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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another fall semester has begun at the Mount and what an exciting time it is for us! From the appointment of our first Canada Research Chair, Dr. Janice Keefe, to our increased enrolment, Mount Saint Vincent University continues to grow. It is evident that our efforts in recruitment and friend-raising have all been paying off.

The beginning of a new term always introduces fresh faces to the Mount. This year is no exception. Of particular note, I want to welcome Dr. Donna Woolcott, our new Vice-President (Academic). Dr. Woolcott joins us from the University of Guelph and we know that her extensive experience will serve us well. As well, we welcome a new Chancellor this fall. Sister Donna Geernaert, SC, PhD, a Mount alumna, was installed at our fall convocation ceremonies in

October. She conferred degrees on the graduands and our two honorary degree candidates, Sister Dorothy Moore, CSM, MED '84 and Ms. Eleanor Wachtel. We welcome these two distinguished women to our alumnae family.

To ensure that the various stakeholders in education fully appreciate the strengths of the Mount, we have recently embarked on a national public awareness campaign. I encourage you to look for our ads in print, on television, on radio and in your community mailbox!

In closing, I urge you to stay in touch with your alma mater. As you will see from this issue of *Folia Montana*, there are many exciting things happening at the Mount and we like to know what's new and exciting in your life. Best wishes and I hope our paths cross someday soon.



Editor's Notebook
Marie Weeren BPR '92

There's something about the fall. It brings an urge to sharpen pencils, dust off discarded resolutions and mark the changing season by exploring new learning opportunities.

This *Folia Montana* is full of newness. There are stories of new appointments including the Mount's new chancellor Sister Donna Geernaert, SC and new Vice-President (Academic) Dr. Donna Woolcott.

The cover story tells of the awarding of the Mount's first Canada Research Chair to Dr. Janice Keefe from the Department of Family Studies and Gerontology, and recognizes her leadership and critically important work in the field of aging and caregiving.

Alumnae news includes an introduction to the leaders of the MSVU student alumnae association – true ambassadors for the Mount with their enthusiasm and energy – and coverage of the 2002 summer reunion where many new memories were formed.

Finally, this is my first issue as editor, a new opportunity I delight in. My connection with the

Mount goes back to 1988 when I stepped off the bus in front of Seton Academic Centre and into an unforgettable learning adventure.

I look forward to hearing from you. Your news and your feedback on *Folia Montana* are most welcome.

In touch

I received my copy of *Folia Montana* today and noticed your call for feedback about the new layout. As a result, I thought it important to take a minute to say WOW!

Congratulations! Not only is the layout much better; so are the stories. *Folia* has come a long way in the last few years. It can now be a real source of pride for all MSV alumnae.

- *Maurice Michaud BPR '89*
Halifax, NS

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CAMPUS NEWS

A new chancellor for the Mount

With Sisters of Charity-Halifax

Sister Donna Geernaert BSC '64, is Mount Saint Vincent University's new chancellor. The congregational leader for the Sisters of Charity-Halifax was installed as chancellor Oct. 20 at fall convocation. Geernaert succeeds Sister Mary Louise Brink BSC '62, BA '67.

"I am very pleased to be coming back to Mount Saint Vincent University and am looking forward with enthusiasm to my role as chancellor," stated Geernaert, who taught religious studies at the Mount from 1975-1980. "The growth in the student body and expansion in programs that has occurred since I taught here in the late 70s is a most encouraging development. I am especially looking forward to working with Dr. Sheila Brown and the Board of Governors."

Geernaert takes on the role of congregational leader after serving as director of ecumenical and interfaith relations with the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. In September, she received the prestigious Assumption University Christian Culture Award Gold Medal for her outstanding contribution to ecumenical and interfaith dialogue.



Geernaert (left) and Mount President Dr. Sheila Brown at the fall 2002 chancellor's dinner.

Each member of the recently elected Sisters of Charity of Halifax leadership team is a Mount alumna:

Sister Joan Butler BA '67, BED '68
Sister Mary Katherine Hamm BA '68, BED '68
Sister Patricia Kelly BSC '61, BA '67
Sister Mary Beth Moore BA '70, BED '70
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(Dan Callis photo)

Facing the future with confidence

As new Vice-President (Academic) Dr. Donna Woolcott reflects on early impressions of the Mount and the path ahead of her, certain themes recur: respecting the Mount mission, working as a team, learning from alumnae.

"What I hope to accomplish is to help the Mount realize its academic dreams in

a way that will honour both its history and its future," says Woolcott, who most recently served as University of Guelph's assistant vice-president (academic) and professor in the Department of Family Relations and Applied Nutrition.

"Most people who are on faculty or on staff in the institution have wonderful ideas of what's working and what's not," she says. "I think it's important to capitalize on that and move forward as a team."

In a news release announcing Woolcott's appointment, Mount President Dr. Sheila Brown spoke of what the vice-president would contribute to the university team. "We are delighted to be bringing such an accomplished teacher, scholar and administrator to our campus," she said. "Dr. Woolcott brings a distinguished record of university teaching, research and administration. Her strengths will bolster and support our strategic directions and help us chart a strong academic course for the future."

In helping to chart this course, Woolcott will keep close at hand the university-wide strategic plan, *Blueprint 2000*, and the specific academic plan approved by the university Senate in April 2002. For plans to come alive, Woolcott stresses that they must be worked with and re-evaluated as realities change – realities that include the declining role of government in supporting universities through funding.

Something that remains unchanged is the university's commitment to continue to attract excellent students. Woolcott says alumnae play a pivotal role in this process as "ambassadors of the institution."

Woolcott, who participated in the alumnae reunion weekend in the summer, looks forward to future involvement in alumnae events. "I value opportunities to learn from alumnae – why they came here and what they took away from the institution," she says. "They become the face of the institution."



