

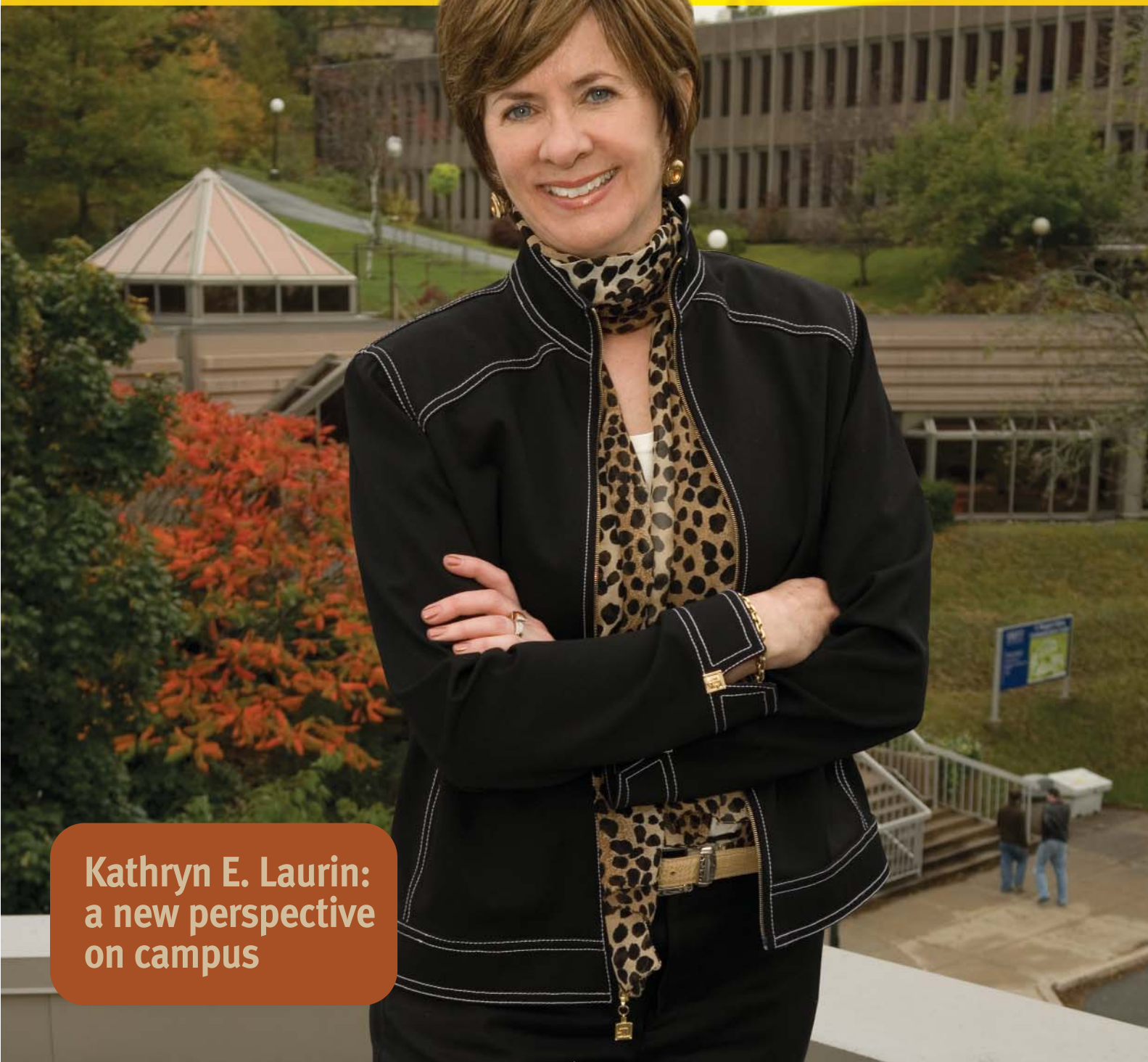
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Kathryn E. Laurin takes a look at campus from an unusual vantage point: the roof of the EMF Building.



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## President's message

Kathryn E. Laurin  
President & Vice-Chancellor,  
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It is with great excitement and enthusiasm that I begin my tenure as the tenth President of Mount Saint Vincent University. I also have the privilege of serving as Honorary President of the Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association.

I am honored to be part of an institution that has successfully balanced a focus on outstanding liberal arts and science education and professional programs, and demonstrated a clear commitment to accessibility, affordability and international outreach. Our small size creates flexibility that provides a competitive edge and opportunities for innovative thinking. These are impressive accomplishments.

Our alumnae have gone on to be thoughtful, contributing members of society and the community. You are outstanding role models for our students and key stakeholders in ensuring that MSVU's reputation continues to grow. I invite you to join me as we continue to honour proud traditions, build on strengths and begin to write the first pages of a new journey. The future promises to be demanding, exciting, and ripe with opportunities.

As we undertake a strategic planning process and move forward with the capital campaign, *Building tomorrow. Together.*, we will call on our alumnae for continued support. And, we will ensure that the alumnae perspective is heard in the strategic planning process by working closely with the Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association. Together we can address challenges and build a better, stronger, and even more successful University that will hold its rightful place on the national and international stage of post-secondary institutions.

I look forward to meeting our alumnae so I can hear your stories about your time at the Mount.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

There is a buzz on campus these days. Change and growth are constant themes as a new chapter is being written at MSVU.

The University community feels the excitement of welcoming Kathryn Laurin, who brings her unique perspective and organizational leadership to MSVU as the 10th president and vice-chancellor. With strategic planning and the capital campaign high on her agenda, Laurin plans to capitalize on the University's strengths and history, while moving forward and positioning MSVU for the future. Her dynamic approach will keep everyone in tune with the University's progress.

Speaking of change and growth – just wait until you see what the basement of Evaristus looks like these days. With so much to share with alumnae and to celebrate at MSVU, *Folia Montana* has expanded to 24 pages. We hope you enjoy reading about what's new on campus as well as learning about the many alumnae celebrations that took place over the course of the summer.

*Enjoy.*

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# Teaching Excellence Recognized

## *Kudos to Drain, Scrimger and Green*

### Susan Drain



English professor Dr. Susan Drain has been named a 2006 3M Teaching Fellow, a first for Mount Saint Vincent University. The prestigious 3M Teaching Fellowships are the only national awards to recognize teaching excellence and educational leadership at the university level. This honour confirms Dr. Drain's reputation as a respected teacher and faculty member, and builds upon her previous achievements as the 2002 recipient of MSVU's

Instructional Leadership Award and the 2003 Association of Atlantic Universities Instructional Leadership Award.

In her nomination package, Drain was lauded for her tireless effort on campus and beyond to spread the word that teaching matters and her commitment to turning faculty development into greater student learning. She has inspired many students and ignited a love of learning.

The award consists of a citation, lifetime membership in The Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (STLHE) and an invitation to take part in a three-day retreat, where fellows discuss past experiences and share new teaching ideas. The focus of the work fellows undertake is to improve teaching and learning at their own universities, to support and promote teaching and learning at all Canadian universities.

3M Canada Company and STLHE partnered in 1986 to create the 3M Teaching Fellowships to recognize teaching excellence and

educational leadership. Awards are given to academics representing a broad range of disciplines, and fellows are found at universities across Canada. Drain is one of 208 3M Teaching Fellows named to date. Ten fellows were selected this year from 47 nominations received from 29 Canadian universities.

Dr. Drain was acknowledged by her peers at an awards ceremony at the 26th annual STLHE conference in Toronto in June 2006.

