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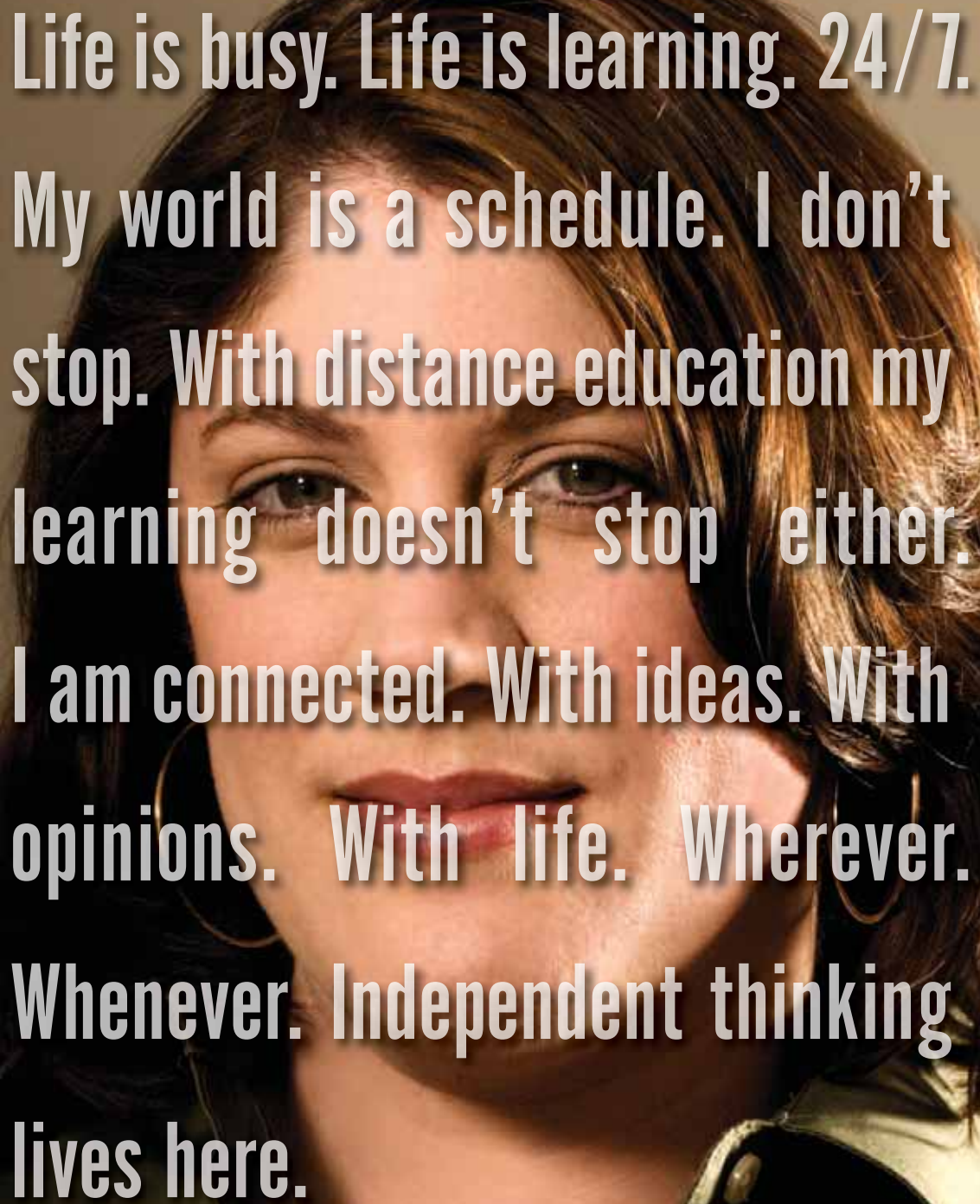


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## President's Message

*Kathryn E. Laurin, M.Mus, President and Vice-Chancellor*

This is a time of great change, and nowhere is this truer than in the post-secondary landscape.

Today's universities are facing new challenges. Emerging technologies, a global community and the competition for talent in the workplace are inspiring universities to rethink traditional modes of education. At Mount Saint Vincent University, we are quickly adapting to these changes and embracing the opportunities they present.

Our strategic plan, *Destination 2012*, was created to respond to this shifting landscape and will continue to guide the Mount to become a national leader in creating the best university experience. Implementation of *Destination 2012* is well underway, and the community recently celebrated the many successes we've achieved so far.

Integral to the success of the strategic plan is our *Building Tomorrow Together* capital campaign. This Capital Campaign will provide for an expanded campus through the construction of a new Teaching, Learning and Research Centre, will support enhanced academic excellence and will contribute to increased scholarships, to recruit and develop independent thinkers who will help shape our world.

Alumnae are vital to our future. Our strength lies in your continued involvement with the Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association, participation in alumnae events and feedback on issues that affect our University. And your contributions to our Capital Campaign not only allow you to play a key role in our future, but are fundamental to our continued growth and success.

This is an exciting moment in Mount history, and I encourage you to continue to be involved and to stay in touch.

## EDITOR'S NOTE



It is truly gratifying to see the progress of the Mount's Capital Campaign. Our alma mater is showing its beauty and progression in a very real way.

These are extremely competitive times for charitable dollars. We all have many options to weigh when it comes to choosing the dollars we give. I for one am truly impressed with the momentum this effort is gaining and the professionalism in which the Campaign is being showcased to us as alumnae and others in our community.

On a more personal note, I'd like to thank those of you who shared such terrific feedback with the University Advancement team regarding the last issue of *Folia Montana* – our first ever in full colour. Hope you enjoy this one just as much.

See you in 2009.

*Donna Redmond Gates, BPR '95*

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# Book Club

## Faculty and Alumnae Books



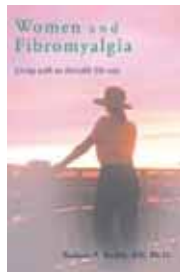
*Spiritual Journey: A Collection of Limited Edition Surreal Photographs* (Authorhouse) by **Michelle Baikie, MEd '07.**

Senator Bill Rompkey for Labrador, Canada Digital imaging and dye sublimation allow Baikie to drape a spiritual, almost ethereal, haze over the photographs she manipulates. Modern processes combine with the historical quality of her images to create, paradoxically, a revealing documentary of the development of the province and its impending changes. Baikie continues to sharpen her artistic eye in the colourful surroundings of Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Labrador. She is the owner of MRB Photo Communications.



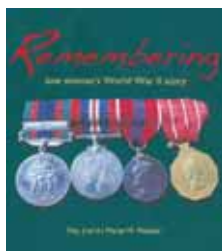
*Universal Reflections: Art and Poetry* (Printing Services, University of Saskatchewan) by **Dr. Lourdes Heber, BScN '75.**

This body of work is a study in reflective art as an outlet for the 'creative self' to promote an intellectual challenge and personal satisfaction. The poems in this book are an expression of experiences and professional and personal interest in people and their realities. This book integrates visual art with poetry to reflect a lifetime of observations and adventures.



*Women and Fibromyalgia: Living with an Invisible Disease* (iUniverse) by **Dr. Barbara Keddy, BScN '75.**

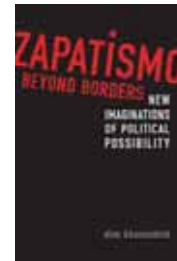
Fibromyalgia, a musculoskeletal condition characterized by widespread chronic pain and fatigue, specific tender points, and sleep disturbance, is a major medical and social concern. Drawing on her own experiences as well as the stories of twenty other women living with the challenges of fibromyalgia, Dr. Keddy, discusses current theories of causes and types of treatments. She also speculates about why this condition is more prominent among women than men. By sharing these stories, Keddy highlights the invisibility of the daily difficulties fibromyalgia sufferers face.



*Remembering: one woman's World War II story* (Glen Haven Press) by **the late Dr. Marial Mosher, the founder of**

**the Canadian Studies program and a former professor of Sociology & Anthropology and Canadian Studies.**

This book captures Dr. Mosher's recollections of life as an officer in the Canadian Women's Army Corps (CWAC) established in September 1941. She was involved from the start and served overseas, retiring with the rank of Major.



*Zapatismo Beyond Borders - New Imaginations of Political Possibility* (University of Toronto Press) by **Dr. Alex Khasnabish,**

**Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology.**

This book explores a movement that reshaped the way activists think about and practice political action. The Zapatista movement began in Mexico on January 1, 1994 when a guerrilla army of indigenous Mayan peasants rose up in the Mexican state of Chiapas. The Zapatista rebellion aimed to challenge both recent and long-standing injustices in Mexico, but the insurgents also sought to communicate with others engaged in their own struggles outside the borders of their country.



*In the Shadow of the Raven* (Lulu.com) by **Patricia Parsons, Professor, Department of Public Relations.**

While teaching at a Canadian university, ex-pat American English professor Sean O'Hara stumbles on the diary of his great-great-grandmother, Bridget Ryan. Having completed his doctoral dissertation on Edgar Allan Poe's work, he's astonished to discover that she and Poe were contemporaries, and more than that, she actually knew him. The reader is swept into Bridget's life in Boston and Baltimore in the nineteenth century.