CAMPUS NEWS

Revitalizing campus life

Courtesy MSVU Public Affairs

A mid-September view: MSVU's newest residence is under construction for its scheduled opening in May 2003 for the summer conference season. The 158-bed, five-storey building will feature apartment-style suites with in-floor radiant heating. Paul Reyno, director of physical plant (pictured here), expects the new residence will help revitalize student life on campus. The first students will move in September 2003. This construction marks the first phase of the university's campus revitalization plan, which also includes building new space for teaching, learning and research, and additional space for recreational facilities.



Budget passed with unanimous approval

Courtesy MSVU Public Affairs

The Mount's Board of Governors unanimously approved this year's budget.

The budget, approved in the spring, includes a six per cent tuition increase. It includes full support for building a new residence and paves the way for MSVU's campus expansion plan. It creates a new fund for improving existing residences that will be run in partnership with students. The budget also sees a 50 per cent increase in bursaries for students and significant growth in scholarships, including five new top awards of \$28,000 each.

"This budget demonstrates how we do things differently here at the Mount. The university, our volunteer board and students worked together to create a budget that works for everyone. It isn't often you get unanimous support for anything, let alone a budget. We couldn't be more pleased," said MSVU Vice-President (Administration) Amanda Whitewood.

Despite the tuition increase, even the students on the Board of Governors supported the budget.

"This is a tuition increase we can live with because the university is offering enough new bursaries and scholarships to offset the higher cost. It also gives the university enough money to grow and revitalize our campus, which benefits our students," said MSVU Students' Union President Leah Lewis.

The university also approved in principle a three-year business plan that charts a course for growth and revitalization.

The Board of Governors offered strong support for the budget's focus on growth and fostering student excellence.

"This budget sends a strong message that we want to offer the best to our students and we want to reward and inspire excellence, while continuing our commitment to accessibility," said Jane Smith, chair of the MSVU Board of Governors.

SSHRC grant facilitates research on women

Research on women and gender-related issues at the Mount will be strengthened through recently awarded funding from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC).

Dr. Patrick O'Neill, director of research and international liaison officer, says the three-year funding of approximately \$25,000 per year, supports the university's goal to be a leader in gender-focused research.

The funding, secured through an application developed by O'Neill's predecessor Dr. Cynthia Mathieson, will be dedicated to fostering scholarly exchanges and development. Projected activities include a visiting scholars program (with special monies earmarked for outstanding visiting graduate student(s)), a colloquia series drawing on regional and local experts, research workshops and faculty exchanges.



COVER STORY

Mount receives its first Canada Research Chair: Meeting the needs of an aging population

Nancy Wicks
Mount public relations student

ger-on-tol-o-gy

n. The scientific study of the biological, psychological, and sociological phenomena associated with old age and aging. (www.dictionary.com)

Dr. Janice Keefe's interest in caregiving and gerontology was not sparked in the usual manner. Many who pursue research in the areas of aging do so as a result of some personal experience in their lives. In Keefe's case, however, the interest began during her Bachelor of Arts studies at the University of Prince Edward Island. "I learned then about the aging population and what that would mean, and that was almost 20 years ago," says Keefe.



"My goal is to make my work real," says Keefe.

Fast-forward to 2002 and Mount Saint Vincent University. Keefe, an associate professor with the Department of Family Studies and Gerontology, has been awarded a Canada Research Chair in Aging and Caregiving Policy, valued at \$500,000. This is the first of five research chairs awarded to the Mount through a federal government program designed to foster research

excellence at Canadian universities. The prestigious award allows Keefe to put most of her focus on mentoring graduate students and conducting research on aging and caregiving.

"The Canada Research Chair is only one person, but it is the culmination of many people's research at the Mount in this area," says Keefe, who joined the university in 1990. "It links quite well with the projects and the library at the Nova Scotia Centre on Aging here at the university. This chair is the government's recognition that this university is doing research, and has a strategic research plan of which aging is one component."

Dr. Patrick O'Neill, director of research and international liaison officer at the Mount, agrees. "The whole idea of the chair is to provide us with people that spend most of their time working on research and training graduate students," says O'Neill. "Once you get first-class graduate students and post-graduate students, that's going to spill out into the undergraduate program as well."

Keefe's area of particular research is in caregiving and the sociological aspects of aging. "I worked in a social services agency in the 1980s that provided services to seniors, and that really tweaked my interest in caregiving and home care," says Keefe. "It seemed to me that home care was desperately needed to keep people in their communities and we were putting so much pressure on women to leave their jobs and take care of their parents, but we weren't giving them any support."

"I want to do research that will lead to new ideas, new policies and new programs..."

Keefe examines and analyses trends and existing policies in caregiving and home care in Canada and internationally, and makes recommendations to government and others on how to change and improve the situation for caregivers. Then she creates instruments that are more practically oriented to translate the research to the public.

One of those already in place is the caregiver assessment tool, an instrument that was born out of research by Keefe and others, and has since been tested and validated for use in the home care field. "It's an assessment that home care agency assessors and social workers can use to ascertain the needs of caregivers," says Keefe. "It means that there will be a shift from only looking at the care recipient to extending that concern and assessment to the person who is primarily giving the care in the home."

More instruments are going to be created at the new Maritime Data Centre for Aging Research and Policy Analysis, which will be located at the Mount. The \$230,000 required to set up this facility was awarded to



COVER STORY

Keefe jointly by the Canada Foundation for Innovation and the Nova Scotia Research and Innovation Trust Fund. The lab will allow Keefe and graduate students to conduct more sophisticated analysis of the data collected on home care, caregivers and the future of the health care system as the Canadian population ages, and then to translate this analysis into practical tools.