### Judith Scrimger



Photo: Dan Callis

Congratulations to Public Relations Professor Judith Scrimger on being awarded the 2006 Anne Marie MacKinnon Instructional Leadership Award. This annual award, presented by the Association of Atlantic Universities, recognizes professors who demonstrate teaching excellence at their own institution and within the Atlantic region.

Judith Scrimger has long been recognized as one of MSVU's outstanding teachers. She was the 2006 recipient of the MSVU Instructional Leadership Award and received the MSV Alumnae Award for Teaching Excellence in 2001.

Scrimger has taught at MSVU for more than 20 years in the department of public relations as well as in women's studies. She has been a regular presenter on teaching techniques and strategies at the annual Atlantic University Teaching Showcase,

## MSVU Grads give alma mater high marks

- 98% strongly agree/agree that professors seemed knowledgeable in their field*
- 94% strongly agree/agree that they are satisfied with the quality of teaching received*
- 93% strongly agree/agree that learning experiences at MSVU were intellectually stimulating*

Source: Canadian University Survey of Class of May 2006

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and has presented nationally at the conferences of the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education. Always willing to take a leadership role and share her experiences, she has designed and organized teaching workshops at MSVU and at other Atlantic universities, and served on committees on teaching and learning throughout the region as well.

Each year, 17 universities in Atlantic Canada and the University of West Indies are invited to nominate candidates. The candidate's philosophy of teaching and instructional leadership, three letters of reference from peers, the candidate's curriculum vitae (which demonstrates leadership in instructional development) and samples of the candidate's work are included in the nomination package.

Scrimger will receive her award at the April 2007 meeting of the Presidents of the Atlantic universities.

## Reina Green

Congratulations to English Professor Dr. Reina Green on receiving the 2006 Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Award for Teaching Excellence. The award, presented annually at Spring convocation, recognizes superior teaching and contributions to the high standards and goals of higher learning at MSVU.

An MSVU alum, Green has taught at the University since 1997 – and she is passionate about what she teaches. She is an engaging speaker who

makes centuries-old works of literature come alive through her lectures. Her students respond to, and share in, her enthusiasm. Always challenging her students to move outside their comfort zones, Green delivers a curriculum that helps to educate students on how to read critically, write clearly and analyze text.

A committee of faculty, alumnae and students evaluate nominees through classroom observation, philosophy of teaching statement and interviews. Candidates are assessed on their concern and attention to student needs, their successful communication of subject matter and the reputation for superior teaching that they have earned from students and colleagues alike.

# New Faces On Campus



Dr. Susan Mumm was appointed as Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences effective July 1, 2006.

Dr. Mumm comes to MSVU from The Open University in the United Kingdom where she most recently served as Head of the Department of Religious Studies and Senior Lecturer in Arts. Prior to joining The Open University, she was an Assistant Professor in the departments of History and Social Science at York University in Toronto. Mumm holds BA and MA degrees from the University of Saskatchewan and a DPhil History degree from the University of Sussex.

Mumm has had the opportunity throughout her career to work closely in a supervisory capacity with both graduate and undergraduate students. Her research interests include gender, religion and European women's history. Mumm also has extensive experience in educational policy making and advising.



Dr. Christine Overall, a pioneer in feminist philosophy, author, Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, and award recipient for teaching excellence, has been appointed as Nancy's Chair in Women's Studies.

Dr. Overall's areas of expertise include reproductive ethics and social policy, applied ethics, philosophy of religion, and social philosophy. Her current research is in feminist philosophy of the body and applied ethics. As Nancy's Chair, Dr. Overall will be teaching two courses, presenting public lectures on campus and at universities in the Atlantic region, and conducting research. She will also hold a conference entitled "Educating Women/Women's Education in the Post-Secondary Context" at MSVU in February 2007.

Overall comes to MSVU from Queen's University, where she is a Professor of Philosophy and University Research Chair. A respected university administrator, Overall most recently served as Associate Dean. She holds an MA and PhD in Philosophy from the University of Toronto.

Dr. Overall's term as Nancy's Chair runs from August 15, 2006 to June 30, 2007

Nancy's Chair in Women's Studies was established at MSVU in 1984. The Chair raises awareness of women's issues by bringing distinguished scholars in women's studies and activists who have contributed to the advancement of women to the MSVU campus.

## Book Club

### FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

*Encounters with Wild Children: Temptation and Disappointment in the Study of Human Nature* (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2006) by **Adriana S. Benzaquén, Associate Professor, Department of History**. In *Encounters with Wild Children*, Benzaquén explains why wild children continue to haunt and fascinate Western scientists. She shows how the knowledge they have generated in a variety of disciplines, from anthropology, to psychology and to linguistics, has contributed to the shaping of the modern understanding of "the child". Benzaquén examines the impact the study of wild children has had on the social and institutional practices directed at children in today's society.



*The Tears of Things* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2006) by **Peter Schwenger, Professor, Department of English**. An important contribution to the emerging field of object studies, *The Tears of Things* explores a melancholy that underlies our relation to objects. Physical objects – not excluding one's own body – situate and define the subject; yet at the same time they elude definition, are fundamentally indifferent to the subject. The melancholy of this rift can be a productive one for artists, whose project is often to unsettle the familiar.



*A Camera on the Banks: Frederick William Wallace and the Fishermen of Nova Scotia* (Goose Lane Editions, 2006) by **M. Brook Taylor, Associate Professor, Department of History**. Through more than 100 of his photographs, *A Camera on the Banks* tells the story of Frederick William Wallace and his voyages to the Grand Banks on wooden fishing schooners between 1911-1917. Using a simple box camera, the young Montreal journalist photographed the sailing ships, the men, and their heroic work, recording a century-old way of life at the moment of its passing.



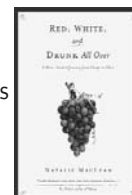
### OF INTEREST

*Transformations: The Life of Margaret Fulton* (ECW Press, 2006) by **James Doyle**. This biography of Dr. E. Margaret Fulton, DHuM '94 celebrates her lifelong commitment to positive change and her role as an important catalyst in the ongoing process of social transformation. As President of Mount Saint Vincent University from 1978 to 1986, she led the University through tremendous changes. During her term, Dr. Fulton contributed to an expansion of programs and oversaw MSVU venture into several new fields, including gerontology, tourism and hospitality management, public relations, co-operative education and distance education. Dr. Fulton has received the Order of Canada, a Governor General's Award and more than a dozen honorary degrees, including one from MSVU.



### ALUMNAE PUBLICATIONS

*Red, White, and Drunk All Over: A Wine-Soaked Journey from Grape to Glass* (Random House, 2006) by **Natalie MacLean, BPR '89**. Award-winning writer Natalie MacLean sweeps readers behind the scenes of the international wine world, exploring its history and visiting its most evocative places and meeting its most charismatic personalities. *Red, White, and Drunk All Over: A Wine-Soaked Journey from Grape to Glass* showcases the engaging wit, investigative curiosity, and sharp eye for obsessive passion that has made her free e-newsletter *Nat Decants* one of the most popular in North America.



*If you graduated from MSVU and have recently published a book, please let us know!*

# Coming Soon

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## to the MSVU Art Gallery

### Calendar

Visit the MSVU Art Gallery this winter for an eclectic program of contemporary Canadian Art.

#### FROM OCTOBER 14 - NOVEMBER 26

- Pulse: Film and Painting After the Image
- 11 international artists together in an exhibition that integrates experimental film with abstract painting.

#### NOVEMBER 29 - DECEMBER 17

- Annual Mount Community Show
- Students, staff, faculty and alumnae showcase their talents.

