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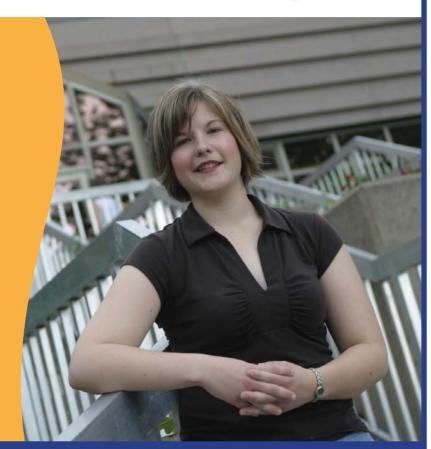
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Senator Jane Cordy, BEd '89 reconnected with her memories of MSVU while attending the 2005 spring convocation.

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Dear Friends:

Another academic year has drawn to a close, the graduation gowns have been put away until the fall and a new group of Mount graduates, equipped with knowledge, experiences and memories, are ready to embrace the future.

We are confident that we have provided our students with the best in quality personalized education and we are certain they have the tools necessary to succeed. We are also aware of the sacrifices students have made to acquire a post-secondary education. Completing a degree takes a significant investment of time, energy and money, but the return on that investment will justify, many times over, the decision to pursue university studies.

In May, we celebrated the accomplishments of over 670 students who made the investment. It was with pride that we watched them walk across the stage to accept their parchments. We also recognized four exceptional individuals who have distinguished themselves in their lives and careers: Louise R. Fleischmann, a renowned Public Relations specialist, Rick Salutin, an award-winning author, the late Vivien Srivastava, an accomplished scientist and The Honourable Margaret McCain, O.C., ONB, an exceptional community volunteer and advocate for women and children. We were very pleased to welcome them to our alumnae family, now 21,000 strong.

I hope to see you at the alumnae weekend in August and at upcoming alumnae gatherings.

itor's note

Production of this issue of *Folia Montana* took us through Mother's Day (and, truth be told, a couple of other holidays as well...) and it struck us at the time how appropriate it was that two of our stories feature mothers and daughters. In both cases, family members who became involved in programming that was available for non-students at MSVU – specifically the Management Development for Women as well as the Tri-Mentoring Program – found that not only did they receive the course instruction they expected, but the experience added something new to their personal relationship as well. It's a good indication of the positive way in which the University has a benefit for the community at large, and reiterates something that alumnae count on. That is, the University will continue to be a place to return for professional development and personal growth long after graduation.

Speaking of graduation, it was lucky for us that this issue's cover subject, Senator Jane Cordy BEd '89, was able to attend spring convocation and was gracious enough to agree to sit down for a chat. As someone who travels the world to regularly meet with heads of state, Senator Cordy remains close to her Nova Scotia roots. and the interview was an enjoyable and educational glimpse into the role of Canadians on the world stage.

Last but not least, this issue marks the departure from the University Advancement Office of Laura MacDonald. In her position of Alumnae Officer, Laura has in effect been the co-editor of Folia, and her help has been greatly appreciated.

Enjoy the magazine.

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

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Online project tracks the evolution of nursing education in Nova Scotia

There is over 100 years of nursing education history in the province of Nova Scotia, and now there is one place to take it all in.

Thanks to the support of the Canadian Culture Online Program of Canadian Heritage, Library and Archives Canada and the Canadian Council of Archives, MSVU is now home to the Nursing History Digitization Project.

"This is a website that focuses on the history of nursing education in Nova Scotia, covering from about 1890 up to the 1970s," says archivist Amy Nickerson BA '01. "One section is a general overview of nursing education, how formal education started, what opportunities nursing gave to women, a bit about male nursing students, as well as some information about the debate that took place over the difference between the university-based nursing schools and the hospital-based nursing schools."

One of the unique aspects of the project is that it brings together material collected from other institutions as well as MSVU.

"There is a section that focuses on four different nursing schools including the Dalhousie University nursing school, the Mount Saint Vincent nursing school, the Halifax Infirmary and Victoria General Hospital Schools of Nursing," says Nickerson. "It includes photos, documents, memos, curriculum material and even some poetry."

In addition, there is an interactive component with activities that high school teachers can use in their classrooms. Nickerson says the Nursing History Digitization Project came about as a way for the MSVU Archives to promote their material and the University to the public.

"I was actually hired on after the project was underway, but from what I understand they wanted to do a digital project



Some of the artifacts to be found in the Digital History

that would kind of give a face to the Archives collection," she says. "They wanted something that was unique to the school, and the first thought was women's education. They were told they would have to narrow it down, so the decision was made to focus on nursing."

Just as history continues to unfold, Nickerson says the Nursing History Digitization Project will also continue to

"We are hoping to expand it," she says. "Right now it only looks at four schools, and we would like to incorporate more. I think there were a couple of dozen nursing schools in Nova Scotia. We would also like to keep building on what we have, so if graduates or other people who were involved with the four schools we have covered would like to donate any material – letters or photos or class assignments – we would like to include those as well."

To view the Nursing History Digitization Project, go to: http://www.msvu.ca/library/archives/nhdp. To donate material, contact the Archives at 902.457.6401.

Laying down the Law

One of MSVU's own will be spending the next five years helping to shape the laws of the land.