This practical application is particularly important today. According to Statistics Canada the number of Canadians aged 80 and over was 932,000 between 1991 and 2001. This figure will jump by 43 per cent by 2011. "There is a greater proportion of our population who are living longer into their 80s," says Keefe. "It's not just that they need help because they're old, but many of the older people are giving the help." The baby boomer phenomenon is resulting in older caregivers, and there will be fewer numbers of people to take care of those baby boomers when they age.

"I think that caregiving is just going to bloom and blossom very quickly to the front of what needs to be worked on," says Gail Bruhm, executive director of the Family Caregivers' Association of Nova Scotia. "Baby boomers in particular are being faced with caregiving responsibilities that they're not prepared for, and I think Janice's chair will bring more attention to the issue."

Keefe's research has value, especially in Atlantic Canada, where population aging and outward migration is resulting in an older population without enough caregivers to support and care for them. The caregivers that are available are going to be stressed, and there needs to be support available to them. This means policy change.

"No government organization is moving very far without evidence; everything is evidence based," says Bruhm. "So what will happen is that we will now be able to take the evidence to move forward with our grant proposals for program implementation." The new data centre at the Mount will be instrumental in providing this evidence to non-government and government organizations.

The research Keefe conducts directly benefits the community. One example is her collaboration currently underway with Dr. Katherine Side of the Mount's Department of Women's Studies. They are conducting research on population loss in rural communities in Atlantic Canada, and its impact on the health of the

community and health services. Side and Keefe have received almost \$90,000 from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research to fund this study.

"Dr. Keefe and I have common research interests, among them, health, women's health and relations of caring and reciprocity," says Side. "This is an important opportunity for collaboration and I am confident that the Canada Research Chair will facilitate future opportunities for collaborative research important to the region, as well as nationally."

This joint study is yet another example of the research being conducted at the university today. "It's all a part of our plan," says O'Neill. "The Mount has a strategic blueprint for success and part of the blueprint's mandate is to improve research and the milieu for research around the university. These research chairs will become the centre; think of them as the hub, with



Masters student Marlie Manning's (right) interest is home care, particularly policy. She received almost \$36,000 to do research with Keefe from Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation, and A Healthy Balance, a community alliance for health research on women's unpaid caregiving.

spokes going out to other faculty members and others who will tie into the chairs to build their own research profiles." The research is spread out to the whole community, amongst faculty, graduate and undergraduate students.

The award of the Canada Research Chair brings Keefe in even closer alignment with her research goal. "My goal is to make my work real," she says. "I want to do research that will lead to new ideas, new policies and new programs that support family caregivers and meet the future demands of Canada's aging population."



CAMPUS NEWS

Honours to Hamilton

With MSVU Public Affairs

Sylvia Hamilton, the Mount's Nancy's Chair in Women's Studies, received an honorary diploma from Nova Scotia Community College at its 2002 spring convocation ceremony held on the MSVU campus. The award was given in acknowledgment of Hamilton's outstanding leadership, volunteerism and service to her community.

Hamilton was recognized as an advocate for diversity and equity through creative expression, and as an individual with an incredible amount of drive, leadership, courage and talent.

Through these talents as a filmmaker and writer, Hamilton, who was born in Beechville, NS, has brought the life experiences of African Nova Scotians to the mainstream of Canadian arts. Her film work includes the groundbreaking productions *Black Mother Black*



Daughter and Speak It: From the Heart of Black Nova Scotia.

National recognition for co-op coordinators

Mount Co-operative Education Coordinators Sonya Horsburgh BBA '91 and Shani Pearson have received honours from the Canadian Association for Co-operative Education (CAFCE).

Pearson received the prestigious Albert S. Barber Award. The honour recognizes her "outstanding contributions to the advancement of the philosophy and practice of co-operative education in Canada."

For more than 10 years, Pearson has developed educational partnerships with co-op employers across the country and worked to ensure students' personal and professional growth. She has worked with CAFCE at provincial, regional and national levels in various leadership roles, including the areas of government liaising, accreditation reviews and mentoring new co-operative education programs. She has served as president of CAFCE's national board and co-authored journal articles on co-operative education.

Horsburgh is the first individual to receive two Service Awards from CAFCE. The most recent award recognizes, among other things, her initiation and organization of a technology forum and her service as chair of National Co-operative Education Week. The other award acknowledged her involvement as a member of a team that developed a co-operative education supplement published in the university rankings issue of *Maclean's*. Horsburgh serves as the CAFCE Atlantic regional representative, and is involved in planning the association's 2004 national conference to be held in Halifax.

Exhibit your talents

With MSVU Art Gallery

The Mount Art Gallery has put out the call for entries to the 28th annual Mount community show. Everything from painting, photography, sculpture, sewing and knitting, to writings, musical performances and baking will be put on display.

Alumnae, students, staff, faculty, and their families and significant others are invited to enter up to five examples (per person) of creative work. Creations by individuals and groups are welcome.

The gallery will accept entries from Nov. 12-18 from 9-5 p.m. The exhibit will open with a reception on Thursday, Nov. 28 at noon, and run until Dec. 14.

For more information, contact the art gallery at (902) 457-6160. Gallery hours: Tuesday to Friday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 1 - 5 p.m.



The study of peace and conflict

Francis Mullins, a third-year student from Woodslee, ON, came to the Mount because of its Peace and Conflict Studies Program.

The interdisciplinary bachelor of arts degree in peace and conflict studies, established in 1996, is unique in Atlantic Canada and one of only six such programs in the country, according to coordinator Dr. Sue McGregor. A focus on peace has also been integrated into Mount graduate education offerings.

“Students are finding it (the undergraduate program), saying that they’re looking to match the value systems of their life,” she says. “It takes a really strong, special student to take this degree. They think outside the box. Some of them are very outgoing, some are very quiet, yet their inner strength is amazing.”