#### DECEMBER 18 - FEBRUARY 18

- Demolition Derby
- Art by Haligonian Doug Taylor, who uses photographs of local scenes to create collage-based paintings bordering on the caricatural.

#### JANUARY 13 - FEBRUARY 18

- Anna Torma
- Enjoy colourful, hand-sewn and pictorial embroideries by this Hungarian-born artist.

February 24th marks the much-anticipated opening of *George Steeves Photographs*. Steeves is known for an iconography “shot through with grotesque sexuality, reverence for emotional pain, and chilly black humour,” in addition to his mastery of historical techniques and his exquisite printing. The subjects who appear in the photographs are Steeves’s friends, many of whom live in the Halifax area.

From April 22 through June 3, *Reading the Image: Poetics of the Black Diaspora*, explores the creative manifestations of diaspora through the work of four artists - one of whom, Michael Fernandes, lives in Nova Scotia. The Black Diaspora can be thought of as the movement of African people outside their homeland and the hybridization of culture that occurs as a result of exposure to new influences.

[www.msvuart.ca](http://www.msvuart.ca)

## Economics and Soccer – A Winning Combination

Dr. James Sawler, Assistant Professor of Economics, has been named the Atlantic College Athletic Association (ACAA) Coach of the Year for 2006. This is Sawler’s first year as Head Coach of the Mount Mystics Men’s Soccer Team.

This is also the first year that the men’s soccer team is walking away with a championship trophy. Under the direction of Sawler, the Mystics defeated St. Thomas University in the ACAA finals to capture their first regional title. This is quite a feat given that the team is only in its third season.

Coach Sawler comes to the Mystics with a wealth of experience, both as a player and coach. He served as Assistant Coach at Dalhousie University and Concordia University, and as Head Coach of several provincial soccer teams during the past fifteen years. As a coach, Sawler has won numerous provincial, regional and national championships.

A welcome addition to the coaching staff at MSVU, Sawler has lead the Mystics to victory in his first season behind the bench.

Follow the Mystics!! For the latest scores, schedules and news check out [www.acaa.ca](http://www.acaa.ca)



James Sawler



October 22

# 2006



*Hands up - a welcome for Kathryn Laurin*



*Have fun!*



*It's all about the shoes.*



*Hugs all round*



*Well done!*



*Yippee!!*

Photos: Marc Pike

# It's Your Call



MSVU's Annual Fund for 2006/07 is now underway. This is a perfect opportunity to make an impact on current and future students.

By now, MSV alumnae will have received this year's Annual Fund information in the mail. Along with a letter from a faculty member or our new president, Kathryn Laurin, is a pledge card where a donor can choose which area they wish to support. They also have the option of giving to the President's Fund which supports the area of greatest need.

Beginning this fall, as part of the annual fund, student callers will be on the phone connecting with all alumnae. These students are the backbone of the annual fund, but while they will be asking for a gift, a large part of their job is to help the University and its alumnae to stay connected. During the call, the student callers will be confirming contact information and informing alumnae of the recent developments on campus.

This year, in an effort to make giving easier, callers will be encouraging alumnae to join a monthly giving program. With this program, the donor can give a manageable amount over an extended period of time. For example, a \$10.00 a month gift, can equal a yearly investment of \$120. This is a convenient and easy way to make an investment in something you believe in.

When a student calls you, please take a few moments to reconnect with MSVU. Alumnae play a vital role in the future of MSVU students. Your support is what keeps MSVU a strong and vibrant educational experience.

For more information on monthly giving, please call University Advancement at 902.457.6270 (or 1.888.678.2586 toll free) or check out our website at [www.msvu.ca](http://www.msvu.ca).



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# Renovated Science Labs: “Extreme Makeover”

Changes are evident in the basement of Evaristus. Over the course of the summer, the science labs were completely gutted, so everything is new: new windows, new floors, new plumbing and wiring, new air conditioning, new lab benches with gas, power outlets and computer links.

“Now we have two beautiful labs, where learning and teaching should be fun,” states Dr. Amalie Fröhlich, Chair, Department of Biology. “No more blown fuses when a few water baths are used, no more stench while dissecting....the labs are modern, well-equipped and aesthetically pleasing.”

The complete renovation includes state-of-the-art technology for both presentations as well as computer interfaced labs. Two new fumehoods will allow students to do ‘ChemDem’ projects of their own choosing. New presentation technology will allow for PowerPoint presentations, demonstrations using the document camera, and interactive presentations using



smartboard; all allowing for more interaction among students, and between students and instructors.

Plus, new technologies for such tasks as temperature readings will allow students and instructors to do some tasks differently. “I expect that we will use the ‘old’ and ‘new’ ways in tandem,” explains Dr. Kathy Darvesh, Chair, Department of Chemistry & Physics, “so that the advantages of each methodology can be explored.”

Faculty, students and alumnae should be proud of the new labs. The investment made by the University represents a substantial, concerted effort by many members of the community over the years. “We can be proud of the many years of work and planning that have gone into this major retrofit,” Darvesh says. “We can be very excited about what this says about our University’s commitment to the importance of science at the Mount.”



Photos: Marc Pike

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# A New Conductor



MSVU's new president and vice-chancellor is looking forward to working with the ensemble that is the University community.

*By Brent Sedo*

At first glance, a background in music may seem somewhat at odds with a career in university administration, but MSVU President Kathryn E. Laurin's experience as a choral conductor provides her with just the right foundation.

"Whether it's using your hands or voice, communicating to an ensemble is an important part of being an effective conductor," says MSVU's 10th President and Vice-Chancellor. "You are working with a team of people, where the whole is greater than the sum of the parts." Her training and experience in conducting employed many of the same theories of leadership and communication that make for an effective administrator.

Laurin points out that the relationship between conducting and leadership has been explored in business journals including the *The Harvard Business Review*. "They ran an article on Vancouver Symphony Orchestra conductor, Bramwell Tovey, comparing the characteristics of a good conductor and a good organizational leader."

Organizational leadership has been a constant in Laurin's career. Whether leading the Regina Philharmonic Chorus, chairing the Music Department or serving as Dean of Fine Arts and

Acting Vice-President Administration at the University of Regina, she has demonstrated the ability to bring together skilled performers whether they are musicians or students, faculty or alumnae.

A Montreal native, she did her undergraduate work in music with distinction at McGill and received her Master of Music in Conducting with Distinction from Indiana University. After a year of study in Germany, she landed her first academic job at Ontario's University of Guelph. With 21 years at the University of Regina, she decided the time was right to take on a new challenge.

"The hiring consultant who approached me about the presidency at MSVU, painted the picture of a small, liberal arts institution, with the origins of providing post-secondary education for women. All this I found to be very intriguing," she says.

"The small classes and the intimate relationship between the students and faculty, and the fact that students get the opportunity to engage in research with the faculty, are unique to a smaller institution. So there was all that, plus the fact the Mount continues to foster and support opportunities for women."

# Takes the Stage

If the description of the university's mission intrigued her, the first visit to MSVU convinced her that this was a place where she could feel at home and use her talents. "When I came out for the first time I fell in love with the city and the campus, and at the same time I just felt it was a really good fit for me. No institution is without challenges, and it's unrealistic to think you'll go somewhere that there won't be challenges, but I take them as opportunities."

One of those challenges facing post-secondary institutions is to provide both a well-rounded education along with the skills to compete in the international employment market. "It's a balancing act, where we have the professional programs such as public relations, tourism and hospitality, and education, but we do also offer an extraordinary liberal arts education," she says.

