my brother."



Jaden, 5

"It means giving presents. I'd give you a present, like a table."



Ella, 5

"It's when people give cards. Love cards."

## Natalie Hunt asks:

### What do you think of Valentine's Day?



Jordan Bruyere

"It's just a day."



Vanessa Hammil

"I think it's stupid."



Cheryl Lambert

"I like Valentine's Day, although it's really commercialized, and it's the simple things that count."



Terry McKenna

"It's an over-rated day. It's just an excuse to spend money on cards and stuff."



Mandy O'Connell

"Valentine's Day is a holiday that was created to make people who generally get along fight."



Zoe Novaczek

"I suppose it's alright in theory, but it's too commercialized. It's a nice idea."

### What is the big deal with Valentine's Day?

By TYLER DUNHAM

I hate Valentine's Day. Not because I'm single, although those days were filled with self-loathing on this one particular day of the year.

No, I am married, and I hate Valentine's Day because the guy that does nothing for their lover every other day of the month looks like a hero compared to the guy that goes out of his way every single day for his lover, but only buys her a card on the Hall-mark holiday.

But why should I feel threatened if, while sifting through some romantic cards, a man with three-dozen roses and a bag from a local jeweler squeezes by me?

Because I haven't been brain-washed by commercialism? I know it's a trite statement, but I hate the idea of companies manipulating what was once an innocent day to spend together into a "holiday" that falls just short of Christmas for commercial revenue.

We should focus more on the day-to-day acts of love than one day of "here, let me by some shiny good feeling." If I can make my wife happy in some small way every day, we'll have a much happier relationship than if I bought

something huge on every holiday, allowing her excitement to wear off to the point of a bad mood.

And guys, it's not hard to show an act of love every day. If you're not the touchy-feely type in public (and good for you for not groping in front of me), grab her hand when you're walking some place. Open the door for her, especially the car door. If you get home before her, tidy up the kitchen so she won't feel like she has to. Help her with supper.

Whatever your kitchen skills are, you can at least do some chopping. And then tidy up after supper. Surprise her with a bottle of wine on the weekend, and tell her you both aren't leaving the kitchen table until it's finished. Of course, actually *talk* to her at the table.

And some day, completely at random, buy her a nice card and maybe even some flowers. I can guarantee this would mean more than flowers on a day when you're obliged to do something. In the end her life is happier, thus your life is happier. And maybe you'll even have a fatter wallet.

And ladies: go easy on us. What you receive on this manufactured holiday means nothing compared to the effort we put forth on a daily basis.

# Disabled people are human too: graduate

By MELISSA MCINNIS

Every day you learn something new, says a human services graduate of Holland College.

Emma McNeil, 21, graduated from the program in June 2007.

She took the program because she was influenced in a peer helping class in Grade 12 that made her want to learn more about people with disabilities.

"It was something new and I am an open person."

During the program she learned different skills required in the

business, such as nursing, transfer-lifting repositioning, non-violent crisis intervention and the effects of various medications.

McNeil was affected by a man she worked with during on-the-job training.

She did a sign language program with a man who was deaf. She took pictures of objects and he would do the sign for it.

"I didn't think he understood me, but one day I showed him a picture and he did it. I felt like I influenced him."

Casual relief worker Matt McIn-



Human Services graduate Emma McNeil. McInnis photo.

nis, 19, started working with people with disabilities at 15.

Working in human services had

intrigued him, he said.

"Just makes you feel great about yourself. You're helping people's lives."

People can be afraid of people with disabilities because they don't understand or comprehend, he said. "You don't see them for their disability. You see them for the people they are."

McInnis said first meeting the clientele he works with has made a great impression on him.

McNeil has had issues in the past about teaching methods for people with disabilities.

"I didn't believe 30-year-olds should be playing with children's books and toys. I did a reading program on OJT and a lady had to pick out children's books."

She realized the methods were useful after seeing how they helped.

People are changing in the human services industry, she said.

"People want to eventually fade out institutions and put more people in the community. People with disabilities are working. Terms have changed like retarded, it's called intellectual disability."

## Teaching abroad experience of a lifetime

By MIKE MCNEIL

Most Islanders leave to study rather than to teach.

But these days, more and more people are pulling up roots to teach English to students in foreign countries such as Korea.

Katie Mahar made her decision to leave the shelter of Prince Edward Island and signed a contract committing her to teaching in Korea for a year. The closer the time gets, the more realistic it gets, said Mahar.

"No matter how I think about it, it's hard to wrap my head around the idea I'll be moving across the world."

A common misconception is that teaching abroad would entail teaching students who may be less fortunate, or haven't had much previous education.

Mahar was told the school she will be teaching at would be a respected school in a safe part of South Korea.