An increasing number of students are discovering the program that “examines the roots of conflict and the foundations of peace.” From the spring to the fall of 2001, program enrolment rose from a handful of students to approximately 25. McGregor, who was mentored into the coordinator position by Professor



An exploration of ideas. McGregor (left) and Mullins.

Emeritus Dr. Larry Fisk, says a key value of the program is its interdisciplinary approach that invites students to choose courses from more than 12 departments and explore their synergy.

Mullins says the program has allowed him to focus many of his ideas. He says a key thing is “you can’t divorce what you believe from what you do.” He adds, “When you see the connections between what you’re doing and the effects on other people and on the world you can see that unless you have no other way to survive, it’s time to make a choice.”

Recognizing leadership

Courtesy MSVU Public Affairs

Mount President Dr. Sheila Brown was honoured by her peers for her accomplishments and contributions to higher education in Atlantic Canada.

Brown was presented with the Distinguished Service Award by the Association of Atlantic Universities Coordinating Committee on Faculty Development.

The award was presented to Brown in the spring at the University of New Brunswick’s Effective Teaching Institute. She was there to deliver the keynote address “Rethinking Teaching in a Climate of Change.”

Brown chaired the Committee on Faculty Development from 1990-2000. Under her leadership, the committee instituted regional awards for teaching excellence and instructional leadership as well as an annual teaching retreat for award winners.

“Dr. Brown provided calm, well-prepared leadership. She worked to ensure that the value of teaching and faculty development was a priority,” said one committee member.

The president is recognized nationally as a leader in higher education. She is president of the Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education, and a member of the Standing Advisory Committee on Research for the



The president (right) receives the 2001 Distinguished Service Award from committee chair Margaret-Anne Bennett. (photo from UNB Teaching and Learning Centre)

Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada. Brown co-chairs the Management Committee of the Nova Scotia Higher Education International Trade and Marketing Plan, and she was recently asked to become a member of the Education Marketing Advisory Board at the request of Pierre Pettigrew, minister responsible for international trade.

“I am pleased and honoured to receive this award. And I would like to thank all the people who have worked so tirelessly with me over the last 10 years to ensure that teaching excellence in our region is recognized and fostered for the benefit of our students,” said Brown.



ALUMNAE UPDATE



Kate Swinemer BA'72, BED'75
President
Mount Saint Vincent
Alumnae Association

If the success of any event can be measured by laughter, Reunion 2002 was highly successful. The enthusiasm of the participants was testimony to the wonderful weekend we shared.

Even though the "new year" is just getting started, there is a date that should already be on your calendar. The fourth annual Halifax Metro Area Chapter dinner will be held at the Lord Nelson Hotel on Feb. 6, 2003. Another note of interest for local alumnae will be the Halifax Metro Area Chapter's creation of a book club, which will begin later this fall.

Although membership on the MSVAA board remains almost unchanged for 2002-2003, we are always anxious to have resumes on file for the nominating committee. If you are interested in serving on the board at a later date, I



ALUMNAE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

encourage you to sit on one of our subcommittees and get a feel for the work of the board. Your time and talent will only enhance the profile of the alumnae association.

I am delighted to welcome the new president of the student alumnae association, Brad MacKinnon. Quite often it is the students that join the association that maintain their interest in the Mount and become our best cheerleaders. Speaking of one of our greatest ambassadors, it was an honour to present Shirley Nicholson BA '88, our past president, with the well-deserved Alumnae Award of Distinction for 2002.

And finally, to our fall graduates, congratulations. We welcome you to the Mount family, and ask only that you treat us like your real family – think of us fondly, stay in touch, and come home often.

PR grad communicates her way to top of IABC

Lucas Wide
Mount public relations
student



The Mount is proud to recognize the accomplishment of Annette M. Martell BPR '86. During the International Association of Business Communicators' (IABC) annual general meeting in June, Martell was elected the chair of the 2002-03 Executive Board. She is the first Mount public relations graduate to hold this title.

"The Mount's BPR program introduced me to IABC. During our speech and presentations class, a guest speaker explained the value of belonging to IABC and handed out membership forms. My life-long affair with the IABC was sealed when I actually worked with the IABC members during my first co-op term in Edmonton, AB. Those communicators made IABC very real, relevant and irresistible," says Martell, who in 1992 was awarded the association's Accredited Business Communicator designation of international accreditation.

Martell was the first BPR graduate to receive the designation of Master Communicator from IABC, an organization with 13,500 members in 60 countries. She is also a past Mount PR department advisory board member. Martell is currently working in Toronto with the communication practice of Mercer Human Resource Consulting.

Mark your calendars!

Preparations are underway for the Halifax Metro Area Chapter's popular annual dinner:

Date: Thursday, Feb. 6, 2003

Time: 5:30 p.m. reception, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Location: The Ballroom, Lord Nelson Hotel and Suites

Speaker: To be confirmed

Ticket Price: \$30

To reserve your space or for more information call (902) 457-6470.



ALUMNAE UPDATE

Fall convocation 2002

At the Mount's fall convocation, degrees, diplomas and certificates were conferred on about 360 students, and honorary degrees were bestowed upon Sister Dorothy Moore CSM, MED '84 and Eleanor Wachtel.

Moore, a Mount graduate, is a dedicated educator whose passionate promotion of her Mi'kmaq history and language has touched many lives. A member of the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Martha of Antigonish, she has served in such roles as schoolteacher, principal, native student counselor and liaison, and education consultant. Among other honours, Moore received an Atlantic Canada Innovator



Sister Dorothy Moore, CSM

of the Year Award, education category; and an achievement award from the Membertou community.

A Canadian literary and arts broadcaster, Wachtel is the award-winning host of CBC Radio's *Writers & Company*



Eleanor Wachtel

and *The Arts Today*. In addition to her recognized gifts as a broadcaster, she is an accomplished writer and editor. She co-authored *A Feminist Guide to the Canadian Constitution* and co-edited *Language in her Eye*. Wachtel has served as an adjunct professor, women's studies, at Simon Fraser University. She gave a public talk at the Mount

on "The lives of writers" in March 2001. Wachtel delivered the convocation address.