Two particular areas of interest for Laurin in the continuing growth of MSVU are the development of the strategic plan and capital campaign, *Building tomorrow. Together.*

"In some ways it's a bit extraordinary to be trying to launch both of those efforts at the same time, but that being said, they do tie into each other," she says. "The strategic plan is going to provide the Mount with the opportunity for the entire community to take part in a reflective process. It will examine where we are today, identify our strengths, and determine where we'd like to be five years from now."

Although new to the province, Laurin is well aware of the challenges facing post-

secondary educational institutions in Nova Scotia. "It's timely to be asking these questions, given that the demographics of this province are changing," she states. "We have eleven post-secondary institutions all seeking the same students, and for the most part, enrollments are



decreasing while government funding is not increasing commensurate with the costs." Laurin is cognizant that Nova Scotia has the highest tuition rates in Canada. "That in itself is a huge challenge," she adds, "So to go through the strategic planning process right now is critical."

Laurin knows that a successful capital campaign is of vital importance to ensure MSVU remains an attractive education option for students and an exciting research and teaching facility for faculty.

"We need to make a compelling case for students to come here to study, and the capital campaign will provide us with new facilities for student activities, for learning labs, and for faculty research space," she says. "These are all things we need to remain competitive, so in that way the strategic plan and the capital campaign tie together nicely."

In order to map out a successful future for MSVU, Laurin is a firm believer in a "town hall" approach to solicit input from all interested parties in the University community.

"Having that kind of input is vital, because the process will only be as successful as the percentage of people that participate – it can't be driven by a select few," she insists. "It is very important that everybody participate, and it will be very important that we communicate progress as we work our way through it."

"We have skilled and supportive people at MSVU," Laurin states, "and for this I am grateful."

It seems that for Laurin, strategic planning is a creative process similar to bringing an ensemble to peak performance. Using her skills and experience to ensure that the community is in tune with the strategic planning process is paramount to the success of the plan. "With strategic planning, the process is almost as significant as the outcome, because what you're trying to do is engage the University community in making decisions on the future direction of the institution. When you're done you don't want a plan that sits on a shelf somewhere. What you want is

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## A New Conductor Takes the Stage (*cont.*)

for the University community to embrace it, and for that to happen they have to feel they were part of it.”

Laurin is clear on the fact what she considers the University community includes the alumnae.

“The alumnae are more important than ever as they are the ones who form what is the legacy of the Mount,” she says. “We value our alumnae, and I encourage them to become active alumnae, who should be proud of their roots and support the Mount any way they can.”

Young alumnae have much to offer in this process. “I think that the most recent grads perhaps have the best perspective on what’s attractive to their cohort, what their values are and what’s important,” states Laurin, “we definitely have to think about how to encourage them to participate.”

Laurin’s passion for music is evident in her day-to-day life. However, serious training and performing will have to be put on hold for at least the next year, as she settles into the job of heading up the University. In what will likely be her last public performance for some time, Laurin on piano and her husband Read Jorgensen on vocals, delighted the audience at a musical event hosted by the University to mark Laurin’s installation as president. Their rendition of *Some Enchanted Evening* capped an evening of performances by staff, faculty, students and alumnae, and clearly demonstrated her musical talents.

Touched by the gift of music from the University community, Laurin appreciated that so many people came forward to share their talents. “It was a special evening on every level,” she states.

“One of the great things about music is that you can leave it for awhile and come back to it,” Laurin says. “But right now I need to focus on the major tasks at hand. I need to get to know the people here, discover the heartbeat of the institution, and determine how we can re-position ourselves for the challenges of this century.”

*A proven leader, a unique perspective and a desire to build a better, stronger and even more successful University; a compelling combination of notes with which to compose the next chapter in the story of Mount Saint Vincent University.*



Photo: Marc Pike



Photo: Dan Callis

*A common thread has brought us together today. We are here to celebrate the accomplishments of these fine graduates. We are here to witness the installation of a new President. We are here because we believe in the intrinsic value of post-secondary education. Most importantly, we are here because we believe in Mount Saint Vincent University. We honour its past and we care deeply about its future.*

Kathryn E. Laurin  
President & Vice-Chancellor  
Installation Address  
October 22, 2006

## President's message



*Nancy Zwaagstra, BScHE '83*



A new chapter has started in the University's history with Kathryn E. Laurin coming on board as the 10th president and vice-chancellor of the Mount. We wish her well as she assumes the office and we look forward to working with her in this time of change and growth.

A time of change is an opportunity to examine who we are and where we are going. The Alumnae Association Board of Directors is undertaking a strategic planning process this year. This will help us to set direction and examine our role in the next chapter of the University's history. We welcome new board members: Verity Astephen, BPR '93; Tracey Newman, BBA '00; Stephanie Hale, BOA '03; Kevin Sanford, BBA '03; and, Kelli Smith, BBA '95. Their skills and talents are most welcome in helping us serve our alumnae community.

The Alumnae Association volunteers are a dedicated group who work hard to provide opportunities for you to participate. Come out to events and show your Mount colours! Check out the website at [www.msvu.ca/alumnae](http://www.msvu.ca/alumnae) and mark the upcoming events on your calendars. Or, contact us to become involved in committees of the Board. Participation in the MSVAA is both personally and professionally rewarding. And, we can promise some fun times too!

Finally, on behalf of the Association, I would like to thank the members who retired from the Board of Directors at the AGM in August: Marguerite Muise, BSN '65; Kimberley Gaudet, BTHM '91; Tammy Milbury, BA '03; and, James Tilley, BPR '00. We appreciate your many contributions.

These are exciting times for MSVU and we, as alumnae and key stakeholders, will be called upon for support as the future unfolds.

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*Back row (l-r): Janice Graham-Migel; Nancy Zwaagstra, President; Ethel Thomson; Kelli Smith; Kevin Sanford; Todd Bechard; MSVU President & Vice-Chancellor Kathryn E. Laurin, Honorary President, MSVAA*

# 80 Years of Excellence



This year marks the 80th anniversary of the of the MSVU Dietetics program.

We have come a long way since 1926 when Mount Saint Vincent College introduced a three-year program culminating in a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics (BScHEc), planned by Sister Irene Marie. The Department of Applied Human Nutrition now offers the following degree designations: BScAHN (Dietetics), BScAHN (Dietetics with Integrated Internship Education Program), Master of Applied Human Nutrition (MAHN) and Master of Science Applied Human Nutrition (MScAHN). The Internship Education option is also available to students in the MScAHN. While the programs have changed, the tradition of camaraderie has endured.

An MSVU Alumnae Reunion was held at the Dietitians of Canada Annual Conference, held at the World Trade and Convention Centre in Halifax, in June 2006. Close to 60 graduates from the past five decades gathered for very lively conversation. Also in attendance were faculty members, past and present, including Alleyne Murphy DHumL '97, who was the very first lay professor appointed at MSVU.

The comments solicited from the attendees reflect the many changes in thinking and practice that have occurred over the years:

*"I remember the cold winter days trekking to the Mount by bus, climbing up the hill and having to change into a skirt in the cold hall because we weren't allowed to wear jeans to classes!"* (1969)

*"I remember going into the Rosaria Lounge and listening to 'I am Woman' by Helen Reddy – it was empowering."* (1973)

*"I remember a road trip to a conference in Moncton when six money-challenged interns shared one hotel room!"* (2000)

The enthusiastic conversation echoed through the room as guests and MSVU representatives mingled over wine, finger foods and memories. This reunion was a great way to kick off the 80th anniversary.

# New Alumnae Chapter Formed



On a warm summer evening in June, alumnae gathered at the Blackthorn Café in Ottawa for an Alumnae Pub Night. By the end of the evening, a new alumnae chapter was formed.

