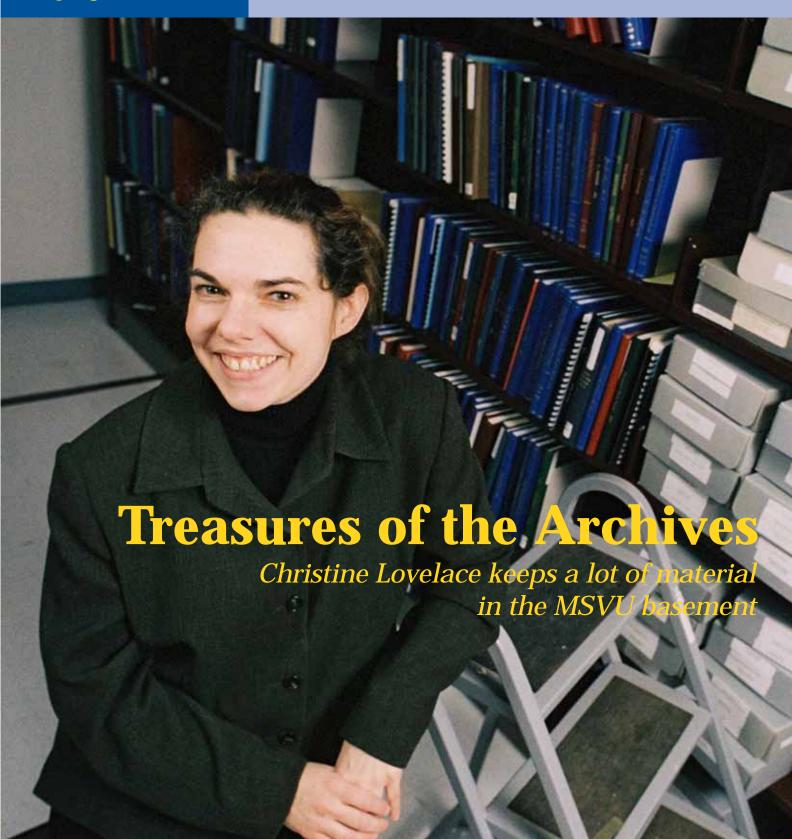


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#### **CAMPUS NEWS**



Sheila A. Brown, Ph.D President & Vice-Chancellor Mount Saint Vincent University



Recently I had the opportunity to attend an alumnae event at my own alma mater, Cambridge University, and my participation reinforced the personal satisfaction and professional benefits that I derive from maintaining my connection with the University. My visit also encouraged me to reflect on the parallels between what I experienced and what we try to do to maintain the Mount's connection with its alumnae.

The occasion was the 50th anniversary of the founding of my own college, New Hall, opened in 1954 as the third women's college to enhance opportunities for women to attend Cambridge. The need was certainly there as, at that time, women constituted less than ten percent of total admissions. Accessibility has long been a guiding principle for Mount Saint Vincent, too. Initially the Mount provided educational opportunities for women at a time, in the nineteenth century, when such opportunities were very limited. With the admission of men from the 1960s onward, the commitment to access that allows students women and men - to combine their studies with their work, family and other lives has remained important. Accessibility at the Mount has also meant the flexibility offered by distance delivery of our programs, which now span the globe, with a particular focus in Bermuda, Jamaica, Barbados and other parts of the Caribbean. Today, financial accessibility is also important and is the reason why the Mount has placed such a focus on raising monies to enhance our scholarship and bursary program – with great

success, in significant part through the generosity of our alumnae and other supporters.

Returning to New Hall for a special anniversary reminded me too of the importance of celebrating milestones and, with this in mind, I look forward to helping our Mount alumnae chapter in Toronto celebrate its  $50^{\rm th}$  anniversary this summer. What an accomplishment!

At my reunion I met a number of classmates, several of whom I had not seen since graduation. It was wonderful to hear of the career and personal successes in their lives and we resolved to stay in better touch in the future. What was also apparent was the extent to which the College and the University rely on their alumnae to be, as I never tire of saying here at Mount Saint Vincent, ambassadors for the institution and to help in whatever ways we can to ease the path for today's students. As I have traveled to various cities (St John's, Saint John, Moncton, Montreal, Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver) over the past few months to meet Mount alumnae, as well as here in Halifax, I have been very gratified by the continuing interest and pride our alumnae have in their alma mater and by their willingness to continue to support the University, each in their own way. For that I thank you and look forward to seeing you at upcoming alumnae gatherings, our annual alumnae weekend in August or on campus if you are in the area. Do drop in and see the many exciting developments on campus! 🕸

**Editor's Note:** In the research story in the fall 2003 issue of *Folia Montana*, we misspelled the name of psychology professor Dr. Daniel Lagacé-Séguin. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

We also want to note in the artifacts photo that accompanies the story on page seven, the statue on the right belongs to the Sisters of Charity and is on loan to the archives. We thank all involved for allowing us to include it in the photo.