"My main concern is my safety. It's so far away and if anything bad were to happen it would be very intimidating."

Sung-won Kim is a recruiter in Seoul, Korea. He gets in touch with potential teachers and helps them get their papers in order in preparation to make the trip to teach.

Kim deals with people all over the world, but feels teachers coming from P.E.I. are always a great catch.

"People from P.E.I. are so friendly and reliable."

Jessica MacDonald teaches high school English on P.E.I. and she has thought in the past about teaching overseas.



Katie Mahar's students pose for a picture during an English class in Seoul Korea, from left to right are: Chis Kim, Ian Kim, Derick Kim, and Esther Lee. Mahar Photo.

The money is certainly an attractive aspect, but being close to home also comes into play.

"It's hard enough to find a job here on the Island, so I feel I should take advantage of it while I can. This doesn't mean I'm ruling out the Idea of traveling to teach, it's a great way to see the world."

Mahar has plans to become a teacher and working with children is the best experience to have prior to going down that road.

This way Mahar will be able to experience new culture and work towards her goal of teaching at the same time.

"I love to travel and I love kids, so this seemed the appropriate way for me to go."

Another risk to consider is the chance of becoming ill while away. Just recently Mahar had to have several vaccinations to lower

the risk of serious disease. This can be intimidating.

"I love the idea of seeing the sights, meeting new people and teaching but I certainly didn't sign up for diseases."

Mahar considers herself somewhat of a "homebody" and thinks the first month or so will be the biggest challenge, knowing she has a whole year ahead of her without her family and friends can be hard to deal with.

"I hate the idea of not being able to spend time with my family. All I'll have is a webcam and I think seeing them might just make me more homesick."

This will certainly be an opportunity of a lifetime and something that Mahar will never forget. The time leading up to it will be scary and exciting all at once, but who knows, in a year's time maybe she won't want to leave.

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# People don't realize why rules are important: manager

By ROSS MAIR

It's Friday night at Glendenning Hall and the whole place is a buzz with excited students preparing for the weekend.

Friends get signed in at the door of Holland College's Grafton Street residence. The lounge begins to fill and Guitar Hero can be heard from many doors as the weekenders get ready for the bars and all the other fun that comes at the end of a long week.

But a few people break the rules.

Saturday morning a young man was discovered, passed out, by the mother of a student at the residence and the security guard was notified. Upon waking, the young man threw up all over the lounge's furniture and floor.

And all of this because the boy who was signed in, was let in by someone who had no intention of being with him or making sure he got on his way safely.

Bryan Ayre is a resident at Glendenning, he's a quiet young man who doesn't drink but enjoys the company, provided they don't get too out of control.



Charlottetown Holland College residence Glendenning Hall. Mair Photo.

He was home that Friday night but he didn't realize what had happened until a memo was delivered to his room the next morning.

"I heard about it from the memo, and the random party noises you hear around here on a Friday night," he said.

He has no problems with what happened and said management has taken the appropriate steps to deal with the situation.

"Sure, I feel the problems here are dealt with effectively and in a manner best suited to the situation."

So much so he's going to return

next year.

"I've already got three-quarters of my application filled out."

Tracey Campbell is the accommodations manager at Glendenning Hall. She's the one responsible for dealing with these encounters.

This year has been a lot

smoother in terms of incidents like this, she said.

"It's much better. I wasn't here last year, but students have told me it's much better."

Campbell gave a written warning to the offender who signed the young man in, as it is the residence's policy to use the three-strike system.

Had the man been left much longer to his own devices, he might have been sick in his sleep, asphyxiated and died, said a memo distributed to the residents by Campbell the following morning. "Each individual incident is an individual case," she said.

Certain behaviour may result in a student being evicted, as was the case with two students already, but she doesn't have that problem with her current crop of students. "Anyone in residence right now I would welcome back."

As for dealing with the man who soiled the carpets and furniture, she sat down with him and explained her situation.

"He was pretty upset, I felt that he got it. People don't realize why rules are important."

## Paramedicine class a hit for students at Holland College

By SAMARA MEADE

Although some people may not like the thought of blood, muscles, bone structure and body functions, working with the body is a job loved by some, especially one Paramedicine student at Holland College.

Sarah MacIntosh, a 23-year-old Holland College student is in her first year of Paramedicine and she absolutely loves it.

The adrenaline rush of helping people keeps her interested in her work and excited to start a new day, she said.

MacIntosh has always been interested in the health field and she thinks being a paramedic would be an interesting job.

It would be great because it would allow her to keep on moving and she wouldn't be stuck in the office all day, she said.

"They get different calls all the time, which keeps it interesting."

MacIntosh's teacher, Matt MacLeod, said there are lots of job opportunities for paramedics nationally and regionally.