Since inaugurating the Ottawa area chapter, several MSVU alumnae have met to discuss its future plans and direction (and to reminisce about old times!). The group is keen to strengthen the MSVU community locally and they intend to begin by lending their hands to help Ottawa-bound co-op students find their way in the nation's capital.

For more information about the Ottawa chapter, please contact Rhonda Moore at [alumnae@msvu.ca](mailto:alumnae@msvu.ca).

## 80th Anniversary Celebration

# Stay Tuned

This year marks the 80th Anniversary of the programs that had their origins with Home Economics at MSVU. To recognize this we are planning a very special event with the theme, "Building on Tradition", in March 2007.

Please stay tuned for more details!

Email [80th@msvu.ca](mailto:80th@msvu.ca) to ensure that you are on the email distribution list.

*Linda Mann, Chair of the Department of Applied Human Nutrition and Deborah Norris, Chair of the Department of Family Studies & Gerontology*



# BPR Celebrations



Photo: Sonya Horsburgh BBA '91



Photo: Sarah woods

The Public Relations degree marked its 25th anniversary with a celebration in August.

Grads, faculty and advisory board members, past and present, gathered to renew old friendships and acknowledge accomplishments over a weekend titled "Looking Back. Thinking Forward." Honorary co-chairs were Janet MacMillan BPR '81 and Sandra Wills Hannon BPR '81.

Appropriately enough, guests raised a glass to toast each other at a location steeped in nostalgia. Pier 21 is now a living museum in honour of those who first arrived in Canada by sea. Friday night's reception saw lots of hugs, smiles, laughter and 100 voices engaged in lively conversation.

On Saturday morning, participants listened to wise words from three alumnae who addressed the theme: In Control or Out of Control? Natalie Fisher-Spalton BPR '87, Deputy Secretary General of the World YWCA in Geneva, spoke about control and power, from the perspective of those with it - and those without it. The framework applied to gender, to class, to politics and to social/environmental issues. Jamie Niessen BPR '96 is the Marketing Director for Burnet, Duckworth & Palmer LLP, a

leading full service Canadian law firm of over 125 lawyers in Calgary. He addressed the notion of public relations as a management function and that those in control now often include PR advisors. Rounding out the panel was Sandra MacLeod BPR '81, Chief Executive of Echo Research in the UK, who referred to the importance of research in assessing and measuring influence.

All acknowledged the challenges of balancing work and personal commitments, and the increasing trend of younger professionals to expect, and even insist on, a balance that doesn't demand 60-plus hours of work per week.

That night participants gathered one more time, for dinner in the Rosaria Dining Hall. Lawyer Barrie Dunn BPR '86 regaled the crowd with inside stories from *The Trailer Park Boys*, which he produces. Barrie has recently joined the Board of Governors at MSVU.

All in all, it was a memorable weekend, to mark a memorable achievement. Grads from the Class of 1981 up to and including the Class of 2006 were represented. All involved felt invigorated, as well as re-connected.

The PR 25th Anniversary Committee would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous support of the Celebration Weekend.

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# Alumnae Weekend 2006

Good weather, lots of laughter, and many lovely memories – hallmarks of a successful Alumnae Weekend (August 10-13, 2006).

Each year, the Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association (MSVAA) hosts a few anchor events and invites classes celebrating significant milestones to organize reunion activities. The weekend affords alumnae the opportunity to reminisce with old friends, connect with new ones, and honour the various achievements of many fellow alumnae.

Alumnae Weekend 2006 was heralded in on Thursday, August 10th with the MSV Golf Classic 2006. As always, the participants had a lot of fun, received great prizes, ate a lovely meal – and enjoyed good weather – at this 16th annual event. The MSV Golf Classic is the major revenue generator for the Alumnae Association and the funds allow the Association to support University scholarships, bursaries and the capital campaign, *Building tomorrow. Together.*



*Alumnae connections.*



*The 19th hole:  
Team Single Source*



*A kiss for good luck!*



*Team Aliant ready to go.*

Photo: Crista MacNeil BA '01

Also on tap for the Association, were the Good Morning Brunch and the Annual General Meeting. The MSVAA was pleased to welcome Kathryn E. Laurin, the new President & Vice-Chancellor of the University, as the Honorary President of the Alumnae Association.

The MSVAA and the University co-hosted the 50th Class Luncheon for the Class of 1956 (Academy and College). This was just one of the many reunion activities organized by the 50th Class. The Classes of 1951 and 1966 also had a slate of activities during the weekend. Plus, the Department of Public Relations organized a 25th Anniversary Celebration Weekend for PR grads from all classes.

A sincere thank you to all the individuals who attended Alumnae Weekend 2006 and all who were involved in pulling the events together – an entertaining and unforgettable time was certainly had by all!

## *Class of '56*

The Class of 1956 recently celebrated their long anticipated 50th anniversary during Alumnae Weekend.

The weekend included a 'meet and greet', a slide show of the early days on an 'old' slide projector, and a lobster dinner. On Saturday, the class planted a Red Maple tree in memory of classmate Florence Nightingale Brown. The ceremony was very moving and the class sang 'Gaudeamus Igitur' and 'Those were the days my Friends'. The class also visited Evaristus Hall, and had a wonderful celebratory luncheon at The Meadows hosted by Kathryn Laurin, President & Vice Chancellor, MSVU and Lara Ryan, Vice President, Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association. The weekend ended with a trip to Peggy's Cove, Sunday Mass at the Motherhouse and a farewell brunch.

A wonderful, fulfilling weekend left the group eager to meet again in five years.



Class of 1956



Class of 1956

Photo: Lori Scott BPR '86

# Class Reunions:

## *A Mother-Daughter Affair*

Alumnae Weekend 2006 marked a time of sharing for two MSVU families. The Murrays and the Wills had much to celebrate – together.

Janet Murray BA '56, former Chair of the MSVU Board of Governors (1980-84), joined her classmate Dr. Dorothy Wills BSc '56, and others, for many fun-filled activities. Janet's daughter, Suellen Murray BPR '86, and Dorothy's daughter, Dr. Sandra Wills Hannon BPR '81, were on hand for the PR 25th Anniversary celebrations. A graduate of the first PR class and Honorary Co-chair of the PR celebrations, Sandra brought her daughter Madison along to hear mom speak about her experiences at the University.

The MSVU connections for these families extend beyond the mother-daughter bond. Dorothy's son Leighton graduated with his Bachelor of Business Administration in 1984. Janet's son Brian Murray BA '89 met his wife Patricia Monaghan-Murray BCS '89 while at the University. Even Janet's grand-daughter Molly says she's an alum... after all, she graduated from the MSVU's daycare.

Perhaps someday Madison and/or Molly will be the third generation of these families to attend Mount Saint Vincent.



*Left to right:  
Janet Murray, Sandra Wills Hannon,  
Dorothy Wills and Suellen Murray*

# Calling All MSV Alumnae!



**Hold the dates  
August 16-19, 2007  
for Alumnae Weekend 2007.**

Members of the Class of '57, '62, '67, '82 and '97 are encouraged to join together to celebrate their milestone Class Reunions.

To begin gathering your classmates, colleagues and friends for celebrations in 2007, please contact Alumnae Relations at 1.888.MSV.ALUM or 902.457.6433 or [alumnae@msvu.ca](mailto:alumnae@msvu.ca). We would be happy to assist.

**Keep abreast of Alumnae Weekend plans by visiting our website at [www.msvu.ca/alumnae](http://www.msvu.ca/alumnae).**

## *Class of '66*

MSV Alumnae Weekend 2006 brought together a small, yet enthusiastic, group of alumnae celebrating their 40th reunion. Members of the first graduating class of the new Mount Saint Vincent University, gathered for class dinners and lots of catching up! The celebration was a wonderful weekend with stories and memories from days gone by.