DR.  
NAOMI L.  
HERSOM



MAJOR  
MARIAL  
MOSHER, PhD,  
ONS, CD



# Lives to Celebrate

The Mount has lost one of its former leaders. Dr. Naomi L. Hersom passed away on June 27, 2008. Dr. Hersom was the President and Vice-Chancellor of Mount Saint Vincent University from 1986-1991.

Hersom was born in Winnipeg, and graduated from the University of Manitoba with degrees in Arts and Education. She received her PhD (Education) from the University of Alberta in 1969.

She was a supporter of women's issues and mentored many young women in her educative and administrative roles. Colleague Dr. Anne MacCleave, Associate Professor, Department of Education, remembers Hersom as a pioneer for women in education and taking leadership roles. She says, "There were very few [female] administrators or leaders of any sort at one time...Women like Naomi were the pioneers to break ground, becoming strong administrators and knowledgeable and educated leaders. For that reason, I consider her a leader in Education." At the time of death, she held Honorary Degrees from seven universities which recognized her unique contributions to education. She was also recognized by her friends and colleagues in 1991 with the establishment of the Naomi L. Hersom Endowed Scholarship at Mount Saint Vincent University.

According to her family's obituary, Naomi's first love and interest was working with Intervarsity Christian Fellowship and international fellowship of evangelical students, contributing both as a staff member and a board member. She was active in her church, and lived daily the words of Micah 6:8, "to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with her God." She is survived by her brother, Harvey, and the many special friends she made in her time on earth.

Memorial donations may be made to the Naomi L. Hersom Scholarship by contacting the Department of University Advancement at 902.457.6470.

It was with great sorrow that the Mount Saint Vincent community learned of the passing of Marial Mosher on October 4, 2008. Mosher was a long-time professor with the Sociology and Anthropology Department at the Mount, who worked to establish the Canadian Studies Program. In 1984, her contributions to higher education were recognized by Mount Saint Vincent University with The Marial Mosher Scholarship in Canadian Studies and Sociology/Anthropology. She ended her career at the Mount in 1988 when she retired, but continued to stay active as a guest lecturer and member of the Canadian Studies Society.

Mosher had a long and varied career. While her later work was academic, Mosher began her career in New York City, where she studied dance and performed on Broadway. Major Mosher served in the Canadian Women's Army Corps as a senior officer during the Second World War. Following the war, she returned to academia, earning Masters Degrees from Acadia and the University of Toronto. She completed a doctorate at Simon Fraser University and earned a PhD in Anthropology from Dalhousie University.

Education proved to be a lifelong interest of Mosher's. Mosher saw her role as educator as one to "break down barriers", be they culturally or gender defined. Her contribution to women's education, elder learning and the history of dance was recognized in 2004 with Mosher's appointment to the Order of Nova Scotia. She was also honoured for her 50 years of service in the Canadian Federation of University Women.

According to colleague and friend, Dr. Della Stanley, Associate Professor, Department of Political and Canadian Studies, Mosher saw life as "a trip of curiosity and learning". She was a teacher, a friend and a nurturer. She had a full life and a retirement filled with friends, dance and her beloved Westies. Stanley speaks for many when she says, "It was more than an honour to know Marial – it was an experience."

Memorial donations can be made to the Mount Saint Vincent University Canadian Studies Society. To donate, please call 902.457.6470.

# Duchess of York Opens World Podium Speakers' Series

By Krista Armstrong

The World Podium Speakers' Series got off to an inspirational start with "My Road to an Authentic Life" with the Duchess of York, Sarah Ferguson. The Duchess spoke in St. John's on September 15 and in Halifax on September 16, 2008.

The Duchess arrived on stage at the Halifax Metro Centre following an introduction by Mount Saint Vincent University President Kathryn Laurin. After thanking Laurin for being an "amazing lady", Ferguson talked about her day in Halifax, referencing local haunts Mills Brothers Department Store and Café Chianti. She recognized Lieutenant Governor, The Honourable Mayann E. Francis, ONS, DHumL '04, who was in the audience, thanking her for coming and calling her a "strong lady at the helm." It was a humble and fitting beginning to a night which felt, according to alumna Lisa Whynott, BOA '04, "like sitting on a sofa, having a chat with a friend."

Sarah Ferguson lead the audience on a chronology of her early experience: her country upbringing, her time as a royal, her divorce, her financial hardships, and her struggles with weight. When she "married the world" at age 24, her victories and failures became public record and tabloid fodder. Following the dissolution of her marriage and subsequent bankruptcy, Ferguson's confidence was shattered. She was at her lowest point when her grandmother gave her the advice that would change her life: go out and see how lucky you are. And she did.

In the following 20 years, Ferguson has developed a well-deserved reputation as an "Ambassador for Change." Turning the tables on the media, Ferguson now uses the public stage and her position to bring awareness

to global issues affecting women and children. Ferguson describes herself as a "foghorn for silent whispers" and seeks to give a voice to those people without the means or platform to speak for themselves. In her Halifax talk, she brought awareness to the global issues of healthcare, racism, obesity, and the right to education. She "leads from the front" with her work with the Little Red Foundation and her newest project, Hartmoor LLC, a multi-media company based in New York, devoted to



*The Duchess of York, Sarah Ferguson, with President Kathryn Laurin*

innovative lifestyle design, education, and charitable giving ([www.sarahferguson.com](http://www.sarahferguson.com)). She is not afraid to look silly or kick up some dust if she sees something that she believes is wrong. As she says, "if it can make a difference, then who cares?"

She speaks to social responsibility, an issue which is at the core of the Mount philosophy. Ferguson had just left Romania, where she and her daughter Beatrice were working with Romanian gypsies and the Romanian Government to promote tolerance, education and awareness. This social responsibility is something that she teaches her children, both in words and in action.

Ferguson's tone was informal and funny. She did not have a script and spoke, instead, from the heart. By speaking in universal themes and referencing popular culture, the

audience related to Ferguson and her message of social responsibility, global stewardship, and hope became that much stronger. Whynott liked her approach, saying "she talked one-on-one with everybody – she was not preaching." From the talk, Whynott took away what the Duchess refers to as her 3-C's for living: communication, compassion, and compromise. This is something she has incorporated into her personal and professional life, even including a short piece on it in her company newsletter. Whynott says, "Compromise and compassion often get overlooked, but they're so important. If we all did that, the world would be a better place."

The evening closed with an armchair interview with CTV's Steve Murphy. Ferguson dominated the stage, handling his questions with trademark cheekiness and wit. When asked how she would define herself, given her wide range of roles, she chose the one that was nearest to her heart – mother.

The Duchess closed her speech by imparting what she calls her "nuggets" – little bits of wisdom gleaned on her road to an authentic life: "Don't believe your own stuff all the time." "Live and give." "Don't beat yourself up." "Go forward with courage and self-respect." "Smile." "Be who you are." "Choose to be happy."

Choose to make a difference.

*Mount Saint Vincent University is the presenting sponsor for the World Podium Speakers' Series. World Podium aims to bring top-level speakers who engage audiences on issues, people and events that shape our world. The series is designed to spotlight women of achievement and their growing influence on geo-political, economic, cultural and social issues. Future speaking engagements in this dynamic series will be announced as they are confirmed.*

## Leading Philosopher in Education Honoured with International Conference

The work of one of Canada's pre-eminent philosophers of education was honoured by the University with an international conference in October of 2008.

Dr. William Hare gained recognition in 1979 with the publication of his book *Open-Mindedness and Education*, and has recently retired as a full-time professor at the Mount. Scholars from across North America gathered at the University to discuss and examine his main philosophical interests; open-mindedness and critical thinking and what contributes to the nature of good teaching.

Having taught thousands of teachers during his 35-year career at both the Mount and Dalhousie University, Dr. Hare has had a profound influence on generations of educators.

"He is a person of integrity," said former student, Dr. Michelle Forrest, BA '70, now an associate professor at the Mount. "He humbly practices the professional virtues he frames for us in his writings. What a privilege to have him as a teacher, mentor and colleague."

Dr. Hare has received many prestigious awards, including the Distinguished Service Award from the Canadian Association of Foundations of Education, as well as the Mount Saint Vincent University Award for Research Excellence. He also managed to publish several books, write more than 60 articles and act as President of the Canadian Philosophy of Education Society from 1984 to 1986. At the May 2008 convocation, he was named Professor Emeritus of Education by Mount Saint Vincent University.



*Tree dedication for Dr. Hare (centre)*



*Darvesh applauded at Spring 2008 Convocation*

## Dr. Kathy Darvesh recognized for Teaching Excellence

The Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Award for Teaching Excellence is presented annually in recognition of superior teaching and in appreciation of a faculty member's contributions to the high standards and goals of higher learning.

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

This year, the honour was presented to Dr. Katherine Darvesh, Associate Professor in the Department of Chemistry and Physics.