An enriched experience

Christa Barnhill BBA (CO-OP) '02, from Debert, NS, traveled to high school by bus and didn't really get involved in school activities.

That all changed when she came to the Mount.

"I told myself when I came to university it would be different because I was living on campus and I had no excuse not to get involved," says Barnhill, who graduated Oct. 20 with the Bachelor of Business Administration (Co-operative Education Option) degree. Her sister Carrie graduated the same day with the same degree; both sisters specialized in accounting.

Barnhill was true to her word. Her first extra-curricular commitment was to the student alumnae association, of which she was co-president in her third year. As a residence student she took on a number of roles including member of residence council and residence food committee, resident assistant, and finally don of Assisi Hall. For two summers, Barnhill was student coordinator for early registration.

These experiences allowed Barnhill to hone her time and stress management skills and, most importantly, come away with an enriched university experience. She has fond memories of her work on exam survival kits as part of student alumnae association activities, and of her residence involvement in planning a very successful charity ball.

Currently on staff with the Truro office of Grant Thornton, Barnhill is working towards the CA designation. She hopes to continue her involvement with the university and the alumnae association.



Barnhill describes the Mount as "almost a home away from home."

"I'd like to express my thanks to all the departments I worked with at the Mount..." says Barnhill, who graduated with distinction and received the president's prize. "They gave me experience, which I think will be very helpful in the future and some friendships that I hope will last into the future."



ALUMNAE UPDATE

A reunion roundup

Jennifer Thompson

Mount public relations student

What do you get when you add four days of fun with 10 enjoyable events and multiply by 150 people? A recipe for an amazing reunion! From August 15-18 the Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association celebrated with academy, college and university graduates, as well as Mount friends.

Reunion weekend started off with a beautiful welcome back reception held in the Meadows. Following the reception, two MSVU students gave interested alumnae a campus tour, updating them on renovations made since their graduation as well as pending changes.

Thursday evening was dedicated to academy graduates who joined together to share their memories over wine and cheese.

Early the next morning, advanced and beginner golfers headed to Grandview Golf & Country Club. The weather was perfect as 18 teams teed off for the shotgun start. A delicious lunch was served and prizes were awarded to all golfers including a grand prize of two tickets to the Bell Canadian Open, provided by Ernst & Young. Also on Friday morning, two vans full of Mount graduates took off on a road trip to Mahone Bay, NS, where they shopped and dined in the heart of the South Shore.

On Friday evening, the Harbour Queen set sail with graduates and friends for the alumnae dinner cruise. This year's sail was a half-hour longer than usual, and offered a glimpse of the Mount from the water.



Beth MacNab BHEC '77 enters into the reunion spirit during an afternoon at Boulderwood Stables.

Saturday morning the alumnae association hosted a champagne breakfast followed by the annual general meeting where reports were distributed highlighting the year's events.

Saturday afternoon was celebration time for 1952 college and academy graduates. With great food and company, alumnae reminisced. In the latter part of Saturday afternoon, Boulderwood Stables organized trail rides for alumnae and friends, followed by a BBQ at the cottage of MSVAA president Kate Swinemer BA'72, BED '75. Reunion weekend was completed with alumnae invited to attend Sunday mass at the Motherhouse.

Swinemer, a 30th-year celebratory graduate, summarized reunion weekend: "Overall I was delighted with Reunion 2002. The new events that we tried this year (trail rides, the Mahone Bay bus tour, and welcome back reception) were all well attended and the response from the participants was very favourable. The memory of the hard work of all the reunion committee melted away when attendees expressed their appreciation by simply having a grand time!"

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ALUMNAE UPDATE

Academy memories

"I really loved the academy," said Helen (Boylan) Hanway ACAD '32 (left) in conversation at a Mount Saint Vincent Academy wine and cheese reception during reunion 2002 weekend. She recalled, among other memories, recreation time and long winter walks in Rockingham.

Patricia (Ryan) Simard ACAD '43 echoed Hanway's fondness for the academy. A broken nose was the catalyst for Simard's enrolment. A bit of a tomboy, she was playing summer baseball with the boys, in the position of catcher. Her nose was broken, and "the next thing I knew I was enrolled at the Mount. My parents were determined that the Sisters would make a lady out of me."



Journeys

When Stefanie (Stukelj) Pavlin BA '52 toasted her college class at the 2002 alumnae dinner cruise, she spoke with heartfelt appreciation of her Mount experience and touched on the journey that brought her there.

The journey was not an easy one. In 1945, Pavlin left her home in Slovenia and spent three years in displaced persons camps. She emigrated to Canada in 1948 and worked for one year as a domestic with a family in Quebec city. When an Ottawa priest wrote to universities on behalf of some European students, another journey would soon begin for Pavlin - this time a train trip from Ottawa to the Mount.

"To me it is a very special place," says Pavlin. "To be tossed around Europe from one camp to another - and to then be accepted. I just have very, very good memories."

Following graduation, new journeys were in store as Pavlin studied library science at the University of Toronto and later served as a librarian with the Ontario government.



Pavlin (left) with Marie (Langan) O'Malley BSC '52, attended a reunion luncheon for 1952 college and academy graduates.

Student alumnae ambassadors

"We all have a love for the Mount," says Mount Saint Vincent University Student Alumnae Association President Brad MacKinnon. "We have an affection for the school that goes beyond classes and books. It's a community."

The infectious enthusiasm of the student alumnae association leaders is impossible to resist. They share this energy with new and potential students by participating in such activities as campus tours and early registration, and they reach current students through the organization of exam survival kits and social activities. A key focus of the association is to recruit new members and foster their connection to the university. "Just because you graduate doesn't mean you're not part of the family," says MacKinnon. "It just means that you've moved away from home."



