

# BACK HOME: Reflections of a Student Services Counsellor

There has been a little water under the bridge since I last roamed the campus in the seventies as an undergrad and it sure feels good to be returning home. Both the campus and I have experienced a similar metamorphosis. The campus has expanded proportional to my waist size with the addition of the Wanda Wyatt Dining Hall, Young Sports Centre, the W A Murphy Student Centre, KC Irving Chemistry building, AVC and the Aquatic/Rink Complex. Similarly the loss of my hair and hip reflect the loss of two dear old friends, the Alumni Gym and The Barn. What great times and fond memories I have of those two gathering spots.

In the seventies UPEI struggled with its identity as a new entity evolved from the proud and steep traditions of two fine universities. Today

UPEI takes its rightful place as a "Great Small University" attracting prestigious National Research Grants and gaining national recognition for its commitment to quality teaching.

After 27 years of working in the Public School System, from elementary to high school settings it's a privilege to have exposure to the university system and I can tell you, I like what I see so far. Faculty and Staffs' accessibility and commitment to serving students is most impressive. As Counsellor in Student Services I am impressed with the quality and diversity of services available to our students.

As a student here "back in the day" I regret I did not take advantage of the valuable services available to all students. Its my early observation that there are many present day students in

the same boat and I thought it might be of some benefit to give a thumb nail sketch of the various services available through Student Services.

We are presently taking a look at signage to direct everyone to the second floor, north end of the W A Murphy Student Centre. The easiest way to find us is take the elevator or stairwell opposite the Bookstore. The Women's Centre and Medical Centre are located here as well as Student Services.

Shirley Hudson and I provide personal and academic counselling. Shirley has been a tremendous support to me as I climb a steep learning curve in the academic counselling area. Besides counselling, there are quality professionals delivering service in a number of areas. Joy Ikede coordinates services to our International students. Mamdouh Elgharib delivers career counselling services including a campus wide tutoring program. If you are interested in registering as a tutor (\$11.50/hr) or need a tutor, pop in to see Mamdouh.

Joanne McCabe coordinates services for students with disabilities. Together with Paul Campbell and student assistants, Joanne arranges academic and test/exam accommodations for students. If you are diagnosed with a disability you may qualify for a disabilities study grant to help you with your studies.

Jeni Mutch and Cynthia

Shoemaker deliver the ACE Program for special needs students. Tamara Leary coordinates the Student Success Program for students referred by the respective Deans for additional academic support. Joy Livingston-Ford is here on a part-time basis to help Student Loan inquiries. Bob Gibson is our Director who has demonstrated patience and support as the new Counsellor gets his feet under him. Patsy Myers is Administrative Assistant and together with student assistants will greet you warmly as you enter the office.

The mandate of Student Services is to provide quality professional services to the students of UPEI and I invite you to take full advantage of this. I'm confident you'll find it to be a rewarding experience.

## The following is the list of staff and their positions in Student Services:

Bob Gibson, Director of Student Services  
Mamdouh Elgharib, Career Development Specialist  
Shirley Hudson, Counsellor  
Michael Connolly, Counsellor  
Joanne McCabe, Coordinator for Students with Disabilities  
Jeni Mutch, ACE Senior Facilitator  
Cynthia Shoemaker, ACE Facilitator  
Joy Ikede, International Student Advisor  
Joy Livingston-Ford, Student Financial Advisor  
Paul Campbell - Adaptive Technology Assistant  
Tamara Leary - Student Success Facilitator  
Patsy Myers, Administrative Assistant

## The following is a list of Student Assistants working in Student Services:

Jennafer Lynch  
Chris MacLellan  
Kate MacSwain  
Sherri Myers  
Erin Peterson



## Robertson Library - Food for Fines

Do you have library fines? Would you like to help a fellow student or family on Campus?

Bring 1- 5 non-perishable food or grocery item (e.g. canned goods, pasta, light bulbs, toilet paper, etc.) for the Campus Food Bank to the Circulation Desk at the Library from Monday Nov. 24 to Monday Dec. 15 and we'll deduct \$2.00 per item (up to \$10.00) from your library fines.



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### FINAL PUBLIC MEETING

Atlantic Veterinary College  
Lecture Theatre 'A'  
Thursday, November 20th, 2003  
7:30 p.m.

### SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

UPEI President Wade MacLauchlan  
Dr. Tom Connors  
Hon. Patrick Boyer

Everyone Welcome