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# Alumnae work to build Brigadoon

*Unique facility will provide benefits for kids with chronic illness*

By Brent Sedo

Dave McKeage BPR '95 is leading a team that includes other MSVU alumnae and students in a project aimed at providing a much-needed facility for kids in Atlantic Canada suffering from chronic illness.

Called Brigadoon, the multi-use facility will be built in the Annapolis Valley, and will provide an extensive list of programs for the kids and their parents, as well as research and teaching opportunities for medical practitioners and students. "Although there are many special needs camps in North America and around the world", states McKeage, "few include a teaching and research mandate. This makes Brigadoon unique and one of only a handful in North America, and the only one of its kind in the Atlantic Region."

In conjunction and consultation with existing programs that offer the typical summer-camp experiences for kids suffering from various illnesses, Brigadoon will operate as a year-round facility.

"As it is now, all the various special-needs camps in Atlantic Canada rent space each summer and there is no permanent facility serving that part of the population," explains McKeage, who is the senior public relations officer at the IWK Health Centre in Halifax. "When we started this process, many of the organizations that do exist were the folks who initially supported us as we developed a concept document. Everyone involved recognizes the need far outweighs the existing programs."

Brigadoon has been five years in the planning so far. Land to build the facility has been obtained, and in early 2007

organizers will launch a three-year capital campaign with the goal of raising \$5 million to construct the facility, and another \$5 million endowment fund to off-set operating costs. The idea is to be able to provide patients and their families access to Brigadoon for a minimal fee.

Besides the typical outdoor activity experience, such as camping, hiking and sailing, Brigadoon's programming will include arts-based programming such as theatre, music, photography and creative writing, an environmental



education component, and will provide overall skill development in areas such as leadership and team building.

And, there will be ongoing professional development in research and teaching.

"There are really three tenets of Brigadoon, one being the experiential model for the kids," McKeage says. "Then there's teaching, for example using the facility as a co-op model for students to gain experience in many different faculties, eventually to the point where students will be, in effect,

running the facility. And then we have research, which we've included in our governance and which will be incorporated into the actual design of the facility. We've already received a few research proposals, and we'll be phasing that in and letting the research sub-committee decide where it will go."

In addition to McKeage, others with MSVU connections involved in the Brigadoon project are Sue Harper BPR '90 and former chair of the MSVU Board of Governors Ruby Blois BSN '73, who sat on the founding board, and Angie Tanner BBA '95, who is currently involved in fund-raising and promotion. MSVU students participated from the beginning in fact-finding and preparation of the Brigadoon background report.

For McKeage, Brigadoon is a project and idea that has a very personal connection. He himself was diagnosed with Hodgkins disease at the age of 11, beginning what has become a 26-year relationship with IWK, first as a patient, and now as an employee. He suffered a recurrence of the treatable cancer while he was taking his public relations degree at MSVU.

"Getting the cancer diagnosis was really a defining time of my life," he says. "Brigadoon is personal, because I know as a kid what it's like, the confusion and trauma of a diagnosis like that. So I've always had a lot of empathy. I think in some ways we're all determined by our past, and our past sometimes chooses our trail for us."

For more information on Brigadoon visit [www.brigadoonsociety.org](http://www.brigadoonsociety.org).

# MSVU Alumna Sits in Top NS Education Post

By Brent Sedo

After capturing the riding of Colchester North in last spring's provincial election and gaining a seat in the Nova Scotia legislature on her first try, MLA Karen Casey BA '76, BEd '76 was promptly named Minister of Education in Premier Rodney MacDonald's cabinet.

Casey, from Bass River NS, has had a long and successful career in education prior to entering politics, as a teacher and school principal, primarily in the Colchester County public school system. She also worked at Acadia University as an adjunct professor responsible for supervision and placement of BEd students. In addition, she has served on several boards and committees, including the Truro Boys & Girls Club, the Valley Recreational Association, the Central Nova Industry Education Council and as chair of the Colchester East Hants District Health Board.

In addition to the Education portfolio, Casey was also named as Minister responsible for the Youth Secretariat Act.



## Do YOU know the face?

Can you help identify the faces, when exactly the photo was taken, and what they were up to? Please let us know.



*Fall is the time for preserves. Here we have Home Ec students canning veggies.*

*Best behaviour and beautifully dressed.*



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# class notes

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## CLASS OF '39

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### ELLIOTT, LILLIAN (WAGSTAFF), BSc (Sec)

Lillian received a wonderful surprise in Spring 2006 when her family presented her with a late Christmas gift of an MSVU ring. Lillian had always talked about getting a school ring and her family thought, now's the time! At a surprise family gathering, MSVU Alumnae Relations Officer, Shani Pearson and Senior Associate, Rosemarie Sampson presented Lillian with her ring, some flowers, and a copy of her yearbook picture.

## CLASS OF '63

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### MARTIN, SISTER ELSIE, BA

Sister Elise was awarded the Elizabeth Ann Seton Award in May, 2006. Sister Elise joined the Sisters of Charity over 60 years ago. She was a teacher, principal and guidance counselor with Halifax schools for many years and has had a profound impact on many students and their families. She first went to Saint John the Baptist Parish, Halifax, in 1965. Sister Elsie is very involved in music including co-ordinating three choirs, and playing with the Bedford Leisure Club orchestra.

## CLASS OF '68

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### SMITH, ROSE MARIE (FORGERON), BA

Rose Marie and her husband **Thomas, BEd '76**, were awarded the Elizabeth Ann Seton Award in May, 2006. The Smiths are parents to 14 children. Along with three biological children they have 11 adopted children, many with special needs. Rose Marie was a teacher before she became a full time mom and Tom was a teacher and principal until his recent retirement.

## CLASS OF '71

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### BUFFETT, DIANE, BA

Diane writes 'I recently received Folia Montana and ran across the name of a former 'floormate' from 1970, Claire Lawson. Several friends who lived in Assisi Hall would love to get in touch with Claire and can do so by emailing Diane at [dbuffett@optonline.net](mailto:dbuffett@optonline.net)

## CLASS OF '77

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### POWER, CHRISTINE, BSc

Effective October 16, 2006, Chris became the new President & CEO of Capital Health, Nova Scotia. Chris was Vice President and Chief Operating Officer with Capital Health from 2000-2003 and before that, the QEII's Vice President of Clinical Services/Nursing from 1995-2000. Chris has returned back to Nova Scotia after serving as Vice President of Patient Services at the Trillium Health Care Centre, in Mississauga ON.

### VILLELA, GABRIELLA, BA

After two years of intense preparation, Sr. Gabriela Villela, a Sister of Charity of Halifax, and eight university students from Edmonton traveled to Peru in June, 2006 with a mission of serving the women and children in La Victoria, a town 800 km north of Lima. They spent three weeks living among the people and offering them four types of workshops. They ended their time by visiting the historic cities of Cusco and Machu Picchu.

## CLASS OF '80

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### BERG, LISA, BCS

Lisa went to the University of British Columbia and obtained a teaching certificate. She has been teaching the primary grades with the Vancouver School Board for the past sixteen years.

### EMBREE, PATRICIA DAWN, LEGSE

Patricia is currently working at Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg in downtown Toronto, commuting each day from her home in Burlington, which she moved into in May 2006. Patricia would love to hear from classmates and old friends.

### MRKONJIC, JANICE ANN, BCS, MEd '00

Janice is the Director of Business Development for Executive Education at the Kenan-Flagler Business School at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill. When not at work you can find Janice on the golf course with her husband Dr. Greg Pahel, Group Leader of Molecular Pharmacology with GlaxoSmithKline. Janice resides in Raleigh NC and welcomes greetings from MSVU alum.

