

MSVU Students Largest Contributors to Capital Campaign

April 16, 2008, Halifax – Mount Saint Vincent University (MSVU) students get ahead by giving back.

In March, students overwhelmingly voted to generously support the University's \$16 million capital campaign, *Building Tomorrow Together*. This is the second time the student body has made this supportive gesture. The recent vote to support the campaign will translate into a gift of \$275,000, which makes a total student contribution of \$709,000.

"This act sends a powerful message to our external community," said Jeremy Neilson, in-coming Students' Union President. "Mount Saint Vincent University is endorsed by its students and great things are happening here."

The \$16 million will go towards reaching the campaign's three goals: expanding campus with the construction of a \$12 million Teaching, Learning and Research Centre; \$2 million towards enhancing academic excellence, which includes a new endowed Chair in Learning Disabilities (the only one of its kind in Canada); and \$2 million towards scholarships, bursaries, research assistantships and awards.

"Mount Saint Vincent University is a community of students, professors, administrators and alumnae, all of whom stand behind one another and who share a unified vision for the future," said Dr. Martha L. Jodrey, National Campaign Chair. "Our students have invested heavily in their university and want to ensure that future students will have the best possible university experience here at the Mount."

The 2007-2008 campaign cabinet consists of:

Martha Jodrey, National Campaign Chair
The Honourable Myra A. Freeman, ONS, Honorary Campaign Chair
Kathryn Laurin, President and Vice-Chancellor of MSVU
Janet MacMillan, Principal, MT&L Public Relations Ltd., MSVU Board of Governors Chair
Gwen Haliburton, Board Representative
Jack Flemming, CM, President and Chair of Ocean Contractors Limited, Leaderships Gifts Chair
Jane M. Smith, President of Beacon Securities Limited, Major Gifts Chair
Mike Foran, Owner, Touch of Gold, Special Gifts Chair
Greg Grice, Regional President Atlantic Provinces of RBC Royal Bank, Treasurer
Margaret McKee, Assistant Professor, Public Relations, MSVU, Communications Chair
Andrew Doyle, Partner and President of Extreme Group Communications, Donor Recognition Chair

The campaign is only the third of its kind in MSVU's 135 year history.