Dr. Sheva Medjuck, Dean of Arts and Science, was recently named by federal Justice Minister Irwin Cotler as one of four part-time commissioners on the Law Commission of Canada. The Law Commission is charged with doing research into how Canadian laws are working for Canadians and what changes need to be made to ensure rule of law is keeping pace with the ever-shifting nature of society.

"The broad mandate of the Law Commission is to try and ensure the law and legal institutions of our country are responsive to social change and promoting democratic values," says Dr. Medjuck. "In doing that we're also trying to ensure that Canadian citizens are engaged in this process of renewal and revisiting the law to make sure it is effective and



accessible and all those good things."

Working with a team of full-time researchers, the Commission meets every two months to prepare discussion papers that are fine-tuned with community input and then presented to the Justice Ministry and, eventually, Parliament.

As a sociologist, Dr. Medjuck is the only person on the Law Commission who is not a lawyer. She's excited for the opportunity of using her field of expertise to make such a difference in the way we live.

"It's a phenomenal opportunity because most of my research has been in the area of social policy," she says. "It's an opportunity to use my research interests and expertise in certain policy issues to, hopefully, influence policy decisions at a very high level."

equity and technology research chair appointed



Late last fall, MSVU announced the appointment of Dr. Dianne Looker as the new Canada Research Chair in Equity and Technology.

Dr. Looker is currently Professor of Sociology at Acadia University. She will move to MSVU in July 2005 to establish the MSVU Atlantic Centre for the Study of the Information Society, which will examine different ways technology is changing and the effect it is having on young people.

Dr. Looker's research will look at whether young people across Canada have equal access to information and communication technology, such as computers and the Internet, and to the education that is needed to use it. She will examine whether such access is influenced by gender, geography, income, cultural background and education.

"My research aims to bridge the gap and bring marginalized students into the mainstream," says Dr. Looker. "We will be working closely with the Department of Education to generate the best educational policies and practises for students in schools across Nova Scotia."

The \$1.4 million, seven-year Canada Research Chair appointment is part of a federal government program designed to foster a world-class research environment at Canadian universities.

"I'm honoured to have received the Canada Research Chair position at MSVU," says Dr. Looker. "This is an exciting opportunity to advance my own research and to act as a catalyst to expand research capabilities at MSVU."

summer at msuu

MSVU may slow down for the summer, but the art never stops. Drop by the gallery and experience Jin-me Yoon's exploration of violence and imagery in *Unbidden*. Marvel at Leonard Paul's bewitching technique as Legend Drawings pulls you into the Mi'kmag storytelling tradition. Later in the summer, in Moral Fibre, five textile artists express views on issues from breast cancer treatment to genocide. Stroll the library and enjoy selections from the University's permanent collection, then visit the vitrines at the back of the building, where Floating Worlds offers the work of self-taught artists and former fishermen, Bernie Carpenter and Frank McKeough.

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Led by some outstanding individual performances, MSVU Mystics athletic teams enjoyed one of their most successful campaigns ever in 2004-05. On the pitch, the Men's soccer team was expected to struggle to get wins in their first season, but finished a respectable 5th place in the Atlantic Colleges Athletic Association, only one victory out of the playoffs. Throughout the season, the players could draw inspiration from their female counterparts, as the Women's team compiled a perfect 12-0 record in winning the ACAA title, and went on to capture a bronze medal at the National Championship. On the court both the Men's and Women's basketball teams won their respective regular season ACAA titles with a combined record of 43 wins and only 5 losses. The Women's volleyball team also had a solid season, finishing 16-8, good enough for 3rd place in the ACAA. Soccer player Nicole Meldrum and basketballer Shawn Clarke were named Canadian Colleges Athletic Association All-Canadians, while Women's soccer coach Jacques Boudreau was named CCAA coach of the year.

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On December 30, 1948, Joan Archibald married the Rev. Blair Colborne in Ottawa. Originally from Nova Scotia, they were welleducated city dwellers with high ideals and expectations. In early January 1949, Joan ioined her new husband on his first charge: Springfield West, on the western end of Prince Edward Island. Seven miles by unpayed road from the closest community. O'Leary. Two miles from the nearest power line. Little did they know what lay in store.

Letters from the Manse begins January 12, 1949, as the new Mrs. Colborne sits down to write letters by lamplight on an old portable typewriter. The letters chronicle 16 months in the life of a United Church Minister's wife: the challenges of learning to cook, clean, entertain, and care for her husband and baby in a house that seems constantly in need of repair — but at the same time revealing the goodness in Island community.

Letters from the Manse by Joan (Archibald) Colborne BEd '68 is available from the Institute of Island Studies at UPEI. *Visit the website at http://www.upei.ca/~iis/letters.htm* or call 902.566.0386.

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A Journey of Professional and Personal Discovery



When Debra Moore enrolled in the Management Development for Women (MDW) program at MSVU in 2002, she never imagined she'd go on to sponsor her 24-year-old daughter, Sue, for the same course two years later. At the time, she was just focused on gaining the necessary management skills to effectively operate the business she helped establish - Just Us! Coffee Roasters Co-op in Wolfville, Canada's first Fair Trade coffee roaster.

Recognizing that her on-the-job management training was hardly enough to validate her role within a flourishing business, Moore embarked on a mission to learn more about all aspects of management. Her mission was fulfilled when she completed MDW, a certificate program offered jointly by the Mount and Saint Mary's University.