### RONDEAU, DONNA (TUPPER), BA/BEd

Donna and husband Rob have added to their family. They adopted a young boy, Dylan Thomas this year. Donna continues to teach in Coronation AB and Rob is busy with the Hardisty World newspaper and scuba diving. He has spoken at great length at conferences and conventions all across Canada.

## CLASS OF '81

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### McNAIR, PAUL, BPR

Paul graduated in May 2006 with a 4.0 GPA, completing a Master of Arts in Philanthropy & Development from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota. His thesis was on the Impact of Special Event Fundraising. In April 2006, Paul was awarded Outstanding Professional Fundraiser by the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Nova Scotia Division.

## CLASS OF '86

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### RIVEST, JOANNE, BA

Joanne and **Dayle Harrington BA '80, BBA '03** were married in January 2006.

## CLASS OF '87

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### BRUHM, GAIL, Cert Ger

Formerly the Executive Director of Caregivers Nova Scotia, Gail recently began a company to assist families, especially those giving care from a distance. She had put her gerontology to good use by providing workshops for caregivers in the workplace. Visit her online at [www.carestrategies.ca](http://www.carestrategies.ca).

## CLASS OF '89

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### GAETZ, HEATHER (COFFIN), BHEc

Heather recently moved to Ottawa with her husband Stephen Peng (TUNS '91) and four-year-old daughter Emily May. Friends can reach her by email at [hefandstef@rogers.com](mailto:hefandstef@rogers.com).

### KERRIGAN, JOANNE MARIE, BPR

For the past 5 or 6 years Joanne has been making short films and videos.

## CLASS OF '90

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### CRANSTON, MARLA, BPR

Marla loves her new job as Editorial Manager for Dalhousie's Communications & Marketing Department. She joined Dal in November 2005 after a couple of years as Communications Coordinator at NSCAD University. Before NSCAD Marla spent 13 years as a reporter/columnist at the Daily News. As well, Marla bought her first house and would love to hear from old friends. You can contact her at [marla.cranston@gmail.com](mailto:marla.cranston@gmail.com).

### JOLLYMORE, MELANIE ANNE (NOLAN), BPR

Melanie received the Atlantic Provinces Council of the Sciences (APICS) 'Science Communication Award' in 2005, in the Professional Communicator category. The award recognized excellence in translating complex scientific information to the lay public in a compelling way.

### RITTER, KURT ALLEN, BSc

On July 7th, Kurt and his wife Jean had their first child, a baby boy, named Cadan.

## CLASS OF '91

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### KAVALAK, MARLA, BA, BEd '93

Marla has worked for the past 12 years with the Correctional Service of Canada holding various positions. Currently, she is a liaison between National Headquarters and the Atlantic Region in the Performance Division. On a personal note, Marla lives in Moncton with her partner Michelle Livingston-Kavalak, and their 4-year-old daughter Keigan. Marla would love to hear from friends from her "Mount Days" who can email her at [mmk@nb.sympatico.ca](mailto:mmk@nb.sympatico.ca).

### LANDSBERG, DR. MICHELE, OC, DHumL

Dr. Michele Landsberg was recently appointed to the Order of Canada, the country's highest honour for lifetime achievement and service.

## CLASS OF '92

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### MALLYON, DAWN (HAYMAN), BPR

Dawn moved from Moncton NB to Calgary and has a fantastic new job as Team Lead, Trade Shows & Events at SMART Technologies. Keep in touch at [dawnmallyon@smarttech.com](mailto:dawnmallyon@smarttech.com).

## CLASS OF '93

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### RIEDLE, DEREK, BPR

In May 2006, Derek received The Young Leader to Watch Award from YM-YWCA Saint John, for his outstanding volunteerism. Derek founded Media Planet in 1997 and has overseen the company's growth to become a recognized leader in the strategic communications field. A believer in strong communities, Derek supports a number of worthwhile organizations and encourages his staff to become involved with community groups. Derek and his wife Terri live in Rothesay with their 2 young boys, Jack and Peter.

### WILCOX, KAREN RICHELLE, BPR

2006 was a big decision time for Karen and after years of client-side work (BMO Financial Group) she searched out a PR Agency to join and started at DDB PR, a fully integrated, multi-national, award-winning, full-service advertising agency in May 2006. Karen writes, "Lovin' it!"



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#### CLASS OF '94

**CORMIER, SHARON LYN, BA**  
Sharon and **Gerald Cormier, BBA '93**, who met at MSVU in the early 90's married in 1996 and resided in Dartmouth until recently. In September 2005, they moved to New Edinburgh located in Clare Municipality. They have two sons André and Stéfán ages 8 and 6.

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#### CLASS OF '96

**DAY, KELLIE JANE (GIFFEN), BA**  
On August 6, 2005, Kellie and her husband Bruce welcomed into the world their second son, Alexander. Michael, their first, born July 25, 2003 was thrilled!

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#### MacLEAN, ADELE, BPR

Adele, her husband Bob and their one-year old son Mac are happy to have relocated to the East Coast. Since August, the family has been living in Stillwater Lake, NS.

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#### STEELE, MELODIE DAWN (BOUTILIER), BPR

Melodie and her family moved to Edmonton in February, 2005 to further her husband's career and to allow Melodie to stay home and raise their two sons, Jacob (age 7) and Alexander (age 2). She would love to hear from any classmates at kmsteele@shaw.ca.

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#### CLASS OF '97

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#### NOBES, CAROLYN, MAEd

Carolyn retired in June 2006. Many MSVU students will know Carolyn from her years of service with MSVU Distance Learning & Continuing Education.

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#### CLASS OF '98

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#### LEWIS, JACKIE TONI (SIMON), BPR

Jackie and Robert Lewis tied the knot during a ceremony in St. John's NL on April 29, 2006, followed by a honeymoon in the Dominican Republic.

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#### CLASS OF '99

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#### CALNEN, SHAUNA, BSc, BEd '01

Shauna was married on August 4, 2006 to Ghislain David from Miscou Island, NB. They currently work for Foreign Affairs Canada at the Canadian High Commission in Islamabad, Pakistan. Shauna has taken a two-year leave of absence from her teaching position with the Halifax Regional School Board, but plans to return to the classroom when she and her husband return to Canada next year.

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#### CLASS OF '00

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#### BURNS, MATTHEW SOLOMAN, BPR

Matt recently completed his MBA at the University of British Columbia. He joined Deloitte & Touche, LLP in Calgary, to work in their Human Capital Consulting Practice where he will combine his past communications education and experience with education related to strategic human resource management.

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#### MAY, DR. ELIZABETH, OC, DHumL

In March 2006, Elizabeth stepped down as Executive Director of the Sierra Club of Canada, a post she held since 1989, to run for the leadership of the Green Party of Canada. Successful in her bid, she was elected the Green Party's ninth leader at their national convention in August 2006 with a clear majority of the votes.

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#### CLASS OF '01

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#### BAKER, SHARON M. (WEAVER), BEd

Sharon and her husband Trevor are happy to announce the arrival of Maya Marie, born October 16, 2005. A new sister for Julia.

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#### HOWARD, SUSAN C. (ALEXANDER), BPR

Susan is a marketing specialist with Colliers International Atlantic Inc., and is the lone Canadian finalist in the company's global advertising campaign contest. The contest was open to all Colliers marketing teams in 54 countries interested in developing a new marketing initiative centering on the company's new catchphrase "OurKnowledge is Your Property".