Dr. Darvesh has been educating and enlightening Mount students for almost two decades. Whether she's encouraging students to participate in class trips to prominent lectures, or rewarding a student with stickers for a job well done, Dr. Darvesh is dedicated to sharing her passion for chemistry and physics.

She is a firm believer in providing students with the motivation to work regularly through weekly quizzes or assignments. Her diligence in providing prompt feedback on those items reflects her desire to ensure that students have an understanding of the material and are fully prepared at exam time. After all, she says: "You get what you inspect, not what you expect."

On being nominated for the Alumnae Award for Teaching Excellence, Dr. Darvesh was thrilled and surprised. "It's an honour just to be nominated," she says, "especially at a school known for its commitment to teaching."

Dr. Darvesh considers herself a chemistry ambassador, navigating students through the unknown and helping them to better understand science. It is a role she hopes to continue for many years to come.



# The Mount Class of '08

More than 1300 students received certificates, diplomas and degrees during the spring and fall convocation ceremonies. In May, forty student awards were presented, including the Valedictorian Prize, which was awarded at each of the three ceremonies to valedictorians Sarah Costelloe, BTHM '08, Joanna Keith, BEd '08 and Jake Yorke, BSc(Hon) '08.

The President's Prizes were awarded to graduates whose generosity, energy and commitment enriched the University. The recipients included:

- Amy Eaton, BAA (CYS), '08 with distinction, Bridgetown, NS
- Elizabeth Jardine, MEd '08, Halifax, NS
- Bianca Ridler, BEd '08, Halifax, NS
- Jake Yorke, BSc(Hon) '08, Parrsboro, NS

The University also conferred honorary degrees on three individuals who have made outstanding contributions on the advancement of Canadian society and culture. They were: The Honourable Mayann E. Francis, ONS Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, Dr. Donald M. Julien, ONS and The Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, CC.



*The Honourable  
Mayann E. Francis, ONS*



*Dr. Donald M. Julien, ONS*



*The Right Honourable  
Adrienne Clarkson, CC*

In October, twenty-seven student awards were presented, including the Valedictorian Prize, which was awarded at each of the two valedictorians Késa Munroe-Anderson, MEd '08 of Lucasville, NS and Jeremiah Martell, BPR '08 of Arichat, NS.

The President's Prizes were awarded to:

- Cathy Dora Carreau, MAEd '08, Halifax, NS
- Amber Dawn Daley, BA '08, Lower Sackville, NS
- Geoffrey Lemuel Sharpe, MEd '08, Manchester, Jamaica

Mavis Staines, Artistic Director and Co-CEO of Canada's National Ballet School, and the late Dr. Sheela Basrur, best known for her work during the 2003 SARS outbreak in Toronto, both received honorary degrees during the ceremony.



*Dr. Mavis Staines*



*Dr. Sheela Basrur*

## Students bring First Refugee to Campus

Mount Saint Vincent University welcomed its first student refugee during the fall semester as part of the World University Service of Canada's (WUSC) Student Refugee Program. The student is from the Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya, where she has lived since fleeing Somalia in 1994.

In 2005, students and faculty members formed a local WUSC committee to implement the Student Refugee Program (SRP) at the Mount and raise awareness of refugees from asylum countries. In 2007, 93 per cent of students voted in favour of the program which will provide support for a refugee to attend the University.

Students donated in excess of \$10,000 and the University's President and Vice-Chancellor, Kathryn Laurin, waived the tuition and residence fees.

"The whole committee is really excited about the arrival of our first student refugee," says local committee member Ashley-Jane Chow. "And thanks to the overwhelming support of the student body we can continue contributing to the WUSC student refugee program for years to come."

Mount students are excited about meeting the student refugee and introducing her to the University, Halifax, and Canada. Debi Goodwin is accompanying the student from Toronto and is writing a book entitled, "A Year in Canada," which will follow students from Dadaab during their first year. The book is to be published by Doubleday Publishing Group.

Fifty-eight refugee students will be attending Canadian universities and colleges this year and the Mount is one of the 45 campuses participating in the SRP. WUSC is celebrating the 1000<sup>th</sup> sponsored student arriving in Canada and its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the SRP. Since 1978, WUSC's Student Refugee Program has enabled refugees from Afghanistan, Burma, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Somalia and Sudan to come to Canada and continue their post-secondary education.



# Capital Campaign Goals

Mount Saint Vincent University has adopted a new vision: to become the national leader in creating the best university experience for all members of our community and in developing thoughtful, engaged citizens who have a positive impact on their world. At the heart of our vision is *Building Tomorrow Together*, a \$16 million capital campaign, and only the third capital campaign in the Mount's 135-year history.

Our exciting plans for this Campaign revolve around three pillars:

## 1.

**Expanding Our Campus with the construction of a new five storey state-of-the-art Teaching, Learning and Research Centre - \$12 Million.**

- Replaces the temporary facilities for our professional programs and co-operative education program
- Houses academic departments including Public Relations, Business Administration, Tourism and Hospitality Management, and Women Studies
- New teaching and learning spaces including an expanded Learning Commons, new classrooms and seminar rooms, a PR Studio and five editing suites
- Includes a new Co-operative Education Centre designed to meet the needs of employers and

students; Nova Scotia Centre on Aging and the Centre for Women in Business

- Provides much-needed space for major research projects which affords students the opportunity to be involved with groundbreaking initiatives

## 2.

**Enhancing Academic Excellence - \$2 Million**

### Chair in Learning Disabilities

- As the only endowed Chair in Learning Disabilities in Canada, this Chair will play a lead role in the identification and education of children and youth with learning disabilities. Set in our Faculty of Education, the Chair will educate the teachers of tomorrow so that they will have the skills required to ensure all children are able to realize their academic potential. This initiative allows the Mount to be a leader and a catalyst for positive change in the field of special education

### Library Acquisitions

- Expanded library holdings will ensure students have the academic resources required to achieve success. The Library will also increase the number of electronic holdings so that students may access materials to their desktops in the most convenient method possible

### Flexible Education & Distance Learning

- The Mount will invest in leading-edge tools for e-learning to maintain its position as a leader in flexible education and distance learning

## 3.

**Ensuring Student Success - \$2 Million**

### Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarships

- To attract and retain the brightest students

### Leadership Awards

- New awards to attract well-rounded students who are engaged in their communities and are strong academically

### Research Assistantships

- Allows Mount undergraduate as well as graduate students to participate in faculty research studies (at most universities only graduate students have this opportunity)

### Student Study Abroad Awards

- Provides students with the financial means to study internationally. Students studying abroad can experience the cultural climate of the host land while gaining new perspectives on their education and the world

1873

Mount Saint Vincent Academy established by the Sisters of Charity

1915

Alumnae publication, *Folia Montana*, printed for the first time.

1925

Mount Saint Vincent College empowered to grant degrees in arts, science and music, becoming the only independent women's college in the British Commonwealth. Enrollment was 130.

1951

The entire Mount Saint Vincent facility, Motherhouse, College and Academy, destroyed by fire.

## PROGRESS UPDATE

We are currently at **54%** of our Campaign goal!

The next several pages focus on our Capital Campaign. Find out who is leading and supporting the Campaign and what the new Teaching, Learning and Research Centre will look like. We invite you, our alumnae, to join us in our endeavours and to become a partner in the Mount's success.

Together, we can have an impact on students, scholarly inquiry, and discovery with the power to transform our world.

Check out our website, visit [www.msvu.ca](http://www.msvu.ca) and click on the *Building Tomorrow Together* logo.

*Kathryn E. Laurin, President and Vice-Chancellor, Mount Saint Vincent University with Michael A. Harvey, Architect.*



*Mike Foran, President,  
Touch of Gold and The Vault*

"As a business owner and as a graduate of the Mount, I feel it is my responsibility to give to my university; to the current and future students of the Mount," said Mike Foran, BA '89. "If alumnae aren't good stewards of the University, then who can be?"

Foran graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in 1989. At the time of his graduation he certainly didn't predict he would be returning to the University as often as he does today. "A couple of years ago I attended a Mount graduation and I was surprised how it affected me," Foran said. "I had forgotten how exciting it felt to graduate from university and I could see that excitement in the graduates' faces. That experience reaffirmed my commitment to the University and encouraged me to get more active".

Today Foran is actively involved with the Mount. He sits on the Board of Governors, the Campaign Cabinet for *Building Tomorrow Together* and he and his wife are donors to the University.

"The Mount is in an exciting campaign that shows great vision and there is excellent leadership in place. What a great message this sends to our students and the community – that despite the smaller size, the University still aims to achieve great things," said Foran.

Mike and his wife, Cathy Keating, own and operate The Vault and Touch of Gold located in Spring Garden Place. They live in Halifax and are busy raising their twin boys who are in grade four.

**1951**

Evaristus Hall opened in September.

**1957**

Enrolment was 313.

**1966**

Charter granted changing the College to Mount Saint Vincent University.

**1966**

Assisi Hall opened.

**1969**

Men admitted to full-time classes in undergraduate programs.

# Teaching, Learning and Research Centre



"My assignment was a blast. The equipment in the new PR studio is awesome and the editing suites make production a breeze."