"I certainly gained an overview and language of management that gave me the tools I needed to help me with my job," says Moore. "Taking the program also increased my self confidence and made me realize that I can still learn."

The opening of another Just Us! Fair Trade Shop & Coffee Bar in downtown Halifax last year inspired Moore to encourage her daughter Sue to participate in the MDW program so she could manage the new shop.

Fresh out of university with a Psychology degree under her belt, the younger Moore figured she'd be like most of her friends: looking for work within her field of study. That's why she was surprised when asked to supervise the Halifax café and even

more surprised when her mother approached her to take the MDW program.

"I have to admit I had the perception the program was for a more mature student and being so young I didn't think I fit into that category," she says. "But I know that it was because of the benefits Mom experienced in the program that she encouraged me to take MDW."

Well before the program was finished, Moore says she had come to understand the benefits her mother was talking about. Through modules such as Leadership, Accounting, Communications, and Marketing.

she was immediately able to implement what she was learning from MDW into her workplace.

Debra says she is proud, as a mother and a sponsor, of Sue's success in MDW and can see a significant development in her daughter's management skills since enrolling in the program.

"She is no longer afraid of the accounting aspect of business, she is more able to lead a project, and she has been much clearer on her expectations when working with staff."

Both Moores agree that the MDW program has brought them closer on a professional level. They are now able to use each other as resources as they execute their jobs on a daily basis. And if they're ever in need of management advice they just can't provide each other, they can always call on the diverse network of women they met while taking the MDW program. They can just ask Moashella Shortte, a current MDW participant, and she'll attest to that.



Sue and Deb Moore at Just Us! Halifax.

For Shortte, who graduated in 1999 from the Child and Youth Studies program at MSVU, it is the immediate bond that forms between the women who participate in MDW that is the biggest strength of the program.

"I applied to MDW so I could better prepare myself to assume the role of Executive Director at the East Preston Daycare Centre and I am certainly feeling this happening," says Shortte. "But I am getting so much more than I expected because now I have a group of 21 women that I can call on both personally and professionally."

And Shortte has called on these women throughout the program to discuss such things as class assignments, issues in her workplace, and social topics. She says she is grateful to them for their willingness to share their achievements and challenges every month with the entire class.

Like Debra and Sue Moore, Shortte feels that the MDW program is a journey of professional and personal discovery that gives its participants back as much as they put in.

"Essentially, MDW gives you a toolbox filled with tools such as new leadership skills, communication skills, greater confidence, 21 new contacts, and 21 wonderful friends."

The MDW program runs every year from September to May, with araduation in June. Classes are held for three days out of each month. For more information on the program, please contact the program coordinator at 902.457.6299 or mdw@msvu.ca.



Senator Jane Cordy get a lesson in traditional Mongolian bowmanship.

It's clear that Senator Jane Cordy BEd '89 knows how to keep a secret.

In 2000 an ordinary day for Cordy teaching at Colby Village Elementary School in Cole Harbour, NS, became extraordinary, when she was asked by the school secretary if she was able to take a phone call.

"She didn't say who it was," says Cordy, adding that her students were actually in the gymnasium at the time. "So I picked up the phone, and there was this person telling me they were calling from the Prime Minister's office and to please hold for the Prime Minister."

Cordy says that she had been notified about a week earlier that she was being considered for a seat in the Canadian Senate, so she knew instantly why Jean Chrétien was calling.

"He wouldn't call to tell you that you didn't get the appointment," she says with a laugh. Sure enough, Prime Minister Chrétien informed her that he wanted to offer a Senate seat. She accepted on the spot, and then the hard part began.

"I wanted to go skipping down the halls and telling everyone, but the official announcement wasn't for two days, so I had to keep quiet," she says. "I had to continue on and finish out the day like normal."

Since then, the meaning of a "normal" day has changed quite a bit for Cordy. Five years into her appointment, she works primarily in Ottawa, but her roots and family home remain in Nova Scotia. She's involved in a number of Senate committees, including the Library of

Parliament: Social Affairs, Science and Technology; and National Security and Defence. She is also chair of the NATO Parliamentary Association, which includes members of the Senate and House of Commons.

Originally from Sydney, NS, Cordy is one of eight children whose father worked as a security officer for Sydney Steel. After obtaining a Teacher's Certificate from Nova Scotia Teachers College, she launched her teaching career in 1970. and worked at schools in Sydney, New Glasgow and Halifax. In the mid-80s, married to Bob Cordy (now a senior VP with PriceWaterhouse) and the mother of two girls, she returned to school, enrolling at MSVU.

On this day, taking a break between morning and afternoon convocation ceremonies, Cordy (who since 2003 has been a member-at-large on the MSVU Board of Governors) reflects on her introduction to the Mount and her own graduation.

"I was working and had two children and wanted to take my BEd part-time, and I remember the Registrar was so welcoming and helpful," she says. "She acted like I was the only person applying to Mount Saint Vincent, and we sat down and she said 'let's see how we can make this work.' Since then MSVU has really had a special place in mv heart."

On her graduation day, with her husband and children in the audience, Cordy proudly took her place among her fellow graduates.

"I remember looking around at the graduates who were much younger than I



and wondering if they really knew how much they should appreciate their degree," she laughs.