First-year student Sarah MacIntosh practises CPR on a simulator. Meade photo.

Whether it's being in an ambulance in the Maritimes or in an

airplane as a flight paramedic, "the vast majority of work placements are very high." In other words, most paramedic students find jobs after their training.

MacLeod has been a teacher at Holland College for five years and said even during that time period there have been many changes.

"The college has made large investments on having more staff and more personnel here so we can deliver a high-quality course."

Equipment that got facelifts and updates include the truck simulator, which is something like a real ambulance, and the high-fidelity patient simulator, costing between \$50,000 to 60,000.

People and equipment aren't the only changes in the paramedicine course. Within the last eight years the paramedics learned different ways to assess and treat a patient to keep up with changes in technology and medicine.

The Paramedicine industry has grown and will not slow down, MacLeod said.

**"We're learning things that really matter and things we can always use."**

*- Sarah MacIntosh*

"It will continue to grow in a large way as we encounter the impending health care crisis."

One time when MacIntosh was doing volunteer hours at a marathon, a runner passed out.

It was exciting bringing him back to consciousness and being able to use the skills she learned in the classroom in real life, she said.

"Your adrenaline gets rushed because this guy needs your help and you can help him."

It's worth the effort and it feels great knowing she can help people rather than sit back and watch, MacIntosh said.

Before deciding to take Para-

medicine, MacIntosh wanted to be a doctor, but decided to do this as a stepping-stone to see if she would like the area of work.

She plans on doing this for a while. If she enjoys it, she will stick to it as an enjoyable career. If not she'll move on and try her skills as a doctor.

No matter what she decides to do in the future, she loves her class and won't regret taking it, MacIntosh said.

"We're learning things that really matter, and things we can always use."

Things like doing dynamic CPR and setting up an IV are all part of her daily routine.

Her future plans include traveling to places like Africa and other poor countries that don't have many doctors. She would love to join the Global Paramedic Association, which could take her far in her career.

She would love to help places in the Middle East where there is flooding and other natural disasters where they could use the extra medical help.

# P.E.I. Rocket billets enjoy being part of players' lives

By AL MACLEOD

Soon after P.E.I. Rocket captain Pierre-Luc Lessard was told he was traded near the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League's 2007 trade deadline, he came home from practice and told Emile Gallant and Sylvie Girard, the owners of the house where he was boarding, the news.

He was gone the next day to play for the Baie-Comeau Drakkar.

It was an emotional time for the couple, much like how parents feel when their child is moving away from home for the first time.

Lessard was like part of the family and a very polite young man who always thanked her for everything, including every home-cooked meal she made for him, Girard said.

"It is hard for me (when a player leaves) because I get attached."

Even though Lessard is no longer living on P.E.I., Gallant and Girard still keep in contact on MSN and continue to follow the 20-year-old Ottawa Senators prospect's young career and hope to share in his dream of one day making it to the NHL.

Gallant and Girard's close relationship with Lessard developed while he was living with the couple as part of the Rocket billeting program.

Gallant and Girard are in their fifth year of involvement in the program and have never regretted the decision to open their home to young players, strangers in most



P.E.I. Rocket billet parents Sylvie Girard and Emile Gallant. MacLeod Photo

cases when they first arrive, chasing their dreams.

The couple decided to get involved because they had a large home.

Gallant is also an avid hockey fan and liked the Rocket organization on and off the ice.

The couple has welcomed seven players to their home over the years and have Jordon Southorne, 17, and Benjamin Casavant, 17, living with them this term.

The players who come to live here have always been polite and respectful, Gallant said.

"We've never had any problems."

Players have their own lives and a lot of responsibility while playing for their team.

Many are still in school and they

must juggle team responsibilities and schoolwork.

The team is responsible for the player's transportation, academic requirements and medical needs while the billet family looks after meals, lodging, laundry and moral support.

It is important to make sure they are eating healthy and they are comfortable. They have to perform at a high level, Gallant said.

"Treat them as part of the family... you provide for them as their parents."

He is always there if they want to talk about their game or how the team is doing, Gallant said.

"I am more of a big brother."

Girard said she takes on a motherly role and is happy to be able to be a part of their lives.

"I like to see them feel comfortable."

Gallant and Girard are both French-speaking and try to get French-speaking players when possible.

It makes the transition to a new city easier for the young players and helps make them feel more at home, Gallant said.

"Our place is like the French players hangout."

Montreal Canadien's forward Maxim Lapierre used to come over and play poker at the couple's home during his stint with the Rockets.

Some of the players the couple had living with them would often play games like bridge or poker and hang out with them, but it is not something everyone billeting should expect.

It is important to remember they have their own lives and not to expect them to be involved with family activities, Girard said.