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#### WAKEHAM, JENNIFER ANNE (MCEACHERN), BBA

Jennifer and her husband moved to Calgary in July 2006. Jennifer has taken a new position as Senior Accounting Technician with BDO Dunwoody LLP.

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#### CLASS OF '02

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#### WHALEN, CRYSTAL J., BA, CertComRes '05

Crystal has relocated to Edson AB, as of March 2006, to work with McMan Youth, Family and Community

Services as a Community Rehabilitation worker. She writes, "I am glad that all the hard work of University has paid off and I am working with my Degree and Certificate."

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#### CLASS OF '03

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#### FRANK, TANYA LOUISE, BSc

Tanya and **David Scholten, BA '04** are happy to announce their engagement. The couple recently bought a house in Halifax.

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#### HOUGHTON, KATHRYN ELIZABETH (MCMULLIN), BBA

Upon her completion of her university degree, Katie began her accounting career with Miles T. Sweeney Limited, Dartmouth. She received her Chartered Accountants of Nova Scotia designation in February, 2006.

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#### PARSONS, PAMELA NORA, BBA

Following graduation, Pamela enrolled in the Radio Television Arts Program at Nova Scotia Community College in Kentville, NS. She started reporting for "Here and Now" - CBC TV in St. John, NL. She is also reporting for CBC radio one in St. John's, and working casually for CBC TV and radio.

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# class notes

## CLASS OF '04

### LANDRY, DR, ALDEA, PC, CM, DHumL

Dr. Aldea Landry was recently appointed to the Order of Canada, the country's highest honour for lifetime achievement and service.

## CLASS OF '05

### MCGRATH, DAVE MICHAEL, BPR

Dave is Manager of Marketing and Communications with Acrohelipro Global Services, Inc. a subsidiary of Vector Aerospace. Dave resides in Vancouver, BC.

### RICHARD, KRISTA LEE, BBA

On May 13th, 2006, Krista and her boyfriend, Dave Reage, got engaged in Niagara Falls, ON. Having moved to Toronto this past January, Krista has been working at the mechanical and electrical consulting firm, Rybka Smith and Ginsler Ltd., as a Marketing Assistant. Though she is enjoying her time in Toronto, Krista cannot wait to move back to Halifax someday. She and Dave will wed back East in the Summer of 2007.

### WHELAN, MEAGHAN, BPR

Megan began working as the communications coordinator for the Faculty of Business at Memorial University of Newfoundland in August 2006.

## CLASS OF '06

### BARNES, STEVEN, BSc

Steven is starting a new career as an Air Force Pilot for DND.

### CASHIN, SONYA, BA

Sonya is attending the University of Toronto where she is taking Graduate studies in Counseling.

### CLARKE, JENNIFER, BBA

Jennifer lives in Calgary and works for Imperial Oil as Account Executive – Inside Sales and Tenders.

### CURRIE, MATT, BA

Matt is taking an advanced diploma in Public Relations at the Nova Scotia Community College.

### DESCHENES, DONNA, MEd

Donna is a teacher at Kingston and District Elementary School in Nova Scotia.

### GOREHAM-SMITH, ALETHIA, MEd

Alethia is teaching in beautiful Shag Harbour (Grade 5, 6 & Reading Recovery) at Evelyn Richardson Memorial Elementary.

### KIDSTON, ALISON, BEd

Alison has a new edition to her family: 'Oscar' Doyle, an Am-Staff adopted from the SPCA. Alison writes, "if you love animals and are looking for one, please consider the SPCA or other animal shelters."

### LECONTE, LAUREL, BSc

Laurel is a Clinical Dietician/Diabetes Program Coordinator for the Manitoulin Health Centre, Manitoulin Island, ON.

### LOOKE, MEGAN, BBA

Since graduation, Megan has worked with Looke Cancut Limited, a family business in forestry.

### MacDONALD, ROSALIE, BCS '81, MEd '98, MEd

Rosalie completed her third degree from MSVU: a 2nd Masters degree. This year she will celebrate with daughter Melanie who graduates from McGill with a BA in International Development & Political Science. Rosalie teaches at Wolfville school as a Resource Teacher and lives in New Minas.

### MCGRAY, ROBERT, MA

Robert is attending the University of Alberta for his PhD in Education.

### PHINNEY, NAOMI MORGAN, BSc

Naomi and spouse Nat were married on June 3, 2006.

### PICCOTT, KIMBERLEY, BA

Upon completing her BA, Kimberley started to pursue her BEd as she "begins her journey to becoming an elementary school teacher".

### SMITH, ROBERT, MEd

Robert is a teacher of Senior High Social Studies at Musquodoboit Rural High School.

### WHITLEY, EMMA, BTHM

Emma started in February 2006 at the Radisson Suites Hotel Halifax as the hotel's only female valet.

**APOLOGY:** In last issue of *Folia Montana*, we acknowledged Valerie Leonard's graduation with her CMA. We neglected to note all Valerie's credentials, which are: CertBusi '88, DipBusi '91, BBA '92. Our sincerest apologies.

## in memoriams

The Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association has made a donation towards MSV scholarships and bursaries in memory of the following alumnae.

### 1920's

**M. Marguerite (Belliveau) Boudreau**, ACAD '29  
August 19, 2006

**Margaret Veronica (Tobin) Emery**, ACAD '29,  
BSchEc '40  
October 26, 2006

**Mary Ena (Blackadar) Flynn**, ACAD '25  
August 30, 2006

**Norma F. McIsaac**, ACAD '28, BA '31  
July 2006

### 1930's

**Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Gartside**, ACAD '37  
May 20, 2006

**Loretta Catherine Guy**, ACAD '32  
April 25, 2006

**M. Jean "Bubbles" Hilchie**, ACAD '37  
May 10, 2006

### 1940's

**Geraldine Shortall**, MSV Academy  
March 8, 2006

### 1950's

**Allana Hughena Benedek**, ACAD '54, BA '57  
June 4, 2006

**Sister Helen Scully (Francis Thomas)**, BA '58  
September 8, 2006

### 1970's

**Sister Cathleen Dunne (Mary Emmanuella)**, BA '70,  
September 18, 2006

**Sister Zelma LeBlanc (John Leo)**, BA '74  
August 2, 2006

### 1970's

**Sister Mary St. Clare Maddigan**, BSN '73  
June 19, 2005

**Mary Florence (Baldwin) Trynor**, BA '77  
October 16, 2006

### 1980's

**Dale Arthur Bennett**, BSc '86  
August 7, 2006

**Tarel Susanne Quandt**, BA '89  
February 25, 2006

### 1990's

**Nicole Marie (Trainor) Molyneaux**, BPR '96  
April 30, 2006

### 2000's

**Dr. Shelagh MacKenzie-Tasker**, DHumL '03  
September 25, 2006



**Sister Mary Lua Gavin, BA '43, DHumL 1981** Sister Lua died in Wellesley Hills, MA on April 28, 2006. She began teaching at Mount Saint Vincent College in 1950 in the biology department. For thirty-one years she transmitted to her thousands of students her delight in the natural world. Her teaching encompassed not only the classroom and the lab but also the flora of the Mount grounds. The arboretum on campus is named after her. Her contributions to MSVU and its students were numerous and she delighted in the accomplishments of her former students. Blessed with a keen sense of humour and a warm and generous heart, she took on whatever jobs came her way. In the early days of the College, the sisters did everything including cleaning, switchboard and, of course, teaching. For many years she made tapes for the blind. No doubt many who listened to these tapes were amused by her "Bostonian" accent. Sister Lua was 92. Memorial donations can be made to the Sister Lua Endowed Scholarship or a scholarship of choice.

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