

NRES WEEKLY NEWS

November 19—23, 2007

A newsletter for faculty, staff and students
who participate in the
Natural Resources & Environmental Studies Institute
and NRES Graduate Programs

Good-bye Paula?



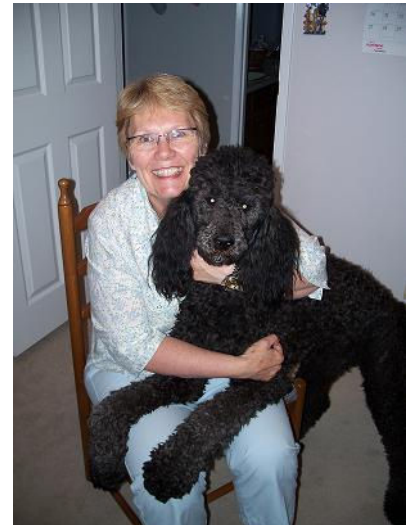
Always Smiling Paula

There have certainly been many changes at UNBC since the early days of NRES, but a constant, calming force through our first fourteen plus years has been Paula Poirier. And now (most of us still can't believe it), Paula is moving on to a new challenge with Northern Health in Prince-George. Undeniably their gain and our loss!

Every once in a while you meet someone who is truly indispensable, not because they have made themselves important by 'guarding the gate', but because they have been so caring and helpful to all that you just can't imagine getting by without them. Whether it was providing new faculty with a welcoming shoulder or constantly going that extra mile to help students solve their problems, Paula has always been there for everyone. If you wanted to know what a former student was doing, you just had to ask Paula because she cares deeply about students and they keep in touch with her. Of course there was the Paula test – her uncanny ability to quickly size up interviewing faculty members as to their fit into the NRES faculty! Mostly we will remember that Paula was always there with a smile on her face and a moment for everyone.

They say that you don't really realize what all someone does for you until they have left – that certainly is a worrisome thought given what all we already realize Paula has done for many of us over the years. She certainly has left us very big shoes to fill.

We all wish Paula well with her new adventure working with Northern Health, but it just can't be goodbye – so keep in touch!



Paula and Peggy

REMINDER: Share your information about recent publications, grants, and /or other honours you may have received with others interested in NRES issues.

PLEASE EMAIL ALL INFORMATION AND MATERIAL to Elissa Zemlak: zemlak@unbc.ca

We're on the web at: www.unbc.ca/nres/newsletter

NRESI RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM SERIES

Tomorrow



Dr. Marten Geertsema

Research Geomorphologist,
Ministry of Forests & Range

ECOLOGICAL ROLE OF LANDSLIDES IN MAINTAINING BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2007

3:30 - 4:30 PM

ROOM 7-150

light refreshments will be served

Dr. Gail Anderson

Associate Professor
Associate Director
School of Criminology,
Simon Fraser University



IMPACT OF MARINE SUBMERGENCE ON DECOMPOSITION AND TIME OF DEATH ESTIMATION IN HOMICIDE VICTIMS

Forensic entomology is well recognized as one of the best methods of estimating elapsed time since death in homicide victims. However, its primary use has been in terrestrial situations. When a body is dumped in water, estimating elapsed time since death, as well as determining many other parameters about the death, becomes much more difficult. This talk will show research from several experiments examining decomposition in the marine environment. Pig carcasses (*Sus scrofa* L.) were used as human models and were placed at depths of 7, 15 and 94 m in the coastal marine waters of Vancouver and Vancouver Island. These carcasses were observed, either by divers or by remote operated camera, until the carcass was skeletal or completely consumed.

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CANFOR THEATRE, ROOM 6-213

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PUBLICATIONS

Massicotte HB, LH Melville, LE Tackaberry & RL Peterson. 2007. *Pityopus californicus*: structural characteristics of seed and seedling development in a mycoheterotrophic species. *Mycorrhiza* 17: 647-653.

Rea, R.V. 2007. Lecture, ticket or toe tag?: Roadside wildlife requires more than a passing thought. *The Gazette of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police* 69(3):30-31.

TRAVEL

David Connell travelled to Edmonton November 5-6, 2007 for the Agriculture Institute of Canada conference. David was invited to present the results of his research on the economic and community impacts of farmers markets in BC.



He saw the forest for the imperilled trees

Graduate student, **Dave Radies**, who discovered a unique ecosystem of giant cedars in the Robson Valley is now fighting to save it from loggers.

To view the full story in the November 12, 2007 edition of the Globe and Mail click on the link below.

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/LAC.20071112.BCCEDAR12/TPStory/National>

CONGRATULATIONS to **Doug Thompson** who just passed his RPF exam!