"They have a vision... give them their space. They are not there to be a friend to your children."

Gallant said it is important to remember why they are there.

"A lot of them are dreaming of playing in the NHL."

If someone is considering getting involved with the billeting program, they should have an interest in hockey and enjoy being around younger people, Gallant said.

"They have to be able to adapt to a new person coming into the house."

## Billets hope to share in excitement of NHL draft with players

By AL MACLEOD

For a select few young hockey players, dreams come true at the yearly NHL draft and one day soon, a Stratford couple would love to be there to see it live.

Chances are they just might know some of the young men getting their name called by an NHL general manager at the next draft.

Emile Gallant and Sylvie Girard have welcomed young hockey players playing for the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League's P.E.I. Rocket for five years and are anticipating the day they can see "their boys" make it to the NHL.

Gallant and Girard attended the QMJHL draft in Charlottetown in 2006 and watched the excitement as players were drafted.

The two players they have living with them now have a good chance at getting drafted and it would be a great opportunity to attend the NHL draft in Ottawa when they are eligible, Gallant said.

"I would like to be there (at the draft) to watch it."

## Cheerleading team a possibility for Holland College

By ASHLEY DUNBAR

Holland College may be adding cheerleading to the already long list of sporting activities it offers.

Karine Jolicoeur and Brittney Hambly, two sport and leisure students, came up with the idea of cheerleading.

Jolicoeur, from Ottawa, Ontario, said she and Hambly came up with idea in psychology class when they had to choose their favourite sport.

"Both of us had picked cheerleading and so we decided to ask around and see about having our own squad here at the college."

Albert Roche, manager of student services and athletics, is

excited about the idea.

"This is such a great way for our college to stand out."

Many people have been interested in the idea and many of the teachers and friends of Jolicoeur have been supportive.

"I believe we have approximately 20 or so interested/involvement in the beginnings of the Holland College cheer team," she said.

Cheerleading is being driven by interested students and Roche said he was impressed with the number of the people who came forward to get involved.

"We didn't have to run around chasing people."

Many Islanders may not be familiar with cheerleading as a



Karine Jolicoeur, left, and Brittney Hambly. Dunbar Photo

sport. "However it seems that students coming from out of province are," said Roche.

Jolicoeur hopes cheerleading will become another activity offered at the college for future years.

"If practices go well this year and next year, we might have the opportunity to participate in a cheerleading competition."

Cheerleading will bring personality to the college, said Roche.

"It's not just about pom poms and pretty girls standing around the sidelines, cheerleading is a chance for people to get exercise and show school spirit."

Cheerleading program would consist of many different things.

"The cheerleading we shall be doing will most likely be a mixture of choreography and stunts,

as well as different fundraises, and lots of fun," said Jolicoeur.

Attending competitions, cheering at pep rallies, half-time routines and maybe even a parade are all things Roche said the cheerleaders could do.

"Things just have to get started, I think it has great potential and you'll have our support."

Cheerleading is another opportunity here at Holland College to meet new people and make new friends, as well as to work hard and have fun, Jolicoeur said.

"Come support us throughout this year and the next to help us achieve our goals."

# An hour-long physical examination could add years to a person's life

By TYLER DUNHAM



Darin MacDonald shows the scar from surgery. Dunham photo.

“The kidney was enlarged for so long it attached to my bowels.”

- Darin MacDonald

Using my stomach muscles is painful, and getting up or sitting down, anything requiring use of abdominal muscles, is quite painful.”

But there was another unexpected outcome MacDonald is pleased with, he said.

“On the lighter side of things, I joked I would lose some weight. It’s tongue in cheek, but it actually turned out to be true.”

Although it has temporarily complicated his life, MacDonald said he is glad his doctor found the enlarged kidney during a routine physical.

“In the long run I know my health is the most important thing, so I’m glad we found it when we

did. I’m shocked it was never found earlier.”

MacDonald now wonders if it could have been found before it grew so big.

“It makes me think a lot of doctors previously had either not paid attention to it, overlooked it, or because I’m so young there must not be anything wrong with me, so they didn’t really look.”

It will take approximately four weeks for recovery, MacDonald said.

“It’s been a week today since surgery, and I’m just now walking and standing almost comfortably. It’ll be a little while before I can run or lift heavy weight.”

Plans for rest and relaxation have already been made during his recovery process, MacDonald said.

“I’m hoping to find some work, but nothing too strenuous. Something light to pass the time before I leave for Australia. But mostly I’ll be watching a lot of movies and playing a lot of video games.”

It started with a physical, and ended with the removal of a 20-pound kidney.

Darin MacDonald, 31, entered the operating room expecting laparoscopic surgery, requiring a small incision for the removal of the oversized organ.

Neither he nor the doctors expected it to be the size of a football.