*Kristie Pettipas,  
Bachelor of Public Relations student*



"Tiered classrooms enhance my ability to teach - making it a better learning experience for my students."

*Sandi Findlay, Assistant Professor, Business Administration and Tourism*



"Group work is much easier in the business case study rooms. We can work on our projects without interruption."

*Glenn McIsaac, Bachelor of Business Administration student*





"I'm excited about the new building. It will be great for all students and faculty."

*Jeremy Neilson, Bachelor of Arts student*



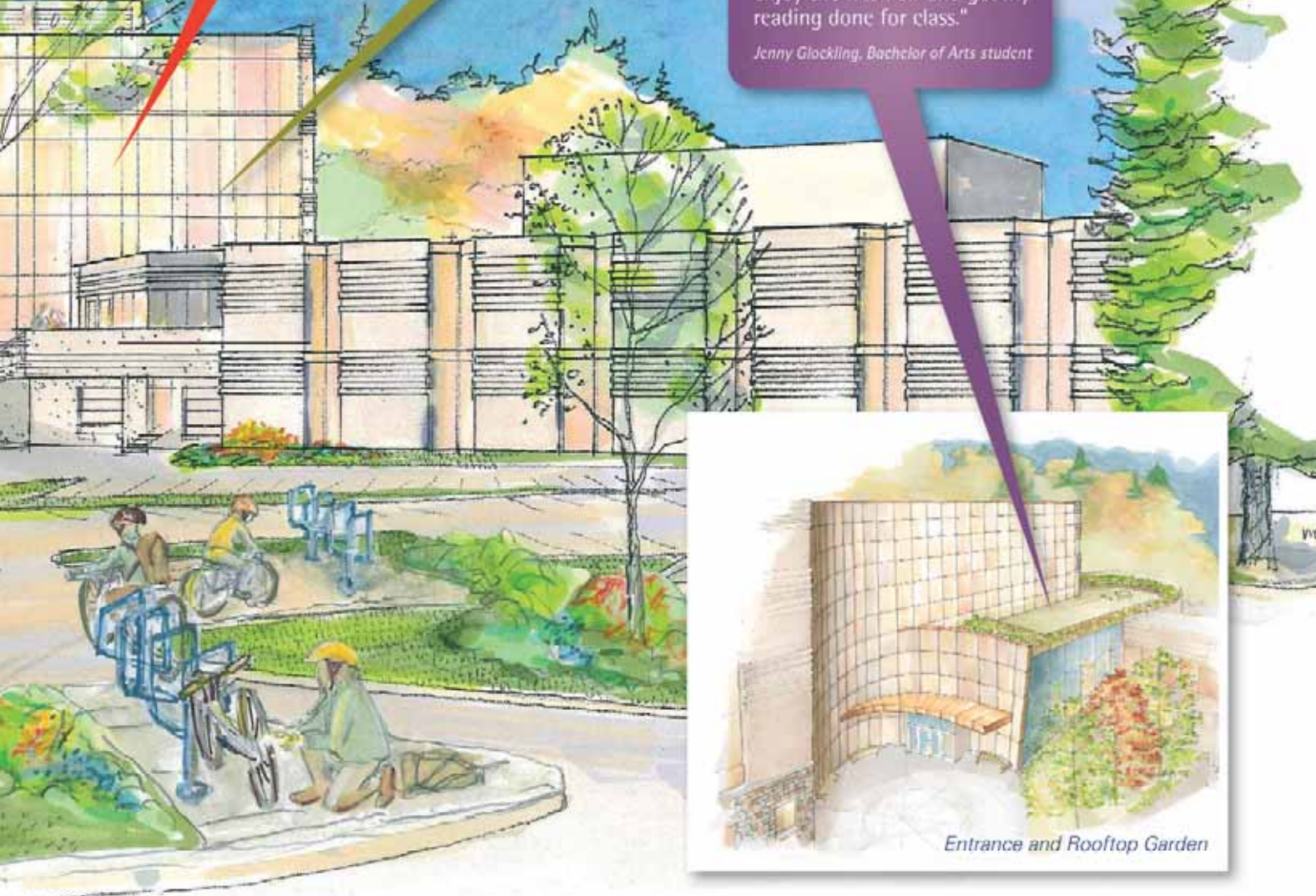
"I just had a great interview with a co-op employer - face-to-face using video conferencing. She was in Calgary and I was in the new Co-op Centre."

*Ashley Jakubow, Bachelor of Tourism and Hospitality Management student*



"The rooftop garden is a peaceful place where I can enjoy the fresh air and get my reading done for class."

*Jenny Glockling, Bachelor of Arts student*



*Entrance and Rooftop Garden*

## Mount students know the value of investing.

In March, our students overwhelmingly voted to generously support the University's Campaign. During the annual students' union elections a plebiscite was held to ask the student body whether they would like to support the University's Capital Campaign and almost 80 per cent of the students voted YES. For a university of this size the contribution is significant especially because this is the second time the student body has made this supportive gesture. The most recent vote translates into a gift of \$275,000, which brings the total student contribution to \$734,000. The single largest gift to the Campaign so far.

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

*Building Tomorrow Together* is a campaign that will offer new classroom and research space, increased financial resources for students and the opportunity to learn from the Chair in Learning Disabilities.

"I am very proud of the fact that at sometime in the future I will be able to look back at the Mount and all of the positive changes that have occurred here, and know that our student body helped make it happen," said Neilson.



### Interested in learning more about the *Building Tomorrow Together* capital campaign?

To find more detailed campaign information such as floor layouts for the new building, updates on our progress, news and other information please visit our website at:

[www.msvu.ca/btt](http://www.msvu.ca/btt)



1969

Enrolment reached 710 full-time students.

1971

Seton Academic Centre opened.

1972

MSV Academy held last graduation ceremony.

1978

Enrolment reached 2289.

1981

Rosaria Student Centre opened.

1985

Enrolment reached 3350.

## Did You Know?

That your Alumnae Association has pledged  
**\$20,000**  
toward the construction of the new building  
as a Kick Off for alumnae support of the  
*Building Tomorrow Together*  
capital campaign.



Greg Grice, Regional President, RBC, Atlantic Canada

## For a small university, the Mount has big supporters.

We are proud to recognize the generosity of RBC. In addition to supporting various campus events each year, Canada's largest financial institution has shown extraordinary support to the Mount's capital campaigns. When the first Link on campus was built to connect the Seton Academic Centre to the E. Margaret Fulton Communications Centre (EMF), RBC stepped up and today this pedway is one of the most popular student areas on our campus. Known as the RBC Link, this thruway offers a beautiful view of the Basin and is the main gathering area for students that want to work on group projects, study or socialize.

We are delighted that RBC's support of the University has continued in the *Building Tomorrow Together* campaign, and so has their desire to keep the Mount "connected." RBC was the first private sector donor to come on board. With a generous gift of \$200,000, RBC has designated \$175,000 toward the construction of the newest Link on campus which will connect the EMF to the new Teaching, Learning and Research Centre. This will be another vital space on campus, designed to meet the social and academic needs of our students.

"Mount Saint Vincent University shares our commitment to ensuring the welfare and prosperity of individuals and communities in this region," says Greg Grice, RBC's Regional President for Atlantic Canada. "We are proud to be able to play a major role in helping this innovative institution reach its goals by contributing to the *Building Tomorrow Together* campaign."

The remaining \$25,000 will create the Mount's first Leadership Scholarship which will be awarded to a student with strong academics and who demonstrates community mindedness.

RBC is a leader in advancing education at all levels and we appreciate the confidence that they have shown in Mount Saint Vincent University and its future.

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Your contribution will open the doors of the new Teaching, Learning and Research Centre, create the first Endowed Chair in Learning Disabilities in Canada and help more students realize their academic dreams through scholarships.

When making a donation to the *Building Tomorrow Together* campaign you can give an unrestricted gift which allows the University to direct the funds toward the area of most need or you may designate the funds specifically toward one of our Campaign goals.

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**1986**

Caritas Day established.

**1988**

Sisters of Charity officially transferred ownership of the University to the Board of Governors.

**1989**

The E. Margaret Fulton Communications Centre completed.

**2007**

First Rhodes Scholar.

**2008**

Enrolment is 5000.

## MSVAA President's Message

Lara Ryan, *BPR '92*



It has been an honour to continue to represent the alumnae perspective at the University. As alumnae, we are key stakeholders in the future of the Mount and ensuring the University's reputation for academic excellence.

The MSVAA has had a busy few months making sure that we are offering opportunities for alumnae to be more engaged and supporting student success. We've made good progress on fulfilling our other strategic priorities for 2007-2008. They were: to focus on the Alumnae Award for Teaching Excellence; to focus on student awards and student relations; to develop a stewardship plan; and to run cost-effective engaging events that meet the needs of our alumnae.

We continue to support the University as it moves into the implementation stage of the new strategic plan *Destination 2012*. We also applaud the Board of Governors, the University administration and the Capital Campaign Cabinet as they move forward in their efforts to raise \$16 million for *Building Tomorrow Together*. The MSVAA is pleased to support the Campaign as an organization and through the personal gifts of individual board members.

