



# Noteworthy

## CareerSearch 2002 released

Premier Roger Grimes and Sandra C. Kelly, Minister of Youth Services and Post-Secondary Education, released CareerSearch 2002, Employment Experiences and Earnings of 2000 Graduates. This publication provides detailed program-level information on graduate employment and earnings outcomes, out-migration, student loans and length of job searches, and it describes graduates' opinions of their investments in their programs.

"There have been significant improvements in the number of graduates who obtained full-time employment rates in the year following their graduation from post-secondary institutions in the province," said Premier Grimes. "This information provides graduates with effective career planning information they need to take full advantage of the opportunities available as the provincial economy continues to grow."

CareerSearch 2002 shows that full-time employment rates, one year following graduation from Memorial University undergraduate programs, have increased from 56 per cent in 1996 to 65 per cent in 2000. Overall, there have been significant improvements in full-time employment rates in college programs for both College of the North Atlantic and private training institutions, from 52 per cent in 1996 to 70 per cent in 2000. For journeypersons certified in 2000, the full-time employment rate was approximately 79 per cent. This is the first survey of graduates from these journeyperson programs.

Students, parents, educators and career counselors will find the information in this report makes a useful contribution to the complex decision-making process required in making sound career and program choices," said Minister Kelly. "Post-secondary institutions will find the research useful in evaluating the effectiveness of their program."

Copies of CareerSearch 2002 can be obtained by calling (709) 729-0233. Visit the CareerSearch on-line searchable database at [www.gov.nf.ca/youth](http://www.gov.nf.ca/youth).

## Provincial Wellness Advisory Council appointed

The newly appointed Provincial Wellness Advisory Council will provide advice and guidance to the Minister of Health and Community Services on the development and implementation of the wellness strategy as outlined in government's strategic health plan, Healthier Together.

The council is comprised of members from 26 non-governmental and governmental agencies, and is chaired by Dr. Catherine Donovan. Wellness is an overarching theme of government's strategic health plan. Four areas have been identified to further work around wellness: health promotion, injury and illness prevention, health protection, and child and youth development.

"I am very pleased to have such a high calibre group of people working together. There are a number of strong initiatives already in place in Newfoundland and Labrador to support our work on wellness," said Minister Smith. "I will look to this new council to help me identify means by which we can maximize the resources we already have in place and build upon the good work already being done within communities."

## Focus on the fishery

Gerry Reid, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture, met with the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) to discuss alternative approaches to fishery management outside the 200-mile limit. Both agreed the current approach to fisheries management through NAFO is not working, and agreed together to explore alternatives.

Minister Reid also expressed his objection to a recent federal government decision to accept the recommendations of the Independent Panel on Access Criteria (IPAC) report. Government advised the federal minister that it rejected the panel's report based in particular on their use of equity as an access principle, and on their definition of adjacency.

"Make no mistake, this province was built on the fishery and it still plays a significant role in our social and economic success," said Minister Reid. "I fully intend to pursue every possible avenue to ensure that this resource is sustained and developed for the full benefit of this province."

## House to open

The House of Assembly will resume sitting on Monday, November 18, 2002. Once again, Newfoundlanders and Labradorians will be able to access House of Assembly proceedings through local cable stations across the province.