“I knew I was going to be big, but I didn’t know it was going to be that big,” he said.

The doctor’s instruments weren’t long enough to reach around the kidney, so a larger incision was made.

But when the doctors were able to get in closer they found another problem.

“The kidney was enlarged for so long it attached to my bowels. So the doctors had to cut part of my large intestine to remove the kidney,” he said.

It took four hours to remove the kidney and MacDonald said recovery has been more difficult

than expected.

“It was a more intrusive surgery

than originally planned, with more pain and ability issues.

## Depression affects life, family and friends

By KERRIE THOMPSON

Depression can affect many aspects of life, from relationships with friends and family to school, work and hobbies.

Carrie Thompson, 18, knows the symptoms well. She was diagnosed with bipolar disorder, a form of depression, on Dec. 28, 2007.

She said she first really noticed a change in her moods and how she felt in the summer of 2007.

She said some changes happened the year before but were not as noticeable.

“I have had this behaviour for a while now, but in November and December it has gotten extremely worse.”

The biggest change involved her family and friends. She said she has been fighting with them and even threatened to run away from home.

“I have noticed that my school

“Looking back now that there has been a diagnosis, it is much easier to recognize it in its earlier stages.”

- Amanda Thompson

work has been poor and I haven’t been trying my hardest in class.”

It was her family who suggested she see their family doctor. They were concerned there was something more than adolescent mood swings going on.

Thompson said since she has been diagnosed and treated for her bipolar disorder she noticed her behaviours have improved.

“I noticed my mood was getting happier and my attitude towards things and people changed a lot.”

Her doctor advised her not to



Carrie Thompson, 18, ponders her life before taking her medication for a bipolar disorder. Thompson Photo.

consume alcohol, sugar or caffeine as it would clash with her medication and affect the chemi-

cal balance it is creating.

“He told me that when I got depressed to let someone know so

they could try and help me so that I wouldn’t do something I shouldn’t.”

Carrie’s sister, Amanda, said she noticed small changes happening in the summer of 2006.

“Looking back now that there has been a diagnosis, it is much easier to recognize it in its earlier stages.”

She said since her sister’s early teens she has had intense mood swings. She would have days where she would be very happy, then she was just become very unhappy and sad.

“I went to my mother with nursing books and small amounts of research and told her that I thought that there was something else going on with Carrie.”

Carrie feels like her old self in a way now. She is happier and feels a bit better about herself.

“I will never be like how I used to be.”

# Hammond opens basement to artists

By KATHERINE HUNT

In the laid-back environment of his family's basement, a 20-year-old resident of Cornwall records local bands in his at-home studio.

Matthew "Matt" Hammond has been passionately involved with music for years and set up his personal studio last April.

Hammond has spent over \$4,000 on recording equipment, money he doesn't expect to recover in profit.

He doesn't charge a fee for the use of his time or equipment.

"I just do it for the fun of it. To be a part of someone's music is cool, even if you're not in the band," he said.

Recently music could be heard filtering from the basement of the Hammond house.

One room in the basement is a small, painted-black computer room with little lighting.

In it are a medium-sized mixer board, a computer and a window-pane to see into a connecting room.

That room is where the band goes to play.

It's black and purple with lyrics in silver marker etched on the walls.



Matt Hammond bites one of the microphones from his recording studio. Hunt photo

Jammed inside are various instruments and amplifiers from one end to the other.

The gear isn't the highest quality, but with the self-taught Hammond at the controls it sounds

good.

"He has a really good ear for stuff so he can make little adjust-

ments really well," said Chris VanOuwkerk, bassist for the band Syracuse Me of P.E.I.

Most of the bands recorded in the home studio will feature the finished project on their Myspace.com website.

Syracuse Me has been recording its songs in Hammond's basement and has one song up on the Internet.

Some of the songs Hammond recorded for them are forwarded to their label, Takedown Records.

That is a small indie label out of Halifax that signs bands from Canada's east coast.

"A lot of the reason that we are on Takedown is because of Matt and his recordings," VanOuwkerk said.

Hammond's service has helped a lot of bands avoid having to record on their mp3 players or computers.

He has no plans to ask for money now or in future from those who want him to record them. There aren't a lot of people out there who record for cheap, he said.

"I want people to have something to show."

# Ovation winner brings down house in Charlottetown

*Corinne Adams captures Canada-wide talent search and qualifies for finals in Nova Scotia*

By ELLEN KLEIN

To rhythmic stomping, clapping and generally complete audience involvement, the 2008 Charlottetown Ovation winner brought the house down at the Confederation Centre on Feb. 15.

Corinne Adams of Charlottetown, a part-time registered nurse who recently returned to her music after having put it aside for many years, sang No One by Alicia Keys.