The Association had a busy summer and early fall. The MSV Golf Classic at Granite Springs was a huge success despite the driving rain on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to the golf committee and co-chairs Sheldon Miller, BBA '99 and Carolyn Nobes, MEd '97 who surpassed the record result from last year! The revenue earned allows us to support student scholarships, bursaries, activities and the University's Capital Campaign. Of course, special thanks to our Gold Sponsor, Aliant, and the Department of University Advancement for their exceptional support for this event.

We were pleased to welcome members of the class of 1948 and 1958 to campus during Alumnae Weekend 2008 in late September. Many other alumnae took the opportunity to reconnect during a valley wine tour and martini night at Vinnie's. It was great to see everyone and I congratulate the alumnae weekend committee for coming up with some great ideas for us to connect.

If you've been involved with us recently, I hope we can continue to count on your support. If not, why not make this year the year of a new beginning? The University is built and has thrived on a foundation of community. It is that community of students, faculty, staff and alumnae that will help it to grow and continue to flourish well into the future.

Sincerely,

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Front: l-r: Tanya Baggio, BBA '95, Sheldon Miller, BBA '99 (Vice President), Lara Ryan, BPR '92 (President), Emma Higgins, Student Alumnae Association, Angela Chipman, BAA (F&G) '06, Mary Lou LeRoy, BA '79, BSc '83

On stairs, front to back, left: Lisa Whyntott, BOA '94, Stephanie Hale, BOA '03 (Secretary), Alison Stark, BBA '95

On stairs, front to back, right: Jill Devanney, BSc '03, BBA '06 (Treasurer), Velma Kaiser-Whitlock, BEd '79, MEd '06



## Alumnae Association Establishes Three New Academic Prizes

The Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association is pleased to announce the establishment of three new academic prizes. In keeping with the Association's tradition, the prizes recognize academic excellence while honouring a former faculty member. These prizes expand the reach of the Alumnae Association's prizes to include education, professional studies and science.

### The prizes are:

#### DR. PATRICK O'NEILL

*Prize for Public Speaking*

#### DR. MARY SCHOENEGER

*Education Prize*

#### DR. LILLIAN WAINWRIGHT

*Biology Prize*

The prizes will be awarded for the first time in the 2008-09 academic year.

These prizes are the most recent additions to the long list of Alumnae Association support for students which includes two endowed scholarships, two endowed bursaries, three academic prizes, and one endowed library research award. The Alumnae Association also sponsors the Alumnae Award for Teaching Excellence and co-sponsors the Alumnae-Students' Union Leadership Award. As well, the Alumnae Association has pledged \$20,000 to the Capital Campaign for the construction of the new Teaching, Learning and Research Centre.

## Applauding Student Achievement

Congratulations to the students who received the MSV Alumnae Association entrance scholarships.

Michelle Camara, daughter of Karen Camera, BCYS '81, received the Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association Endowed Scholarship, which is awarded yearly to the child of an alumna/alumnus. Jenna Grant received the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association Scholarship.

## Top 40 Under 40™ & Halifax Alumnae Dinner

– *what a year for Simon Kennedy*

Earlier this year Simon Kennedy, BPR '91 was named one of the Caldwell Partners' Top 40 Under 40™. Kennedy has had an impressive career with the federal government. In fact, in 2007, he was named by the *Hill Times* as one of the 100 most influential people in government and politics in Ottawa.

He is currently Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet (Plans and Consultations) at the Privy Council Office. In this role, he is responsible for providing assistance to the Prime Minister and Cabinet in defining the government's objectives and priorities; formulating policy on economic and fiscal matters, including the budget; and ensuring effective governmental communications and consultation.

One of his key responsibilities is to provide advice and support for Cabinet meetings and planning retreats, as well as to the Cabinet Committee on Priorities and Planning.

Kennedy will bring his breadth of experience in communications and policy planning to Mount alumnae at the annual Halifax Alumnae Dinner. This will be held at the Rosaria Student Centre on **March 5, 2009**.

In addition to his BPR, Kennedy also holds a master's degree in communications management from Syracuse University's Newhouse School in New York.



Simon Kennedy was one of three public relations graduates who recently shared lessons on how their communications background prepared them for executive roles at the Canadian Public Relations Society's annual conference, held in Halifax this June.

*The Deciders: Why public relations is a great foundation for strong leaders*, also featured Kelliann Dean, BPR '86, Deputy Minister of Nova Scotia Department of Tourism, Culture and Heritage and Judy Steele, BPR '82, FCA, Vice President, Emera Energy. The panel was moderated by Janet MacMillan, BPR '81, APR, Principal, MT&L Public Relations Limited and Chair of the Mount's Board of Governors.

These leading corporate and government decision-makers discussed the profound change they have seen as organizations increasingly seek out professionals with a background or training in public relations for broader leadership roles.

## Adrienne O'Pray also named one of Canada's Top 40 under 40™

Mount Board of Governor Adrienne O'Pray, was also named to this honour. The award is intended to honour Canadians who have already reached a significant level of success before reaching the age of 40. The program was created to promote mentorship and professional development by introducing these people to the business community so they can serve as role models to young Canadians.

O'Pray is currently Senior Vice-President, Operations with the Atlantic Lottery Corporation.

# Independent Thinking Leads to Innovation



Three local entrepreneurs showcased their classroom smarts on the national stage in October with a successful appearance on CBC Television's *Dragons' Den*, a program which features aspiring entrepreneurs who present their ideas to a panel of Canadian business moguls.

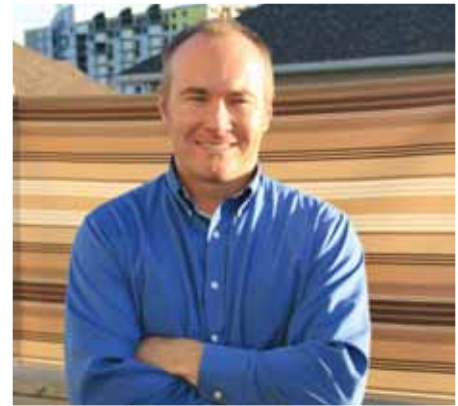
David Reynolds, BBA, '08 and current Mount business administration student Riad Byne, along with business partner Drew McKenna, pitched their company QuickSnap Inc. to the Dragons and walked away unscathed with an investment of \$125,000.

"Our appearance on the show was a tremendous experience – it was exhilarating and overwhelming for our team," said Reynolds, founder of QuickSnap. "In the end, we walked out of the den confident that our product is going to reach new heights through the knowledge and support of our new business partners."

What began through inspiration and skills gained during the Mount's Entrepreneurial Skills Program (ESP) has quickly grown into a flourishing company for Reynolds and his partners. Established in April 2003, QuickSnap produces a two-piece durable plastic clip that eliminates the need to tie shoe laces. The innovative product is adjustable, fits any laced shoe and ensures that laces never come undone.

With this new investment, the five-year old company is poised to grow through increased promotional efforts and exposure to the public. The funding will go toward marketing the product and expanding the company's current distribution network.

"Being on the program *Dragons' Den* will push us to the next level," added McKenna. "During the show we received a commitment from Dragon Brett Wilson to supply every Canadian troop currently serving overseas with QuickSnap – his enthusiasm for the product is a demonstration that the possibilities for growth are limitless."



Peter Murchland, BPR '93, is using his media skills, honed at the Mount, to promote his new business. He has designed an innovative deck privacy system – PrivacyWrap – literally from his home in Halifax. It transforms an ordinary deck or patio into a beautifully-appointed, private, outdoor living space.

With its patent pending, the idea for PrivacyWrap came out of a personal need. Last year, Murchland and his wife moved to a new house with great neighbours but with an open backyard. "We wanted some privacy on our deck but we didn't want to completely shut out our neighbours with a tall, permanent fence," said Murchland, "so we created a semi-permanent solution."

PrivacyWrap is made from a variety of specially-designed outdoor fabric panels and mounting accessories inspired by Nova Scotia's marine environment. The system is decorative, customizable, semi-permanent, cost-effective and easy to install.

PrivacyWrap has been featured on CTV's *Live at Five* and in *Canadian House & Home* magazine.

"I have saved my business a lot of expense by handling the communications and promotion of PrivacyWrap myself, and as I begin to focus on product branding I will be drawing on my Mount education even more."



# Award Honours Sister Frances

A philosophy professor who inspired a generation of Mount students will be remembered with a prestigious award. The Sister Frances Carmel Regan Award will be presented to an outstanding philosophy student, beginning this year. The Class of '51 started the award fund at their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion. Those grads remember her classes as among the most challenging and rewarding of their college days.

A brilliant student, a charismatic lecturer, with a big smile and a Boston accent, Sister Frances Carmel, BA '35 delighted in practical jokes. Born in 1913, she was just 17 when she entered the Sisters of Charity. After undergrad work at the Mount and Dalhousie University, she earned her MA and PhD at the University of Toronto's Pontifical Institute of

Medieval Studies. A pioneer, certainly, as in one class she was the only woman and had to sit outside the door during the lecture. After a long academic career, she was posted to Wellesley Hills in Massachusetts, where she passed away in 1996.