While teaching in Halifax, Cordy also took on part-time tasks as vice-chair of the Halifax-Dartmouth Port Development Commission, and chair of the Board of Referees for the Halifax Region of Human Resources Canada. She has also served with a number of volunteer and charitable organizations, including as a Board Member for Phoenix House shelter for homeless youth, and two stints as a judge for the Dartmouth Book Awards. And, of course, she had many years involvement in politics.

"I've always believed that teachers should bring a wide variety of interests to the classroom," she says. "I was looking at the BEd graduates this morning and I was thinking about how you should bring your life into the classroom, and bring your positive experiences into the classroom, and that getting involved in your community is so very, very important."

An attitude of getting involved and getting things done is something she has carried on into the Senate.

"In my first couple of months in the Senate I was at a dinner with Gil Molgat, who was the Speaker at the time but has since died, and he advised me not to sit on the sidelines and wait to become an expert, but to jump right in."

Once in Ottawa, Cordy says that she looked into what committee positions were available, and found her interest drawn to Social Affairs, Science and Technology (dealing with national health care) and Security and Defence.

"I guess I thought that Defence is something that is very important to people in Nova Scotia, and when I was teaching at Colby Village I had a lot of students whose parents were in the

military, based close by at (CFB) Shearwater," she says. "I remember during the Persian Gulf War how many children had family who were going away and how it affected them, so I thought that would be a good fit for me."

Last year, Cordy had one of the most significant achievements of her Senate career when she led the delegation representing all NATO countries overseeing the historic first democratic elections in the Ukraine. She and her colleagues saw first hand the way in which the initial election was rigged, leading to the "orange-revolution" witnessed on television around the world, resulting in the legitimate election of current President Viktor Yushchenko.



"The feeling going around to the polling stations was that the average Ukrainian person wanted democracy to work so badly, and they were going to vote how they wanted despite what the government was doing to determine things," she says. "There was one elderly lady who came in and wouldn't use the pen they gave her, because there was a rumour the pens had disappearing ink. So she asked us for a pen, which we gladly gave her." Cordy says that was just one of many such stories.

"Our driver told us that he had voted that morning, and the lady in front of him

said she had looked at the voters' list and noticed that her dead husband had voted."

It's experiences such as these that reinforce a message she takes with her whenever she speaks in public.

"I do a lot of speaking engagements in schools and always what I talk about is how thankful we should be to be Canadian," she says. "It's a wonderful experience to go to other countries, and vou see that we are so lucky. We can write letters to the editor, and be critical of the government, or we can protest on the street. We're free to do it, and we sometimes take that freedom for granted."

Although the amount of travel she does can sometimes be trying, Cordy says that she did recently experience one of the perks of the job when she was able to meet her brother, who is in the military stationed in Europe, when their work took them to Kabul, Afghanistan at the same time. She says that reunion gave her a chance to reflect on where life has taken her.

"I hadn't see my brother in two years, and there we were meeting in Afghanistan, and it was really quite emotional for me," she says. "It made me think of growing up in Cape Breton, and of my parents, who are not living, and how never in their wildest dreams would they have thought two of their children would be in Kabul, both on official business."

From the tone of her voice, it seems that Cordy couldn't have dreamed of it either. "It's been almost five years in the Senate, and I can't believe how fast it's gone," she says. "When I'm in Ottawa I look up at the Parliament buildings and I still have to pinch myself, thinking that's where I work."



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Paul Henderson BBA '89

As my term draws to an end, I have taken some time to reflect on my two vears as Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association President. This is a wonderful opportunity to share some

of my thoughts with you.

First, it has been an honour to be your President. The MSV Alumnae Association Board of Directors is a strong group that has cohesively worked with me on numerous projects. I am proud to say the Association continues to focus on its mandate to support students through a variety of means, including scholarship contributions.

We continue to create opportunities for alumnae to get together. It has been a pleasure to meet so many of you at events, ranging from the Halifax Metro Area Chapter Annual Dinner and the 50th and 75th-year Class Celebration Luncheon, to the Convocation Alumnae Welcome Brunch for new graduates.

One of my strongest memories as a student was my involvement in the Men's basketball team and its growth into a competitive college team. So to witness the development of the Men's Varsity Basketball Enhancement Fund over the last few months by graduates of the Mount is truly exciting.

I wish to thank the university community for its support and, in particular, Dr. Sheila Brown with whom I have enjoyed a productive working relationship, and who is a strong advocate of Mount alumnae.

I feel honoured to be an ambassador of the Mount and will continue in this role as I actively take on the new responsibility of Past President in August at the Annual General Meeting.

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For Natalie MacLean BPR '89, the road of life has become a "river of wine".

After completing her MBA at the University of Western Ontario, MacLean moved to Toronto with her husband and began her career in the telecommunications and technology marketing fields. As couples often do, MacLean and her husband tackled several hobbies they could enjoy together, one of which was a wine appreciation course. MacLean enjoyed the experience so much

that she continued on through four levels of instruction and eventually earned certification as a sommelier, or wine expert.

One thing led to another, and in 1999 MacLean published her first magazine article about wine - from that point a new career was launched. Since then, her work has appeared in dozens of magazines throughout North America, and she is a regular contributor to Atlantic Canada's Saltscapes magazine. In 2003 she was named World's Best Drink Writer at the World Food Media Awards in Australia. She has won several James Beard Foundation Journalism Awards. as well as awards from the American Association of Food Journalists, the North American Travel Journalists Association and the Canadian National Magazine Awards.