From (l-r) MacKinnon, political studies and history student, Cole Harbour, NS; future programs director Erica Koops, child and youth studies student, Miramichi, NB; member Andrew Thistle, business administration student, Shoal Harbour, Nfld.; communications director Kelly Connick, public relations student, Miramichi, NB; and student programs director Jenny Corkum, family studies and gerontology student, Canning, NS.



ALUMNAE UPDATE



The alumnae connection: Nicholson (left) and Swinemer.

Putting love into action

“The many years Shirley’s given to the Mount, she’s always professed a great love for the institution and not just in words. She’s always ready to put it into action.” – Alumnae Association President Kate Swinemer BA ’72, BED ’75

In recognition of this love and her tireless volunteer efforts on behalf of the university, alumnae association and community, Shirley Nicholson BA ’88 was presented with the 2002 Alumnae Award of Distinction as part of reunion weekend celebrations.

“I consider it a great honour to receive the Alumnae Award of Distinction. It’s not something I take lightly,” Nicholson says. “When one thinks of the others who have received this award, one accepts the award with humility and the knowledge of the great honour being bestowed.”

Nicholson enjoyed a successful career in government as CEO of the Nova Scotia Environmental Control Council, and on retirement in 1999 as Director and Acting Chair of the NS Environmental Assessment Board.

Volunteer service was woven into this experience. She served as alumnae association president for five years, during which time the relationship between university and alumnae association was enhanced, and lucrative deals were signed with affinity partners Meloche Monnex and MBNA. Nicholson has chaired the Alumnae Award for Teaching Committee and was 2001 co-chair of the Black Tie Dinner and Bingo Committee. She is currently a community member of the University Research Ethics Board.

“Shirley has spent thousands of hours during the past number of years enhancing the profile of the association, not just within the Mount community, but nationally and internationally...this work has been done with enthusiasm and determination,” stated one nominator.

In the local community, Nicholson chairs the Rockingham United Church worship committee, serves as secretary and treasurer of the Brookfield Ladies Golf Group and is past president of the Professional Engineers’ Wives’ Association.

Alumnae Award for Teaching:

“Teaching is a two-way street”

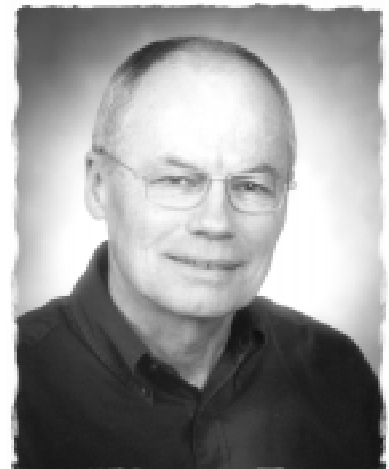
Dr. Kenneth Dewar, history chair and author of the recently published *Charles Clarke, Pen and Ink Warrior*, is the recipient of the 2002 Alumnae Award for Teaching. The award is presented “in recognition of superior teaching and in appreciation of a faculty member’s contributions to the high standards and goals of higher learning.”

“The high esteem in which Dr. Dewar is held by students and colleagues alike was readily apparent during the selection process,” said committee chair Shirley Nicholson BA ’88 in a news release.

Dewar, who joined the Mount in 1982, speaks of the vital role of students in the teaching process. “Students don’t always realize that teaching is a two-way street and that classes only work when the students, as well as the professor, come to work and to be intellectually engaged with the subject,” he says. “Which is to say that I’ve been lucky to have bright and hard-working students who have taken their studies seriously.”

His appreciation for his students is reciprocated. Commented one student, “His personality, enthusiasm, and passionate lectures along with his eloquent speech, captivate students’ interest throughout his classes.”

Dewar received a framed certificate and an award of \$500 from the university fund of his choice. The Margie O’Brien Memorial Scholarship benefited from his award.



The 2003 teaching award nominations are due Jan. 31. Please see the awards section of the alumnae Web site (www.msvu.ca/alumnae.htm).



CLASS NOTES

Where are they now?

We would like to invite the Mount alumnae listed below to MSV Reunion 2003. Please call the alumnae office at (902) 457-6470 or email alumnae@msvu.ca if you have any information on their whereabouts.

Class of 1953

ACADEMY

Mrs. Anna Hamilton (Gould)
 Ms. Judith A. Kinsella (Sullivan)
 Mrs. Elizabeth Margetts (Pelham)
 Ms. Rosemary Ryall
 Ms. Joyce Thornhill

COLLEGE

Ms. Antonina Buls
 Mrs. Rose Marie Deveau (Maillet)
 Ms. Mary Margaret McIntosh
 Ms. Marie Margaret Schelew (Phelan)

Ms. Doris Edith Thibodeau
 Mrs. Yvonne Mae Waldrick (McAuley)

Class of 1963

ACADEMY

Mrs. Wendy Crowder (Melvin)
 Ms. Jacqueline Kaplan
 Ms. Elaine Anne Limpert
 Ms. Carol Ann MacNeil
 Ms. Patricia Malone (Griffin)
 Ms. Maria Christina Martinez
 Mrs. Sandra Jean Smith (Woodburn)

COLLEGE

Mrs. Claire Elizabeth Boyd (Horne)
 Ms. Catherine E. Brennan
 Mrs. Judith Anne Brockie (Blackmore)
 Mrs. Colleen M. Chiasson (Helpard)
 Mrs. Yvonne Frechette (Mazier)
 Ms. Phyllis Elaine Foley