Her prized collection of madonna figurines, augmented in the years since, is housed with the Sisters' heritage collection.

The Sister Frances Carmel Regan Award in Philosophy is awarded to an outstanding philosophy student, upon recommendation of faculty. Donations to the Award can be made by contacting the Department of University Advancement at 902.457.6470.



# Caroline Tucker Awarded NSERC Scholarship

Caroline Tucker, BSc '08, was awarded The Julie Payette – Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) scholarship – only one of 24 students in Canada to do so.

Tucker majored in Biology and her area of research expertise is plant ecology, more specifically the interactions between plants and herbivores. She worked under the supervision of Assistant Professor of Biology Dr. Germán Avila-Sakar.

“This scholarship will allow me to move forward with my research,” said Tucker. “It’s going to enable me to pursue my PhD and learn more about plant ecology. I’ve worked so hard for the last four years, it’s nice to have that hard work validated with such an honour.”

Recipients of the one year \$25,000 postgraduate research scholarships are chosen based on academic excellence, research ability and potential, and communication, interpersonal and leadership abilities.

“Caroline is a profound thinker,” said Dr. Avila-Sakar. “She is a dependable and capable student, and she is extremely deserving of this award.”

Julie Payette, DHumL '04, a Canadian astronaut, was invited by NSERC to lend her name to this prestigious award in part because of her strong leadership qualities and also because she strives for a high level of excellence in all she does. These qualities are ones that NSERC is seeking to encourage and support in Canada's top researchers.



## Christine Power & Greg Grice Named Top 50 CEOs

Christine Power, BScN '77, President & CEO of the Capital Health Authority in Halifax, was recently named one of the region's Top 50 CEOs by *Atlantic Business Magazine*. In being named a leading executive, Power was assessed on her business and leadership acumen, reaction to challenges, sustained growth, and commitment to community and her field.

Capital Health encompasses 1531 beds, 10 campuses, seven foundations, and more than 9900 employees, providing health care services to 40 per cent of Nova Scotia's population.

She began by meeting and listening to others and by building relationships with various organizations, partners and government contacts. She's already making an impact, promoting health care in Nova Scotia that embraces preventative measures like smoke free public spaces, health education, physical activity, healthy food programs, and health services and programs for youth. Her long-term plan is to transform Capital Health into an establishment known for its excellence and its pride.

Power was also the recipient of a SPARK Award, which was announced at novaknowledge's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary luncheon. The Awards recognize "forward thinking" Nova Scotians whose insight and innovation enable them to triumph over economic challenges and further the knowledge economy.

Mount Board of Governors member Greg Grice was also named as a top 50 CEO. Since he assumed the Regional President role in 2005, RBC in Atlantic Canada has achieved two years of record performance; the region's employee engagement leads the country – in fact it is well above the North American norm – and customer loyalty or likelihood to recommend is the highest in Canada.

Grice began his career with RBC in 1988 as a Business Banking Account Manager and since has advanced through the organization. He was appointed Regional President of Atlantic Canada in November 2005.



## Dedication to Psychology Pays Off for Mount Graduate

Academic excellence, dedication to the field of psychology and outstanding community service have earned Natasha Buchanan, BSc(Hon) '08 the Gerald Gordon Memorial Prize for Outstanding Undergraduate Achievement in Psychology from the Association of Psychologists of Nova Scotia (APNS).

Buchanan was chosen from an exceptional field of candidates nominated from universities across the province. "This is a significant achievement," said Dr. Stephen Perrott, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Psychology. "We are very proud of Natasha. Her top-notch performance and commitment to the community are outstanding."

Buchanan began studying psychology because of her strong belief that people should be exposed to secure, dynamic and compassionate environments. "I knew that a career in psychology would enable me to make this type of environment a reality for those in need of a positive change."

She is committed to enhancing the lives of others and giving back to her community. She is currently a literacy instructor with the Learning Disabilities Association of Nova Scotia and she has volunteered as a phone helpline volunteer with Feed Nova Scotia. Her volunteerism has also extended to the Mount where she has served as president of the Mount's Psychology Society and as a high school mentor with the University's Tri-mentoring Program.

"I feel both excited and honoured to have been chosen as the recipient of this award as part of such an exceptional group of candidates," added Buchanan.

# Alumnae Weekend

# '08

by Krista Armstrong

September 19-21, 2008 saw Alumnae Weekend at the Mount, and whew – what a weekend the Mount Alumnae had!

**The weekend kicked off in style** with a Wine Tour in the Annapolis Valley. Alumnae and friends enjoyed lunch at The Tempest restaurant, and learned about and sampled wine from Gaspereau and Ste. Famille wineries.



**Friday night saw Martini Night at Vinnie's Pub.** Amid lava lamps and black linens, grads sipped delicious martinis, and caught up with old friends. "A Taste of Tom Collins", a lounge act featuring members of the Mount community and led by alumnae Carol Ritchie, BPR '05, put a new spin on old favourites.

**Saturday was a day of reunion for the classes of 1948 and 1958.** At the Class of '48 Breakfast, long-time friends Anna Campbell, BScHE '48, Mary Uhl, BSc '48, and Catherine "Costy" Allan, BA '48, shared stories and laughter of their time at the Mount. Those in attendance had a lot of fun, getting swept up in their stories and memories of the Mount of yesteryear.

**The 50<sup>th</sup> Class Luncheon** included members of the Academy Class of 1958 and the College Class of 1958. Over a delicious lunch, President & Vice-Chancellor, Kathryn Laurin and MSVAA President, Lara Ryan, BPR '92, toasted the women on this remarkable achievement. Carol Zanon, BSc '58, who was celebrating her 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion from the Mount College, had a wonderful time catching up with classmates Anne Hallisey, BSc '58, and Barbara Tramble, BSc '58, BEd '68, and "getting reacquainted with the Mount."

**Alumnae from different generations enjoyed our Lobster Dinner at MacAskill's Restaurant.** Zanon, who is a City Councillor in BC, remarked, "I found it especially rewarding to listen to the members of the 60<sup>th</sup> year and to be included with women who have such a strong sense of social responsibility and social justice." Zanon left the weekend feeling good about her decision to come back. "The weekend exceeded my expectations. I hope to make it back again before my 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion!"

**Sunday was a day of reflection** as grads attended Mass in the Evaristus Chapel, then bid farewell to old friends and new at the Farewell Brunch at Nenagh. A few took in the Mount Mystics Women's soccer game against Atlantic Baptist University, where the home team easily won 2-0. A great end to a great weekend!

The Alumnae Weekend Committee tried out a few new things this year. Pictures are now online. To view a slide show of the weekend, please visit [www.msvu.ca/alumnae](http://www.msvu.ca/alumnae). Thanks to all alumnae, students, friends, faculty and staff who came out to celebrate a shared history. See you next year!



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# '09



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Top left: Mounty, the Mount's mascot, encourages Kathryn Laurin before she heads out to the course. Lower right: Lara Ryan, president of the Alumnae Association, greets the golfers.

A wet and wild day was had by all on August 14, 2008 at the MSV Golf Classic! The rain proved no match for our spirited players, with most teams staying the course and some even reporting their best games to date. Dried off and inside, golfers shared a delicious meal, great conversation and amazing prize draws. The Auctioneer for the evening, Mr. Bill Carr, brought energy and excitement to the event – garnering big laughs and big bids for donated prize lots.

A round of applause to the RBC Foundation for their generous donation to the Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association Entrance Scholarship.

A big thank you to our golfers, volunteers and sponsors for their contributions to the day. A special thanks to our Gold Sponsor, Aliant, for their continued support of the MSV Golf Classic.

The 2009 MSV Golf Classic is less than nine months away! Mark your calendars for

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2009**

when we'll do it all again. See you then!



The MSVAA would like to thank our sponsors and prize providers for their generous support of the MSV Golf Classic 2008.



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# The Mount on the Move

The Admissions Office had their recruitment vehicle wrapped with images from the Mount's newest advertising campaign and they hit the road this past summer, proudly displaying their new ride at community events and festivals all over the province.

"We love visiting different communities and taking part in their local events," says Melanie LeBlanc, a member of the summer recruitment team.

"They really appreciated and enjoyed us being there and we loved seeing the communities where some of the Mount's students are from," adds Coralee Malloy, a member of the summer recruitment team.

The team had a booth in each community they visited and were kept busy answering questions and handing out Mount goodies. "The communities were always very welcoming and the people were so friendly," says LeBlanc. "And we were always instantly recognized whenever we drove through the communities in the Mount car," laughs Malloy.

What's next for the Mount's attractive new car? It will be blazing the recruitment trail in the fall with the Admissions team as they set out on their 16-week tour of the Maritimes, visiting various high schools throughout the region.

## Mark the date 2008-09

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# Class Notes

## 1961

### **BARBARA BURTON, BScHE**

Barbara extends warm wishes to the Class of 1961! She enjoyed their time together at the reunion a few years ago and looks forward to seeing them again soon.