MacLean also publishes her own online newsletter, with more than 32,000 subscribers in 36 countries around the world, and she is currently working on a book.

She credits some of her love of a good drink to her Cape Breton roots (she is also an accomplished Highland dancer), and her ability to write about it to her time at MSVU.

"I must say that the writing courses in the PR program at the Mount were excellent, and they served me well in my MBA, too," she says, adding that when she decided to take the plunge into journalism she had no experience beyond her classroom assignments. "It was just fortuitous that my first editor was willing to give me a chance and went on whether it was good writing or not, rather than having a bunch of previous work. That gave me my start."

From that simple beginning, her cup is now running over.

Visit Natalie MacLean's website at: http://www.nataliemaclean.com

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SUNDAY 4	9:30 am All alumnae are invited to the Mass at the Motherhouse.	Saint Library of the saint Lib	luncheon with Dr. Sheila A. Brown, President and Vice-Chancellor, and incoming MSVAA President, Nancy Zwaagstra BScHE '83.

Accommodations are available in the Mount Residence. Details can be obtained by contacting the Alumnae Office at (902) 457-6340.

Class Activities will be organized in conjunction with the Alumnae Weekend Schedule.

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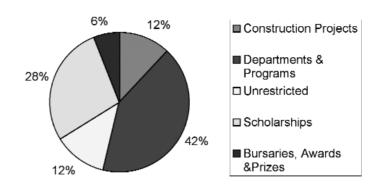
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Mother and Daughter Take to Tri-Mentoring Together

By Sherry Burns, Tri-Mentoring Program **Development Officer**

This year, MSV alumnae played an important role in the MSVU Career Planning Centre's newly introduced Tri-Mentoring Program. Focussing on education and career planning, the program involves MSV alumnae mentoring current Mount students, who in turn, mentor local high school students. The mentor and mentee pairs meet at a series of structured events and all participants come together, at once, for the MSVU Tri-Mentoring Dinner sponsored by the Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association.

As Program Development Officer, I have the chance to really get to know the people in the Tri-Mentoring program. I see the personal, as well as pragmatic, benefits. In the case of MSV alumna Christine Currie-Wong, a BEd grad teaching at Halifax West High School (HWHS) and her daughter Jenifer Jackson, a student at HWHS, there is a unique aspect in that Tri-Mentoring is a family affair. I wanted to know what the program meant in that regard, so I went to Halifax West and asked them to give me their perspective.

Initially, it was Jenifer who signed up for the program after a conversation with her guidance counsellor. "I went to the guidance counsellor because I was really distraught about going to university," she recalls. When she heard about Tri-Mentoring, she applied.

Jenifer says she felt much better about her future after only one meeting with her Mount mentor. "I went in there knowing next to nothing [about university],"she says. But after going through the program. she now has a definite plan for her education. "I'm going to the Mount."

Her mom credits Tri-Mentoring with helping lenifer make her decision, "lenifer was coming home so excited about it," Christine says, adding that she's pleased her daughter will be attending her alma mater. "She didn't want to apply anywhere else."

After Jenifer became involved, Christine joined the program to mentor two Mount students interested in pursuing education degrees. She found it helped her feel like a part of the Mount community again. "It's nice to come back and visit the campus...it's nice to be reconnected," she says. "And I really enjoyed the two

students I had with me. We became friends. They were so bubbly, outgoing and eager to learn. I gained as much from them as I hope they did from me."

Both Christine and Jenifer have a desire to participate in future Tri-Mentoring Programs and Jenifer is looking forward to being a Mount student mentor/mentee in a few years. They plan to encourage Jenifer's younger brother to apply for the program when he reaches grade 12.

My interview ends with hugs, good-byes and promises to see each other in the fall. As her daughter dashes off to study for a chemistry test and Christine walks me to the door of HWHS, she says. "Tri-Mentoring has been good for us."

I couldn't help but smile as I walked out. I had always felt that Tri-Mentoring could make a difference in people's lives. Christine and Jenifer had just confirmed it.

If you are interested in becoming a MSV alumnae mentor for the 2005/2006 Tri-Mentoring Program, please visit www.msvu.ca/careerplanning/ and click on the Tri-Mentoring Program link or email mentoring@msvu.ca and request an application.

CLASS OF '61

Larmond-Elliot, M. Elizabeth (Poirier), BScHE Elizabeth and her husband are retired and living in Winnipeg. They are currently planning a move to Ottawa.

CLASS OF '63

Geddry, Simone Comeau, BSc

After 40 years in healthcare as a practitioner, educator, administrator and consultant, Simone and her husband, Al, have retired to Meteghan River, NS. Simone is a founding councilor on the Health Council of Canada, representing Nova Scotia as a healthcare expert. She was recently named to the Board of Governors of the University of Moncton.

CLASS OF '70

Comeau, Marcelle, BSc

Marcelle has been retired for several years from her last position as Technical Director in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the QEII Health

Centre, Halifax. Daughter Brianna graduated from Acadia University in May, 2004. Daughter Abbie and her husband Michael welcomed their first child, Kathleen, in July, 2003.

CLASS OF '77

Mosher, Sandra (Hebb), BAHon

Sandra is currently doing merchandising for several large companies in Nova Scotia.