Mrs. Barbara Ann Harris (Saul)
 Ms. Patricia Kathleen Jenney
 Ms. Carolyn E. Kenney
 Ms. Mary Kenney
 Mrs. Anita Kingdon (Dwyer)
 Ms. Joanne Lovett (Potter)
 Ms. Anita Clare MacDonald
 Ms. Elizabeth Moore
 Mrs. Patricia Ann Morse (O'Connell)
 Mrs. Eleanor M. Murphy (McNeil)
 Ms. Mary Murphy
 Mrs. Barbara Neumann (Connors)
 Ms. Mary O'Connor
 Ms. Mary E. O'Neill
 Mrs. Alexina Corey Proctor
 Mrs. Marilyn Emily Sark (Francis)
 Ms. Joan Schafer (Levin)
 Ms. Kathleen Shay (Lafford)
 Mrs. Joan Smith (Carr)
 Mrs. Janet Mary Thompson (MacDonald)
 Ms. Eileen Mary Turner
 Mrs. Marlene Marie Turner (Foley)

Class of '50

MACKINNON, MARJORIE (DEE), BA. Marjorie's sister, Frances (Frankie) who also graduated from MSV, is residing in England. Frankie was married to Michael Casserly who has passed away.

Class of '54

RATCHFORD, MARY, ACAD. You may contact Mary at 76 Amanda Drive, Scarborough, ON, M1V 1C9. She would love to hear from classmates of the academy class of '54.

Class of '55

LIVINGSTON, ROSEMARY (MACLEAN), BA MUS, has retired as string conductor in Dartmouth, NS, and still resides in Halifax, NS.

RATTERAY, PATRICIA (NOEL), BSCH, now lives

in Bermuda. She has three children and four grandchildren. She does voluntary work in her community and is enjoying retirement and playing lots of bridge.

Class of '56

MACDONALD, NANCY (FRY), BA, BED '57, is retiring from the Toronto district school board this year, and is planning to return to the Halifax area.

Class of '57

BELAIR, MARY (SHERIDEN), ACAD, is trying to contact Marysol Martinez, from San Sebastián, Spain.

Class of '59

RYAN, ELAINE (AMIRAULT), is looking for her classmate, Linda Whitlock, who lived in

Dartmouth. If she is out there would she please contact Elaine at RR5 Box 1087, Yarmouth NS, B5A 4A9 or keneleine.ryan@ns.sympatico.ca

Class of '64

GOLDBERG-JONES, SUSAN, ACAD, is living in Allantown, PA, with her husband and two children. She is also teaching private piano lessons.

MULLINS, DOROTHY (SULLIVAN), ACAD, is on the faculty at the Nova Scotia Community College teaching in the Human Resource Management Advanced Diploma Program.

Class of '65

MUISE, MARGUERITE (HORNBY), BSN, wishes to inform her classmates that

her father, Edward Hornby, passed away in August 2002.

O'KEEFE, BRIDGET (GARDNER), just recently retired from 30 years of teaching at the Baltimore school in Ferryland.

Class of '67

MCCREADY, CAROL (WILKIE), BA, is currently in private practice with the Atlantic Play Therapy Centre in Halifax. You can contact her at ctmccready@hotmail.com

Class of '69

BISHARA-CHURCHILL, JOANNE, BA, is still teaching at Yarmouth Regional High School. She has an 18-year-old son who is attending SMU this fall. If a classmate would like to get in contact with Joanne, please email: joannebishara@hotmail.com



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MILLIGAN, PAULA (KANE), BA, BED '70, has been with St. Catherine's School in Halifax for the past 32 years, teaching grades 1-6.

PIRIE, LINDA (MASON), BA, can be contacted at Impirie@aol.com

Class of '70

MACCALLUM, LINDA (HEMPHILL), BA, BED '71, is looking for Margaret Yeomanes, who graduated in 1970 with a diploma in Medical Secretarial. Linda wants Margaret to call the Alumnae Office and get her contact information.

MCCULLOCH, PHYLLIS, BA, BED '71. Phyllis is still teaching in Summerville, NS at Dr. Arthur Hines School.

Class of '74

MACKENZIE, JUDITH (FRASER), BA, is living in Truro, NS. Her husband recently accepted a position with KOHLER windows. Their three children are currently working or attending university.

Class of '75

CRAIGIE, JOAN (FOOTE), BED, has six grandchildren and is teaching one who is very gifted.

Class of '77

KRAMER, CATHERINE (DAVIES), DIP, is now a certified dental assistant. She is instructing in the dental reception program at Kwantlen University College in Langley, BC.

MAILMAN, JOANNE (LEBLANC), BBA, is still living in Sherbrooke, NS, with her husband, Brian, and

her two children: son, Craig, and daughter, Lesley. She would love to hear from former classmates at stmarysriver@ns.sympatico.ca

Class of '78

MAYNE, ERNA (D'ENTREMONT), EXSEC, published a children's picture book Pas Encore Le Bain (in French) in October 2001. The book was published by Raton Laveur.

Class of '79

HENMAN, ROBERT JOSEPH, BA, will have his article, "A Spirituality of Obedience," published in the Fall issue of The Way. This article is written regarding the issue of women's ordination in the Roman Catholic Church.

Class of '80

DURNFORD, JOAN (VISSERS), BSA, set up her own court reporting business called Transcript Plus (based on the South Shore). Classmates can reach her at durnford@ns.sympatico.ca

Class of '81

HALL, STEPHEN, BA, would like to contact the guys from the men's hockey team in the late '70's and early '80's. You can contact him at whointhallru@shaw.ca

ROSS, MARILYN (SHANKS), BCS, is married with two children, and is teaching in Dartmouth.

Class of '82

BERHOW, DARLENE (COMEAU), BHEC, is a stay-at-home mom and would like to hear from any former classmates. She has a two-

year-old daughter, a three-year-old son, and another due in December 2002. She can be reached at: 4580 Revere Drive, Virginia Beach, CA 23456.