The choice was completely different from the piece she chose as a demo sent in to the David Foster organization before the contest, she said.

"I wanted something that was really me. I love Alicia Keys."

Ovation, David Foster's Atlantic Canada-wide talent search, will have seen contestants from across the four Atlantic provinces vying

for a chance to perform in front of David Foster and his panel of judges at the Crescendo talent showcase on March 28, 2008 at Casino Nova Scotia.

The David Foster Foundation was founded in 1986. It provides financial and emotional support to families in need of life-saving organ transplants. Foster has produced music by some of the biggest names in the music business. Ovation contestants are between the ages of 14 and 29.

This is the first time Charlottetown has been home to an Ovation event, hosted by Liz Rigney of CTV. Contest judges B.J. Cook, Paul Alan and Lenny Gallant, in the spirit of Canadian Idol, commented after each performance.

Cook said Adams made a really good choice in music. "I love your voice. You've got one of those really distinctive voices."

Gallant told Adams he thought she was singing from somewhere deep down inside.

"There are a lot of kids out there who are doing amazing things," he said after the event.

Cook said of all the events she had attended so far across Canada, the Charlottetown contestants were the most confident.

"The 14-year-olds amaze me. These kids inspire me."

Contestants often choose music by artists Foster has worked with in the music world to make an impression, she said.

"That's been the downfall of many of them— bad song choices."

Some contestants used their own music.

Allen said the level of writing has changed.

"Everyone has the talent." Cook added people think the bal-



Corinne Adams after she won this year's Ovation competition. Klein photo

lad is going to move the judges and audience.

"You have to sort of gauge by

personality."

When Cook announced Adams' name, the nurse/vocalist was shocked and surprised.

She was involved with music for many of her younger years. Her parents kept notes from family newsletters mailed out over time, she said.

"I always said I was going be a rock star."

While she pursued a career in nursing in recent years, she put her music on the side. Recently, while on maternity leave, she took it up again. Entering the Ovation event was part of the move to rekindle the passion.

"I just wanted to keep going."

Adams loves all kinds of music, naming Billie Holiday, Etta James and Janis Joplin as favourites. Music is a big part of who she is, she said.

"I chase the undeniable force."

# Changes coming for rapper Classified

By RYAN ROSS

Sitting at a table, wearing a Pittsburgh Pirates cap, with his winter coat still on after a van ride from Halifax, Luke Boyd is at ease before a Valentine's Day show at The Wave.

The Enfield, N.S., based rapper known as Classified looks over a laminated menu while members of his crew set up for the night's performance.

On stage, someone brings in a pair of drums and taps out a beat while DJ IV sets up his turntables on a long banquet table.

The show doesn't start for a few hours and Boyd just learned the room holds over 1,000 people instead of the 200 he was told when he signed the contract to perform.

He shrugs it off.

"As long as the people here are having a good time, we usually have a good time."

It's the first time Boyd has played at The Wave. He has performed in Charlottetown before, although it has been a while.

"It's cool to come back."



Classified waits with his crew during the sound check before a Valentine's Day show at The Wave. From left, J-Bru, Classified, Mic Boyd, DJ IV and C-Rag. Ross photo

The show is in support of his newest CD, *While You Were Sleeping*, which he produced himself and released on his own label, Halflife Records.

The album has a few new songs but is mostly older material that shows what he used to do, he says.

"This is what I was working on

while you weren't paying attention."

Although the music might be old, Boyd does have something new to celebrate. A few weeks

ago, while he was on tour, he found out his wife is pregnant.

"I'm sure it's just gonna add to the experience."

He doesn't expect it to affect his career, though it doesn't take much to go down to his studio and make music.

He will still have to keep on top of what he's doing.

"This is my job."

A growing part of that job is producing for artists like Jordan Croucher, Chad Hatcher and his own brother, Mic Boyd.

The brothers have always done music together.

"When the thing got done, it got done."

Later, while they sat on the edge of the stage waiting for their food, Mic said he always toured with his brother and hasn't done any shows on his own.

"A lot better way of getting fans than going by yourself."

Back at the table, Luke said it's cool to work as a producer and let other people stress about everything else.

"I don't want to be a rapper when I'm 56 years old."

## Idol winner 'got it bad' for Early Riser

By ROBYN SEYMOUR

Graphic Design's P.J. Stephen won first place in Holland College's annual Idol competition Feb. 18, taking home \$200.

Stephen sang Usher's *You Got It Bad*, but threw in a twist ending and incorporated Friday's version of *Early Riser*.

Stephen knocked out runner-up Curtis Klein, who also performed another original song, *Grey Town*, accompanied by a keyboard.

Klein said he was not playing for the money but for his passion for music. He has been playing for seven years and singing for *HC Idol* was one of the biggest highs he has ever had.