CLASS OF '81

MacLeod, Sandra, BPR

Sandra lives in the UK with her husband and two teenage children. She has just been appointed a Companion of the Chartered Institute of Management, and welcomed as member of the newly formed, charity based London Guild of Public Relations. She is a frequent speaker and lecturer worldwide on the best practices in reputation management and communications measurement. You can reach Sandra at sandram@echoresearch.com

Yeo, Helena (MacDonald), BSA

Helena and husband Robert, daughter Katie and son

Thomas moved back to Prince Edward Island in December 2004 where Robert has accepted a job with the Government of PEI. Previously, Helena was employed for 12 years with the Atlantic Special Education Authority where she worked with youth who are blind or visually impaired throughout Nova Scotia.

Zwicker, Peter Sherman, BBA

Peter has recently been elected as Town Councilor in historic Lunenburg, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. He is the third successive generation of Zwickers to serve Lunenburg and its citizens.

CLASS OF '82

Raine, Kim BScHE, MAHEC '88

As a university health researcher, Dr. Raine was offered a new Heritage award from the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, the University of Alberta, and the University of Calgary.

Steele, Judy BPR

Federal Transport Minister Jean Lapierre, announced the appointment of Judy Steele as a member of the Board of Directors of the Halifax Port Authority.

CLASS OF '83

Driscoll, Anne Marie, MEd

Anne Marie is pleased to announce that she has recently edited a children's book, As It Was Told: Mi'kmaq Legends and more. Anne Marie works occasionally at Bonar Law Memorial School, Rexton, NB, as a literacy associate. The Book began as an enrichment project incited by New Brunswick School District 16, Enrichment Coordinator, Eleanor MacLaughlin. Anne Marie worked with six (five Mi'kmaq students and one non-native) students who were writers and/or artists. Published by Bengal Press, a publishing arm of the high school. You can contact Anne Marie at amdrisco@nbnet.nb.ca

CLASS OF '85

MacKenzie, Lloyd N., CertBusi

After 34 years in Halifax Shipyard and for the last 15 years Financial Controller of the Halifax operations, Lloyd has retired. He still resides in Fairview, Halifax, NS.

CLASS OF '86

Backman, Bruce, BSc

Bruce is currently a Research Scientist with the Defense Science and Technology Organization in Salisbury, Australia. He writes, "Any travelers to Australia drop me a line!" Bruce can be reached at bruce.backman@dsto.defence.gov.au

Dean (Evans) Kelliann BPR

The Federal Industry Minister, David Emmerson announced the appointment of Kelliann to the Board of Directors of the Canadian Tourism Commission. Kelliann is currently the Deputy Minister for Tourism, Culture and Heritage.

McCarron, Suzanne, BPR

Suzanne completed a masters in Journalism in 1990 at the University of Western Ontario. She is currently the Global Communications Manager for ExxonMobil in Dallas, Texas. She is married and has two children.

Murray, Suellen, BPR

Suellen and Byron Rafuse are the proud parents of Lucy Xue Murray-Rafuse. Lucy was born on December, 2003 in Nanchang, China and adopted on December, 2004 in China. Lucy is the granddaughter of Janet (Pottie) Murray (BA '56)

CLASS OF '88

Benwell, Julia (Seymour), BEd

Julia Benwell and her husband Richard are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Anna Faith, born in May, 2004, a little sister for Marc Andrew and Christopher. Julia is employed at Rock Church as a Children's Pastor and is the Director of Tiny Treasures Nursery School.

CLASS OF '89

MacDonald, Douglas, MEd '89, MASP '92 Doug retired from School District 16 this past year where he

worked as a school psychologist. He is enjoying life on the farm in Kouchibouguac, NB with wife Anne Marie Driscoll (MEd '83). Doug is training their youngest Morgan BirchGrove Countess "Tess" for the harness and will show her this spring. You can contact Doug at amdrisco@nhnet nh ca

CLASS OF '90

Foster, Peter Wickwire, BA, MA

Since 2003 Peter has worked in the Western Sahara as a Political Affairs Officer with the UN Missions, MINURSO. In January 2005 he was admitted to the degree of MA in Mass Communications for the University of Leicester, UK.

Gillis, V. Lynn, BBA

In September 2003, Lynn gave birth to a daughter.

Poirier, Rose Anne, BPR

Rose Poirier is pleased to announce the birth of her son Vincent Damian McDonald in April. 2004 in Warwick, UK. She and her husband Jim McDonald have recently returned to Halifax from England where she completed a course in Graphic Design and Illustration at Oxford and Cherwell College.

CLASS OF '91

Clee, Wendy (Gabriel), BA

In October, 2004, Wendy and husband David along with daughter Jaiden welcomed a son, Rhys Alexander into the family. Wendy writes "living a hectic life with 2 children under the age of 2 but all worth it." wclee@rogers.com

McCarthy, Karen (Power), BPR

Karen was appointed Assistant Deputy Minister (Policy and Planning) with the Labour Relations Agency in Newfoundland and Labrador in November, 2004. Previous to this Karen was the Executive Director of Communications and Consultation for the provincial government. In November 2004 Karen also accepted an invitation to sit on MSVU's advisory board to the Department of Public Relations. Karen is married with two young children, and lives in Portugal Cove. NL.

Smith, Janelle (Wilcox), BOA

Janelle has been working at one of the libraries at the University of New Brunswick since graduating. She is married and has two girls, Jennifer and Katie. Janelle would love to hear from any former classmates.