Class of '85

FREEMAN, SHARON (AKER), BHEC, has started her own business called Dignity by Design, special needs clothing and accessories. Anyone wishing to contact her may do so at dignitybydesign@hotmail.com Sharon would love to hear from former classmates.

LAWLOR MACDONALD, MARY, BA, BED, taught for 38 years at Dartmouth Elementary, and is now retired.

Class of '86

BAILEY, MARILYN, MED, is semi-retired from teaching at the Mount and has eight grandchildren.

BELLIVEAU, JOCELINE, BED, and her husband had their third boy. His name is Sam.

WOOD, LEONARD, BBA, is now the proud parent of a daughter, Lauren. Len is a corporate controller for Ditech.

Class of '87

BRIDEAU-CLARK, ELIZABETH, BED, MED '93, is happily married and has three children. If you would like to get in contact with her, you may do so at: johnliz@ns.sympatico.ca

COFFIN KENNEY, SUSAN, BCS, married Bob Kenney in '94. They have three children: Mykela, 6, Sydney, 4,

and Nicholas, 1. Susan is a French immersion teacher in elementary school and happily living in Halifax since graduation. She'd like to say hello to all her former classmates, and wishes them all well.

LANTZ, MELANIE, BSC, is looking for Mark Richard. Please contact Melanie Lantz at: melanie.lantz@nspower.ca

MACIVER-JORDEN, CONNIE, BA, BED '89, is married with three children: Connor, 7, Callum, 3, and Kristen, 2.

SQUIRES, NANCY (RAFFERTY), BA, BSC '89, now has two daughters, Kathleen and Laura.

Class of '89

MICHAUD, MAURICE, BPR, taught print media in the Mount PR department from 1998 to 2001. Now he's devoting all his time to his small business, TextStyle Internet Publishing, serving a growing and diverse clientele. He's currently working on an online content management system, which will allow his clients to publish and maintain a Web site with little or no Web-related technical knowledge - an exercise that has shown him just how many details he's managed to store inside his head over time. LOL! Maurice can be reached at maurice@textstyle.ca

MURRAY, BRIAN, BA, is married to Patty, who works at the Progress Centre for Early Intervention. They recently adopted a baby girl named Molly from China. Brian is a video producer for Communications Nova Scotia.



CLASS NOTES

Class of '90

STEWART, CAROLINE (WOLFE), BSCHE, and her husband, Ron, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Katherine Constance Nadine Stewart, on Nov. 23, 2001. Caroline is a regional manager for Crothall Services Canada.

Class of '93

BECHARD, TODD, BBA. His wife Joanne Durland graduated in 1991. They are welcoming to their family a new baby boy named Alex. Alex was born on Dec. 3.

LAVOIE, JENNIFER, BPR, has moved to Ottawa and is keen to meet other BPR grads. Jennifer is VP of Corporate Marketing for Encon.

Class of '95

JONES, JANET (CONSTANTINE), BBA, has a two-and-a-half year old daughter, of whom she is very proud. She is now expecting her second child.

WALSH, KAREN (DEAN), BBA, has two children: a daughter and, most recently, a son, Hunter, who is two years old.

Class of '96

KIRBY, HEATHER, BA, had a beautiful baby girl named Maria and had her second child in September 2002.

WOTHERSPOON, VANESSA, BA, BED '98, MA '01, graduated from the Mount this past fall. In October 2001, she gave birth to her son, Ciaron Thomas Herbert.

Class of '97

PORTER, DAWN, BSC, was married on Oct. 6, 2001 and had her first child in May 2002.

Class of '98

OSEI-AGYEKUM, JOSEPHINE, MAH, was recognized for her work with HIV/AIDS at her university college seventh graduation ceremony in Ghana. Josephine, who was awarded a cash prize of one million cedis and a citation for her service to the community, wanted to share this honour with her professors at the Mount: Dr. Eghan, who attended the ceremony, Dr. McDowell, Dr. McGregor and Dr. Ellison. Josephine stated that she was very grateful for what the Mount and her professors offered her.

OWEN, NICOLA, BAA CYS, is working as a child life specialist in a children's hospital in New Zealand.

Class of '01

SMITH, AMY, BED, spent time in England and has since returned. If you would like to get in contact with her, you can do so by emailing her at amyeduc@hotmail.com

In Memoriam

The Mount community mourns the loss of the following alumnae:

Sister Gertrude Elizabeth Foran, ACAD
Aug. 16, 2002

1930s

Elizabeth Mary Fritz (Kelley), ACAD '31, '34
May 26, 2002

Geraldine Blinn (Comeau)
ACAD '36

1940s

Ann MacKinnon (Meech) '41
July 2, 2002

Sister Louise Kenney '42
Aug. 10, 2002

Anita Mary Gillis (Keats) '46
July 27, 2002

Louise Elizabeth Hartigan '46
Sept. 4, 2002

Sister Mary Eileen Clark '49
June 23, 2002

1950s

Marion Jeanette Ceretto (Hushard) '55, '56
Aug. 8, 2002

Sister Laura Brennan '55

Diane Mary Sutherland (Delvallet), ACAD '57
July 27, 2002

1960s

Sister Catherine Mullen '63
July 15, 2002

1970s

Brian Thomas Billard '78
July 15, 2002

1980s

Keith Lorne Whitehead '82
Sept. 5, 2002

Lorna "Jean" Peters '88
July 25, 2002

Catherine M. Smith '88
Sept. 9, 2002

1990s

Zelia Barbara Chouinard '89, '92, '94
July 15, 2002



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Can you place the face?

In this issue we introduce a feature where we seek your assistance in identifying individuals depicted in pictures from the Mount archives. We begin with this lively scene identified as a Mount Saint Vincent College photo from the 1940s. If you know the name(s) of any of these competitors or can pinpoint the year, we'd love to hear from you.

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