"Playing in front of the school is one of the most nerve wrecking experience I've ever known.

Klein won \$100 for runner up but did not have any specific plans for the cash yet.

He was not alone in his victory. He had moral support from his friend G-Money, who watched and cheered from one of the front



P.J. Stephen wins the annual Holland College Idol on Feb. 18. Klein photo.

tables.

Other students who competed but didn't make the cut were Emilie Jewell, Meghan Wilkie and Rob Diamond.

Although Jewell struggled with the beginning of Train's *Drops of Jupiter*, she pulled through at the

end leaving spectators stunned with her voice.

She was not the only one who seemed to impress the crowd. Wilkie rocked the cafeteria with a classic, *Old Time Rock and Roll*.

The people in the crowd seemed to be enjoying themselves, dancing and clapping along with the beat.

Watching from the sideline was Wilkie's son Owen, 6 and her boyfriend Tyler.

Wilkie said she thought she did well and to her that's all that matters.

"I'm happy for all the other competitors. They were creative."

Diamond decided to bring his creativity and personality to *HC Idol* one last time and sang Chantal Kreviakuk's hit *Leaving on a Jet Plane*, but it was not enough to win the judges over this time.

Stephen said he has big plans for the \$200 won. He wants to buy a plane ticket to Hong Kong to be with his girlfriend.

"I'm really happy with what I did. I'm glad the crowd like it."



## Guys line up for love

Contestants from left to right: Rodney Myers, Jordan Bruyere and Matt Bakker participate in the dating game on Valentine's Day in the Holland College cafeteria. McInnis photo.

# New opportunity, new faces

*“Working at Holland College will provide you with learning experiences from the great staff and the students”*

By **CHRISTINA SUKIE**

Wonder what ever happened to Lornie Hughes, the ex-Student Services and Athletics officer at Holland College?

Well, back in October 2007 he transferred to the international office across the street.

The manager of International Business Development for the North America sector and is now stationed at the Charlottetown Centre.

This department, which has been officially operative for a year, supports the college's focus on recruitment of full-time students, development of strategic partnership and customized contract training.

He said he wanted to explore a new venture at the college.

“It was an opportunity to move into another role within Holland College.”

Michael O’Grady, vice-president of innovation, enterprise and strategic development, said Hughes received the position because of his background and experience.

“Lornie has a strong background in student recruitment and student services. His educational program equips him to evaluate business.”

He gained employment at Holland College soon after graduating in 1997 from the Recreation

Management program.

He earned a bachelor degree in business administration from UPEI in 2006.

He said the college creates a positive environment which makes you want to stay affiliated with the school.

“The college environment has two great ingredients, its students and staff. Both create a positive working environment and inspires us to stay within the organization.”

Hughes, who handled students’ organizations, graduations, student groups and special events, now provides a new service to students. He manages the Marine Cadet program for Bahamian students in the summer months.

Hughes also recruits students from the Caribbean into full-time programs at Holland College, and he makes sure the proper supports are provided for international students’ study. He also investigates other potential markets in North America.

His previous job role included direct contact with the students because he was stationed at the Charlottetown Centre. However, his new job position is less hands on with students, Hughes said.

“My current role is less reactive and more strategic planning.

There is less direct contact with students, but I am involved in a very exciting component to our



Lornie Hughes in front of his new office. Sukie Photo

organizaation.”

Hughes said he doesn’t prefer one job over the other, but he is enjoying the change and new tasks he faces.

“I enjoyed both positions, but sometimes change is good and I am thoroughly enjoying the new challenges in the international office.”

He appreciates learning about the new countries he has encountered and meeting the students

from there.

“I am really enjoying meeting students from different parts of the world, receiving the opportunity to learn about different countries and cultures is a true life experience.”

Hughes has had many memorable moments while working at Holland College, but while working with the students from the Maritime program proved to be the most valuable.

“Working at Holland College will provide you with learning experiences from the great staff and the students, and I have had many.

“In my current role, working with the summer Bahamian students taught me the values of a different culture.”

Michael O’Grady said their goal is to stay on track and continue to form relationships with the other countries.

“Our plans are to stay focused, continue to build long-term mutually beneficial partnerships with our targeted countries and attract more international business and students to Holland College.”

The Marine Cadet program is a relationship Holland College has had with The Bahamas Maritime Authority for the past three years. It allows the college to conduct a three-month, entry-level training program for aspiring mariners.

The program, which is held at the Holland College Marine Training Centre, offers two streams: watchkeeping rating and engine room rating.

Over 30 young Bahamians and two members of the Royal Bahamas Defence Force have graduated thus far. Planning is underway for the fourth intake of students for this summer .