CLASS OF '93

Arnold, Colleen, BBA

Colleen Arnold wishes to share that her daughter, Cynthia Arnold, will be the third generation of Arnolds to graduate from MSVU. Cynthia will graduate this fall from MSVU with a BA Linguistics (Hon.). Grandmother, Ann (Richard) Arnold, graduated from the Academy in 1939. All three Mount grads are happily planning for Cynthia's wedding, planned for June,

Fleisher, Gabriel, BBA

After graduating from MSVU, Gabriel lived for three years in Israel. Afterwards he moved to Toronto where he has been working with the Canada Revenue Agency since 1999. Gabriel got married in July 2003 and lives with his wife in Newmarket, ON. They also have a little cat at home.

Gibb, Fiona, BPR

Fiona and her husband Fred welcomed Isabelle Rait Dearnaley into the world in September, 2003. Fiona enjoyed her maternity leave while her husband finished renovating their 100-year old Halifax home.

Little, Jeff, BBA

In May, '04 Jeff graduated from Queen's University at Kingston with an Executive MBA. In October, Jeff received his CMA designation. In January, 2005, Jeff and his wife Erika (Tutty) (BBA '91) welcomed son Alexander into the family, a sibling for their daughter Emma. They continue to live in Winnipeg where Jeff is a Marketing and Distribution Manager for General Motors of Canada.

McCarthy, Harvey, BA

Harvey was recently hired by the city of Denver to run a new recreation centre. He writes "I am in charge of coordinating all the sports leagues and school-based programs that are run through the centre. As well, I was promoted to the highest rank of umpire by the Jefferson County Junior Baseball Association." Anyone wishing to get in touch with Harvey, please email: emperoriwo@alo.com

CLASS OF '94

El Bakry, Rania H., BPR

Rania writes "Life is a bit crazy for me in Cairo working in Egypt's leading mobile service company and teaching parttime at the American University. I still manage to keep my Canadian ties by volunteering for the Canadian Breast Cancer Gala.

Fulton, E. Margaret DHumL

Dr. Fulton, a MŠVU Past President, received an honourary doctor of laws degree during Wilfrid Laurier University's fall convocation ceremony in October, 2004.

CLASS OF '95

Ervanowitz, Darlene Marie, BBA

Darlene writes "Thanks in part to my BBA from MSVU, I am in the final stage of my 'green card' application for permanent residency in Florida."

Hansen, Lana (Taylor), BPR

Lana and her husband Troy Hansen celebrated the birth of their second daughter in September of 2004. Marlee Lynn is baby sister to Kayla Marie. Lana will be returning to her position as Proposal Development Manager for Aliant Telecom in the fall. Lana and Troy will be starting their own business in May 2005 with the opening of Sasha's Martinis and Lounge located in downtown Moncton. Friends can contact Lana at lana@nb.sympatico.ca

Iziomon, Kofo (Gill), BSc '95 and BEd '00

Kofo and husband Moses are pleased to announce the arrival of their daughter, Precious Emmanuela. Precious made her grand entry September, 2004 and says a big "Hello" to everyone.

Leslie, Verona, BOA

Verona has spent 27 years working in the Health Sciences Library, now at Capital Health in Halifax. Currently, she is Registrar of Scotia Soccer Club in HRM.

CLASS OF '96

Barell, Myrta (Swain), BPR

Myrta has been living in Switzerland with her husband for almost six years. They have two children and live in Zurich.

CLASS OF '97

Laughlin, Lorri Ann (Baglole), BPR

Lorri and Chris Laughlin were married in July, 2004 in Summerside, PEI. Lorri is Regional Communications Advisor with the Privy Council Office in Charlottetown.

Thistle, Linda, MEd

Linda retired as a classroom teacher from the Vista School Linda retired as a classroom teacher from the Vista School District, Clarenville, NL. She is presently employed as a school librarian in Northern Manitoba. She is happy to announce her son, Andrew, graduated from the Mount with a BBA (Co-op) in October, 2004 and is pursuing studies for a BA degree in Canadian Studies while her daughter, Susan, is pursuing her studies for a BA degree in French. Andrew was also the recipient of The Andrea M. and Charles R. Bronfman Award in Canadian Studies.

CLASS OF '98

McDonah, Anne (Clark), BTHM

Anne and husband D'Arcy are thrilled to announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, in October, 2004, a longawaited sister for Evan and Alexander. Anne and her family are living in Truro where they run the four-star Bed and Breakfast "The Belgravia". Please contact Anne through their website www.belgravia.ca

CLASS OF '99

Campbell, Kara (Lemoine), BPR

Kara and her husband Peter welcomed the arrival of their son Adam Matthew Campbell in March, 2004.

CLASS OF '00

Reid, Laura, BSc

Laura finished her Master's of Education degree in May

Sharpe, Charlene, BBA

Charlene and Chris recently relocated to Ontario due to Chris taking a transfer in October, 2004. Charlene writes, "We miss Halifax, but are enjoying our new neighbourhood and I am excited about my new position with the College of Family Physicians of Canada." Charlene can be emailed at csharpe732@cogeco.ca

CLASS OF '01

Baker, Sharon (Weaver), BEd

Sharon and husband Trevor happily announce the birth of their daughter, Julia Edie-Rose, in February, 2004.

Dunn, Tara, BPR

Tara is having a baby in June and recently got engaged to fiancé Rav.