## 1968

### **CARMEN VILLARREAL, ACAD**

Carmen visited Mount Saint Vincent in September – her first time back since graduating in 1968. Carmen was in Halifax for one day – it was a stop on the cruise she was enjoying with her husband and family. Touring the campus and seeing the Motherhouse brought back wonderful memories. Carmen would love to hear from her classmates: minismartinez@gmail.com

## 1970

### **DONNA (FINLAN) LINDSAY, BScN**

Donna is a proud grandmother to her beautiful grandson, Eric. Together they are pleased to announce the graduation of Eric's parents, Ryan (2007) and Julia (2008), from Carleton University in Ottawa, ON.

## 1978

### **YVETTE CHIASSON, BHEC '78, BEd '80**

Yvette has been working in schools since 1980, mostly in French education, but also as a literacy mentor and a school administrator. She is now a grade one teacher and loving it! She lives in Bridgewater with husband Yves, French consultant for the South Shore Board. Her 19 year old daughter, Monique, is in 2nd year BBA at St FX. Yvette would love to hear from other '78 Home Ec. graduates!

## 1979

### **PEGGY FERGUSON, BBA**

For the second year in a row, Peggy has been nominated for the RBC Canadian Women Entrepreneur Award. Congratulations, Peggy!

## 1980

### **VERONA SINGER, BA**

Verona has worked for the past 24 years in the areas of violence against women. After completing her BA in 1980, she received her Masters of Criminology Applied from the University of Ottawa in 1984. She is attending Dalhousie University as a PhD Candidate in the Interdisciplinary Programme, and teaches part-time at Saint Mary's University. She married Stephen Shay in 1995 and has an 11 year old son, Roy. She is a member of the Nova Scotia Mass Choir, a multi-racial gospel choir. She extends a warm hello to all those classmates from "Twit Corner".

### **SHARON SKALING, BHEC**

Congratulations to Sharon Skaling for her appointment as President of Dress for Success – Halifax. Sharon is well-suited for this position, given her experience in perception management, as well as her committee work in the non-profit sector. In addition to her new post, Sharon is also president of two companies: Simply Sharon and Panoply 3D Image Consulting Inc.

## 1988

### **LYNN SHERWOOD, BSc**

Lynn is an Equine Experiential Learning Therapist at Shalom Ranch in Yorkton, Saskatchewan. This exciting field allows her to work with at-risk children and youth in partnership with school and mental health professionals.

## 1989

### **JOANNE KERRIGAN, BPR**

Atlantic filmmaker Joanne is one of four local artists to be honoured with a Linda Joy Award for filmmakers. Kerrigan was awarded the Joy Post Award for the production of her satiric short film, "Gigantic Piledriver". When not working on this project, Joanne is part of 10 filmmakers in the Atlantic Film Festival's 10 x 10 music program shooting and editing videos for the region's emerging musicians.

# Appointments to Order of Canada

In July 2008, three women with Mount connections were appointed to the Order of Canada by Her Excellency, The Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General of Canada.

**The Honourable Myra A. Freeman, ONS, DHumL '04**, Honorary Chair, *Building Tomorrow Together*, was appointed Member of the Order of Canada for her contributions to the people of Nova Scotia as an educator, community volunteer and former lieutenant-governor. She has always championed young people and their achievements.

**The Honourable Brenda Robertson, ONB, DHumL '73**, was appointed Member of the Order of Canada for her commitment to the people of New Brunswick as the first woman elected to the provincial Legislature, and as a member of the Senate of Canada.

**Martha Jodrey** was appointed Officer of the Order of Canada for her contributions as philanthropist, volunteer and fundraiser. She has supported many educational, health care, cultural and community causes throughout Nova Scotia, and has helped to increase educational services for students with disabilities.

# Class Notes

## Notice

Please be advised that the agreement with MBNA Canada Bank to provide credit card services for our alumnae has expired. As such, the affinity partnership no longer generates contributions to the Mount's alumnae relations activities. If you have any questions, please contact us at **902.457.6340**, **1.888.678.2586** (toll free), or **alumnae@msvu.ca**.

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## 1959

### THE CLASS OF 1959 MSV ACADEMY

The MSVA 50<sup>th</sup> Class will be gathering August 28-30, 2009. The organizing committee has a slate of events planned for the academy alumnae. Please contact Noella Brennan Fisher, ACAD '59, BA '62, at 902.479.2488 or email [noella.fisher@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:noella.fisher@ns.sympatico.ca) for information.

The Class of 1959 is also looking for the following 'lost sheep':

Sandra MacDonald  
formerly of Rockingham

Joan Bassett  
formerly of Halifax

Judy Walsh  
formerly of Halifax

Marielle Blanchet  
formerly of Quebec

Maryvonne Dagort  
formerly of St. Pierre et Miquelon

France Girardin  
formerly of St. Pierre et Miquelon

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## 1993

### JEFFREY REDDEN, BED

Jeff is currently living in Penticon, BC with his wife, Janet. He has just completed his first year as principal of Naramata Elementary School in the Okanagan Skaha School District.

## 1995

### ALISON STARK, BBA

Alison accepted a position at the Mount as Financial Analyst - Special Purpose Funds. Alison completed an Accounting Certificate at the Mount in May '08 and is a member of the MSV Alumnae Association Board of Directors.

## 1997

### JENNIFER BOURQUE, BPR

After spending the last few years with Communications Nova Scotia, Jennifer is on assignment with the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Maritimes Region. She is exploring new challenges as Manager of Internal Communications.

### CAROLYN CHAPLIN, BPR

Carolyn is Vice-President, Marketing/Public Relations & Account Planning for The Idea Factory in St. John's, NL. She was recently on campus to speak to a PR class.

## 1998

### DAVID CAMERON, BPR

David and his wife, Maureen, are thrilled to announce the birth of their daughter Dominique Estella on October 10, 2007. Dominique is a sister for Liam, 9, and Isabel, 7. David and his family now reside in Birmingham, MI. He recently celebrated his tenth year with The Dow Chemical Company, where he has served in a number of Public Affairs roles. Currently, he manages Global Marketing Communications for Dow's Epoxy business. David may be contacted at [dccameron@dow.com](mailto:dccameron@dow.com).

### THE HONOURABLE CONSTANCE GLUBE, DHumL

The Honourable Constance Glube has been appointed to the inaugural Board of Trustees for the Canadian Museum of Human Rights.

### MICHAEL JOHNSON, BA

Michael and his wife, Melanie, have two children: William, 2 and Hugo, 10 months. They are currently residing in Embrun, ON where Michael works for the RCMP.

## 2001

### CRISTA (STONE) MacNEIL, BBA

Crista moved to the Valley last summer with her husband Kyle and their daughter Kenzie (2 years old). They have recently purchased a home in Kingston, NS.

## 2004

### MUHAMMAD SALEEM, BTHM

In March 2008, Saleem Malik (aka Muhammad Salem) was chosen from over 300 applicants to receive a "Top 30 Under 30" award by the Ontario Hospitality Institute. Saleem moved to Toronto in 2004 to begin his professional career as Banquet Services Manager for the Granite Club.

### JACQUELYNN (ROY) WELSH, BBA

Jacquelynn Welsh and her husband, Jamie, are thrilled to announce the birth of their happy, healthy and beautiful baby girl, Hannah Elizabeth. Hannah was born on September 4, 2007.

## 2005

### ERICA (KOOPS) KRONSTAL, BAA(CYS)

Erica was married in summer 2007 to Joseph Kronstal. She is currently living in Kelowna, BC where she works as an Infant Development Consultant.

## 2006

### JENNIFER CLARKE, BAA (IT)

Jennifer was recognized for her quick-thinking and compassion in an article in the Chronicle Herald. Jennifer noticed that a regular customer had not been in to the restaurant for a few days. She knew the elderly gentleman lived alone. She called the police – a call the authorities credit with saving the customer's life.

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Our latest winner of lobster is:  
Scott Morrison, BPR '01

## 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. Contact: Editor, *Folia Montana*, [alumnae@msvu.ca](mailto:alumnae@msvu.ca), or Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, NS B3M 2J6

## You *knew* the face.



Thanks once again to Claire Keindel, 1951 Class President, for solving the mystery. The picture was taken on the steps of the new College building – Evaristus Hall.

Left to right: Lillian Bates, Louissette Robitaille, Claire herself, Marie Hurlbert, Peggy Carroll, and either Mary or Teresa Cossitt (*twin sisters – always hard to tell them apart*).

# Class Notes

## 50 Women Over FIFTY

Fifty fabulous, feisty and influential women were honoured on May 29, 2008 at the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation's inaugural 50 over Fifty Gala. These outstanding leaders – including nine women with Mount affiliations – share a common age and common commitment to their communities.

