Tides of history in Atlantic Canada: One wonders if New Brunswick is fighting the tide of history on shale gas development in the province. To see the future better, we must look to the past. History does not necessarily repeat itself, but it does provide examples from which we can learn. Specifically, right now we need to talk history – because too many of us don’t know about important parts of it. Without that history, it’s impossible to understand exactly why protests by First Nations shale gas protestors erupted recently with a clash between the protestors, industry and the government. Like the ebb and flow of the Bay of Fundy tides, history has a way of receding and then re-emerging with tremendous force. Claire Campbell and Robert Summerby-Murray recently edited a book called Land and Sea, an exploration of environmental history in Atlantic Canada. I had an opportunity to sit down with one of the editors of the book, Robert Summerby-Murray who explained the book published by Acadiensis Press, was a project supported by the Network in Canadian History and Environment (NiCHE). The book consists of 12 essays and an epilogue, which illustrate various aspects of the Atlantic Region’s environmental history. Notable contributors to the book are Colin Laroque of Mount Allison’s geography and environment department and Lanna Campbell, a Mount Allison University graduate. Sackville Tribune-Post

U Waterloo geese patroller Alex Harris: Alex Harris’ furry approach to goose control at the University of Waterloo got a lot of attention online. Harris patrolled the university campus with Molson the dog to chase geese away from their nesting sites. His patrols were for his undergraduate thesis for his degree in Geography and Environmental Management Honours. When we posted Harris’ story on our website, we got many comments about the story and some readers suggested they’d prefer a cooked goose on a dinner plate to live one hissing across their paths. CBC commenter mighty potato summed it up best: “As a UW alum, this is highly amusing to me. The geese really are that vicious. Riding a bike or walking by Laurel Creek in the spring was like going through an angry, feather-filled gauntlet.” CBCNews Kitchener-Waterloo.

Got a rink? If so, WLU geographers want to know all about it: Scientists want you to tell them all about your backyard rink, if you have one, in a cross-country effort to enrol ordinary people in a climate study. This is the second year of RinkWatch, run by Robert McLeman’s team at Ontario’s Wilfrid Laurier University. He teaches geography and environmental studies, and last year he hoped to sign up 50 to 100 volunteers to keep track of ice conditions. He got more than 1,000 - in Canada, the United States, even one in Norway. The StarPhoenix
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**Other “Geographical” News**

**Canada-U.S. latitude graphic challenges our assumptions about geography:** Many of us think of the United States as our neighbours 'to the south', but a new infographic might make you think differently. David Taylor, the part-time geographer who brought us Canada's population by latitude has devised a map that shows a significant portion of the U.S. lies north of our southernmost point. The red area comprises 22 per cent of the contiguous U.S., according to Taylor's website, 38 per cent including Alaska. It also makes up 15 per cent of the country's population. [Huffington Post](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/latitudes_n_5759659)

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