CLASS OF '02

Lindsay, Amanda, BPR

After a successful year as the Event Coordinator for the 2004 IIHF World Women's Hockey Championship and a brief stint with the Atlantic Film Festival over the summer, Amanda is now working full time with the Festival. Amanda would love to hear from old classmates, friends and former varsity athletes at amanadailindsay@yahoo.com.

Smeds, Sofia, BA

Sofia is now pursuing a PhD in Political Science at Abo Akademi University in Vasa, Finland.

CLASS OF '03

Boudreau, Jennifer, BBA

After one year of marriage, Jennifer and her husband celebrated the birth of their baby girl, Avery Madison in November, 2004.

Cook, Tyler, BPR

Tyler recently moved to Newmarket, Ontario and started working in his first PR job as Communications Officer for the Certified General Accountants Association of Ontario.

Gibson, Kate, A. (Duncan), BBA

After working for the NS Department of Finance Pension Service , Kate is now attending COGS studying Geographic Information Systems for Business, a unique program offered only in the Annapolis Valley.

Taylor, Alison Marie (Bigelow), BPRAfter graduating in Fall 2003, Alison moved to Sudbury, ON with her fiance. They planned their wedding from a distance and were married in Bedford in October, 2004.

Tracey is currently enrolled in an Aesthetics course in Moncton finishing in May, 2005. She plans to work in the Salon and Spa/Health & Beauty Industry in the Moncton area upon completion.

CLASS OF '04

Goguen-Manning, Linda, BA

After completing her BA, Linda was accepted to do her BED at the Mount starting September, 2004. She was also accepted to do her MED (adult education).

CLASS OF '05

Barrow, Mary, MEd

Mary has been accepted into Acadia University's Master of Education – Special Education program and will continue to teach in the HRSB while studying part-time at Acadia.

Blades, Janet, DipBusi

Janet is working full time, studying for a business degree

Crosby, Kathryn, BEd

Kathryn is getting married July, 2005 to Mount graduate Derek Huffman (BED, 2005).

Dupre, Sarah BSc

Sarah is a Human Resource Assistant with the Government of St. Lucia, Ministry of Education, Human Resource Development Youth and Sports

Hayward, Shana, BA

Shana recently accepted a Management Training Position at Butterfield Bank, Bermuda's second largest bank. Upon completion promotion to supervisor is given.

Hollis, Antoinette, BAA

Antoinette is currently employed as a Primary Two Teacher in the Department of Education in Bermuda.

Huddlestone, Holly, BEd

In July, 2005, Holly and her fiancé Ray will be married after a nine year courtship. This will take place in Mahone Bay, NS just days before they move to Ontario.

McGrath, David, BPR

David is the PR & Marketing Chair of Churchill Academy, a school for special needs children. He is also the Founder of Celtic PR & Marketing Communications, a consulting

MacArthur, Julia, MEd

Julia is Branch Manager for USC Inc., in which she has specialized in RESPs for children. Julia and her husband Rob and her two children, Madison and Nicholas, live in Bridgewater, NS.

Nixon, Amanda, MSc AHN

Amanda recently found a new position with OMNI Health Care in Ottawa, ON, as a Registered Dietician. She writes, "The Company is wonderful, the position's great and I love living here in the nation's capital.

Oickle-Potyondy, Janice, MEd

Janice married Alex in September, 2003. She is currently working for Progress Centre for Early Intervention as an Early Interventionist in Halifax.

Power, Stephanie, BPR

Stephanie is working in Communications in the Department of Health and Community Services, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador.

1930'S

Katrina Mary "Rena" (Musial) Partington March 28, 2005

1940'S

Annette (Savard) McLaughlin '41 January 27, 2005

Miriam Ann (Dysart) Lyons ACAD '40, BSc

Sister Alexandra Timmons BA '46 March 27, 2005

Rosemary (MacLean) Livingston B Music

Sister Genevieve Morrissey BA '56 December 25, 2004

Sister Ethel Whitney BA '58 February 06, 2005

1960'S

Sister Margaret Mielke BA '61 October 16, 2004

Sister Margaret McDonnell BA '62 March 13, 2005

Paula (Mellor) Stevens ACAD '65 February 12, 2005

Sister Susan McDevitt BSc '66 November 26, 2004

1980'S

Duncan "Gordon" Parker MEd '82 October 28, 2004

Muriel "Dixie" (Dickson) Lewis BBA '83 December 9, 2004

Eric Charles Pickrem BBA '83 March 17, 2005

Norman MacMullin MEd '84 March 9, 2005

Michele (D'Entremont) Chisholm BBA '84 January 7, 2005

1990'S

Monica "Monie" Langlois MAEd '90 January 25, 2005

Helena D'Entremont BBA '92 April 18, 2005

Susan Michelle (Millett) Boiduk BA '86, BFd '99 October 29, 2004

Sister Geraldine Anthony

Sister Geraldine Anthony died on April 11, 2005. After receiving her PhD in English from St. John's University (NY), she taught at the Mount from 1965-1986. Previously she taught at the Academy. She wrote several books on Canadian drama. She also coordinated the MSV/Oxford Universities summer school and conducted theatre tours that alternated annually between NYC and London. In 1993 she received an Honorary doctorate from St. Thomas University.



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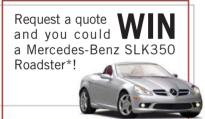


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