### We applaud:

Darlene (Wicks) Arsenault, BBA '84, BEd '86

Dr. Sheila A. Brown, Past President and Vice-Chancellor, Mount Saint Vincent University; Honorary Alumna

The Honourable Myra Freeman, CM, ONS, DHumL '04, Honorary Chair, *Building Tomorrow Together*

The Honourable Constance Glube, OC, ONS, DHumL '98

Dr. Dale Godsoe, CM, ONS, DHumL '97, Past Chair, Mount Board of Governors

Dr. Ruth Goldbloom, OC, ONS, DHumL '85, Past Chair, Mount Board of Governors

Gwen Haliburton, Past Chair, Mount Board of Governors; Honorary Alumna

Martha Jodrey, OC

Dr. Maxine Tynes, DHumL '92

## 2006

### JEREME RAMSAY, BA

Following his graduation from The Mount, Jereme worked as a Marketing Communications Coordinator at HSBC Global Asset Management (Bermuda) Limited. He recently accepted a new challenge with an international energy company, RUBIS, as a Sales & Marketing Representative. This Fall, Jereme begins a graduate studies program at the University of Liverpool, UK for a Master of Business Administration degree (concentration: Marketing).

## 2007

### ASHLEY URQUHART, BBA

Ashley recently traveled to Peru as part of a Global Vision Team Canada trade mission. Joined by two other Halifax university students, Ashley and the Global Vision Team were able to gain international experience in business while promoting Canadian business policies that will help open the door to opportunities for Peruvians. Ashley works with the Centre for Entrepreneurship Education and Development Inc. in Halifax as a youth outreach facilitator for its Students in Business Program.

## 2008

### STEPHANIE BENOIT, BA

Stephanie was accepted to a Bachelor of Education program at L'Université Sainte-Anne. Felicitations!

### SUZANNE BRNA, MEd

It has been a busy year for Suzanne. She has completed her second Master's of Education, had a baby boy, Kyle, and built a new home in Cole Harbour!

### SARAH HILL, BPR

Sarah is starting a new career as a Professional Leadership Facilitator with Nova Scotia Public Schools, Youth Organizations and councils.

### MILAN PARAB, MEd

Milan is currently working at St. Bonaventure's College in St. John's, Newfoundland.

### DAVID REYNOLDS, BBA

David Reynolds' company, QuickSnap Inc., was featured in the May/June 2008 issue of *Atlantic Business Magazine*.

### KELLY SHELDEN, MEd

Kelly is married to Mark Shelden and has three teenagers in the house: Genevieve, Jeffrey and David.

### CHARDALA SIMONS, BAA (CYS)

Chardala is currently enrolled in the Mount's Bachelor of Education program at the elementary level. She is excited about this new journey in her life as she fulfills her dream of becoming a teacher.

### JIANGHONG "SUNNY" ZHANG, BAA (IT)

Sunny is currently working with the Nova Scotia Department of Education as a Records Analyst.

What's *new* with you? Let us know.

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## Community Mentoring Awards

Five Mount alumnae are among the recipients of a 2008 Community Mentoring Award from Big Brothers Big Sisters Halifax. This award, presented on October 15, recognizes the significant impact that mentoring has on our children, our community and ourselves.

### Congratulations to:

Rob Batherson, BPR '97

Dr. Ruth Goldbloom, OC, ONS, DHumL '85

Ellen Louth, MEd '06

Anne Melanson, BPR '87

Wanda Thomas Bernard, BA '75



*Don't put off to tomorrow  
what you can do today*

## Sisters of Charity – New Leadership Team

Sisters of Charity-Halifax elected a new Leadership Team, effective September 27, 2008. Mount Saint Vincent University Chancellor, Sister Donna Geernaert, BSc '64, will serve a second term as Congregational Leader. Six of the seven-member Leadership Team are Mount Saint Vincent alumnae.

**Congregational Leader:** Sister Donna Geernaert, BSc '64 (second term)

**Congregational Secretary:** Sister Marjory Gallagher, BA '70

**Congregational Treasurer:** Sister Joan Butler, BA '67, BEd '68 (second term)

**Congregational Councillors:** Sister Maryanne Fitzgerald; Sister Roberta Kerins, BA '66, BEd '66; Sister Sally McLaughlin, BSc '65, BA '69; and Ann Regan, BA '66, BEd '66

This leadership team will be in effect from 2008–2014.

The Sisters of Charity-Halifax is an international Congregation of close to 500 members serving in five countries. They live their mission of “giving joyful witness to love: the love of God, of one another and of all persons” through their service in education, social services, health care and pastoral ministry. The Sisters of Charity founded Mount Saint Vincent Academy in 1873.



### Ruth Goldbloom, OC, ONS, DHumL '85

Dr. Ruth Goldbloom, former Chair of the Mount Saint Vincent University Board of Governors (1977-1980), continues to be honoured for her service to her community. In October, she was recognized by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Halifax with a Community Mentoring Award. This fall, she was appointed to the Order of Nova Scotia.

Goldbloom is a philanthropist and community leader. She spearheaded a \$9-million dollar campaign to ensure the preservation of Pier 21, a historical gateway to Canada for more than one million immigrants from 1928 to 1971. She was the first female chair of the annual Metro United Way Campaign, and has given generously of herself in many other non-profit areas. Her contributions have received recognition at the national level with her appointment to the Order of Canada in 1991.

Planned giving is not a subject everyone is comfortable talking about. However, to ensure that your wishes are carried out, it is something that should be considered during your lifetime. The following are some advantages you may want to think about:

- Planned Gifts allow you to make a significant gift while maintaining financial security for you and your family.
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- Planned Gifts are an investment in the education of future generations.
- You will enjoy the pleasure of seeing the benefits of your generous support to the Mount during your lifetime.

*For information on the Mount's Planned Giving Program, please contact Lori Scott at 902.457.6270. Planning Tomorrow Together now will ensure that future generations of students will benefit from all that the Mount has to offer.*

# IN TOUCH

We welcome feedback on any aspect of *Folia Montana*, comments on issues that pertain to Mount alumnae, or your experience of life at the Mount. Letters may be edited for clarity and length. Please direct all correspondence to:

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## In memoriams

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

### 1940s

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Marie (Chisholm) Kelly, ACAD '49  
August 2, 2008

### 1950s

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Barbara Ann (Rogers) Potvin, ACAD '58  
April 13, 2008

Colleen (Williams) Meagher, BSc(Sec) '54  
October 10, 2008

### 1960s

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Rosemary (Buckley) Heslin, BA '67,  
BEEd '68  
July 26, 2007

Fay C. (McGowan) Spencer, BA '68,  
BEEd '69  
February 7, 2008

Sister Anne Marie MacDonald  
(Charles Marie), BA '60, BEEd '62  
June 4, 2008

### 1970s

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Reverend Roy Herbert MacKenzie, BEd '72  
August 3, 2008

Carol (Beazley) O'Brien, BScN '71  
May 29, 2008

Jocelyn Raymond, BEd '71  
August 13, 2007

### 1980s

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Sheila Annette (Bell) Fenerty, BCS, '84  
December 2, 2007

William "Bill" Fultz, MEd '86  
June 6, 2008

### 1990s

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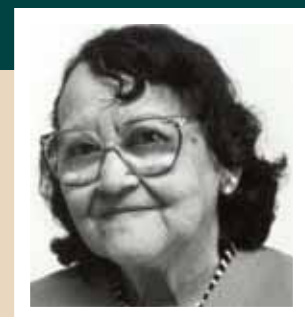
Karen-Michael (Swindells) King, BSc '92  
September 12, 2008

### 2000s

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Linda Palmer, BEd '06  
November 1, 2008

## Alethea Pearleen (Borden) Oliver, DHumL '93



Dr. Pearleen Oliver, DHumL '93, died in Lucasville, NS on July 24, 2008. A tireless community leader, she promoted Black Nova Scotian history and the role of women in organized religion.

In 1945, she became a founding member of the Nova Scotia Association for the Advancement of Coloured People. She worked to end the exclusion of black women from nursing training in Canada, and fought to bring training programs and opportunity to black communities.

In 1953, she founded the African United Baptist Association (AUBA) Women's Institute. Her faith was central to her work, and she held many church offices over 60 years, including serving as Board member of the Maritime Religious Education Council. Her passion for women's causes could be found in her work with girls' summer camps, establishment of women's groups, and her work with the Nova Scotia Training School for Girls.

# The University Advancement Team



**Front row left to right:**  
Shani Pearson, Manager, Alumnae Relations; Erin Hemeon, Administrative Assistant; Kathleen Brown, BSc '98, Systems Analyst; Kathryn Baker, Records Clerk.

**Back row left to right:**  
Debbie MacIntosh, BPR '95, Program Coordinator, Development; Jone Mitchell, Associate Vice-President, Advancement; Krista Armstrong, Program Coordinator, Alumnae Relations (Interim); Lori Scott, BPR '86, Manager, Development.

**Absent from photo:** Beth Pyesmany Arsenault, Program Coordinator, Alumnae Relations.

Now that you can place faces to names, let's tell you a little more about what we do. As you've seen from this issue, a major project for the team is the *Building Tomorrow Together* capital campaign.

This is a great example of how we "advance" the mission and objectives of the University through successful alumnae relations, development and fundraising.

The Alumnae Relations Office strives to keep all Mount Saint Vincent Academy, College and University alumnae connected to the Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association, the University and other alumnae – through *Folia Montana* – and in many other ways.

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