## There is no escaping beauty industry: student

By **MELISSA MCINNIS**

What started out as a joke at a Rockband party has quickly turned into something much bigger.

Jana McLeod from P.E.I., set up a Facebook group, We Are The Industry, after disagreeing with the message being sent out by another Facebook group, Beauty-vs-Industry, created by Heather Ross.

The Beauty-vs-Industry group has lost track of what they’re supposed to be about, said Kate Publicover, a Facebook officer of We Are The Industry.

The idea of the group was Ross



Kate Publicover, officer of the Facebook group We Are The industry. McInnis photo.

trying to justify what defines pretty, but nobody understands what the beauty industry is, said Publicover.

Industry members acknowledge they follow trends and are happy doing so.

Publicover doesn’t see a way to avoid the industry.

“Unless you walk around naked, don’t wear make-up...you can’t not be the industry,” she said.

“There’s no way to escape the industry and there’s nothing wrong with it.”

The industry definitely has an impact, especially on teenage girls, said Birchwood Junour High guidance counsellor Murray MacInnis. Their behaviour, how they dress and how they talk, suggest teenagers are influenced by the media, said MacInnis.

To help teenagers at Birchwood deal with self-image, they are taught about the beauty myth. The myth is an image the woman

*“Unless you walk around naked, don’t wear make-up...you can’t not be the industry.”*

- *Kate Publicover*

should be dainty, thin and pretty, while the male is dominant and powerful. The teens are taught how to rip apart magazine articles so they may be less susceptible to the myth, said MacInnis.

Having a role model and being a critical thinker is important when dealing with self-image.

# Blue Rodeo hits a perfect note in Charlottetown

*A review*

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Teenagers are standing in groups while their parents and grandparents are relaxing to a glass of wine.

There are three generations under one roof and above all is an excited buzz. Everybody is waiting for the show to start.

Once the big double doors open there isn't much lingering and the crowds quickly pour into the large concert hall.

Finally the lights go out, but if you think Blue Rodeo takes the stage right away you'll be surprised.

We are greeted by a Pink Floyd-worthy light and sound show that stuns people into silence, giving the illusion of being in a completely different world and firing up the excitement even more.

Then Greg Keelor enters the stage and the crowd greets him with a deafening cheer.

Seconds later Jim Cuddy and the rest of the band take the small stage from the other side.

The first thing I notice is the absence of a drum kit. All the drummer has to work with is a single snare.

The band opens with their huge hit 5 Days in May with one of the cleanest sounds I have ever heard.

It is obvious these six guys have played together for a long time.

There is not a single note that is even remotely off key.

The band knows their routine and works without getting into each other's way while moving across the small stage.

Cuddy and Keelor present a



Jim Cuddy sends shivers down your spine as he performs with Blue Rodeo in Charlottetown Feb. 20. Burmeister photo

good mix of their old hits and songs from the new album *Small Miracles*.

After 45 minutes the stage is left to Keelor and Cuddy who do a couple of amazing acoustic pieces.

Then, without warning, the curtain at the back of the stages falls down revealing the rest of the band on a huge stage with an equally huge drum kit.

There is an explosion of music and light as the six men start to

rock the main stage at the Confederation Center.

By this point people are off their seats dancing at the sides of the room.

I look around and see I am not the only one who is stunned into silence by this show and the amazing stage presence of the two front men.

Every rock song fills me with amazing beats, every acoustic makes tears run down my face.

When, after about two hours of music, the crowds are cheering for an encore the band does not keep us waiting for long.

They finish an amazing concert with the hit-single *Hasn't Hit Me Yet* and finally the street light that was in the corner of the stage makes sense.

It lights up as Keelor falls into the chorus, snow starts falling from the ceiling and everybody is singing along to the familiar sounds.

When the show is over I stay in my seat, not sure what to do with myself after an amazing show.

It was my first Blue Rodeo show but it won't be my last. Blue Rodeo blew my mind.



Blue Rodeo shares the stage with members of Cuff The Duke and Melissa McLellan. Burmeister photo

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Greg Keelor captures the crowds as he plays familiar songs on his old guitar. Burmeister photo



Jack Frost Festival visitors enter the snow kingdom through the sculpted snow pirate.  
Ross photo



Zoey McGee enjoys herself at the Jack Frost Children's Winterfest. McInnis photo.

## Mother Nature, Jack Frost team up to entertain thousands



Spencer and Tyler Morton ride the swings at the Jack Frost Festival's indoor play land inside the Charlottetown Civic Centre. Ross photo.



Jack Frost Festival visitors enter the snow kingdom through the sculpted snow castle. Ross photo.



Tyler Strongman sits in the ice throne inside the Aliant Snow Kingdom at the Jack Frost Children's Winterfest. McInnis photo.