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#### **CAMPUS NEWS**

## **MSVU Takes Leading Role in The Gambia Police Project**

Researchers awarded \$1 million for six-year study

In an example of the far-reaching nature of research work being carried out at MSVU, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), through the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, this past spring awarded a \$1 million grant to university faculty to develop a program to improve police services in The Gambia, in western Africa.

The program, called Community Based Policing and Restorative Justice in The Gambia, will be headed up by MSVU psychology professor and former Halifax police officer Dr. Stephen Perrott, and Chair of Women's Studies Dr. Meredith Ralston. Halifax City Police are also a main partner in the six-year study to be launched in the fall of 2004.

Dr. Perrott explains the idea of the police being more visible in the community and the use of restorative justice - where someone who has committed a crime is held accountable by community members - has been in use with various levels of success in North America since the 70s. In a developing nation like The Gambia, however, ensuring a good working relationship between police and community is imperative to advancing democracy.

"The Gambia is a tiny, impoverished nation with relative social stability in an area where people have a terrible history of killing each other," says Dr. Perrott. "But to get to the state of a true democracy it's necessary to have a functioning civilian police force. Some people like to think of The Gambia as the Singapore or Hong Kong of west Africa because of that social stability. Right now, however, their economy is going bad and there is increasing social unrest. So if people can't walk the streets and feel safe, there will be no economy."

Dr. Perrott and the rest of the team are hoping to give the police the training and tools that will enable them to become a positive part of the nation's development. The program will include setting up village constables that will live in the communities they serve and introducing a bike patrol system to help make police more visible and accessible.

"Many of the people there are afraid of the police," Dr. Perrott says. "People in The Gambia are very poor, and on the one hand the police are seen as being corrupt, and on the other not very effective and alienated from the community."

The work in The Gambia will also include instituting an accredited certificate program in community policing to enable current and future police officers the chance to attain the educational tools to continue the program on their own. Dr. Perrott says the restorative justice part of the program is well suited to the culture of The Gambia.

"Restorative justice is actually something Africans have always used," he says. "It's very much the collectivist 'it takes a village' idea and historically, someone who commits a wrong has been held accountable by the community. The problem is what they practice now doesn't always reflect the values of international human rights. If a woman is assaulted, for example, they might sit down and discuss a solution that makes the father or husband feel better, but doesn't do much for the victim. So with restorative justice we'd help formalize the current procedures and bring them in line on human rights."

Having long-term and front-line involvement in research projects such as this is an important part of providing MSVU students with a sense of the practical applications of what they learn in the classroom.



Government officials and project participants met recently in The Gambia. From left to right: Burris Devanney, Executive Director, the Nova Scotia-Gambia Association (NSGA); Deputy Chief Chris McNeil, Halifax Police; Her Excellency, Mrs. Isatou N'Jie Saidy, Vice President, Republic of The Gambia, Dr. Stephen Perrott, MSVU; Superintendent Fred Sanford, Halifax Police; Karamo Bojang, Administration Officer, NSGA. (photo courtesy of Stephen Perrott)

"It means that what I'm able to tell the students in class comes not only from a textbook. The students really appreciate when someone can say they've been there and have seen how things are working," says Dr. Perrott, adding that one of Dr. Ralston's roles in the project is to produce a film of the project to be brought back to Canada. "And something like this really enhances the profile of MSVU as a university that is interested in international development."



# **Atlantic Undergraduate English Conference**

Mount students and faculty make it a success

When asked to step forward, MSVU students and faculty rose to the challenge on short notice to host the 2004 Atlantic Undergraduate English Conference. The event, which began at the Mount 24 years ago, brings together representatives from 13 different universities (past participants from Maine did not attend this year) for three days of discussion, presentations and socializing. When the plans of the originally scheduled host university fell through, the Mount English department took up the task of keeping the conference alive.

meant to take themselves seriously," explains MacFarlane), the bulk of the weekend was spent with four students representing each university presenting papers and leading panel discussions on topics ranging from popular culture to Shakespeare.

"One of the things that any number of people commented on was the really high quality of so many of the students' papers this year," says MacFarlane, adding that there were also a few creative writing submissions in the mix. "I heard papers



MSVU students perform skit "The Country Wife" as part of conference events (photo courtesy of Johanne Jell)

"There were 60 student papers presented, and probably between 90 to 100 participants all together," says MSVU English professor Dr. Karen MacFarlane. "The enthusiasm of the students who were part of it was really great. There was a lot of intellectual energy, and it was really exciting to hear students having conversations about literary theory, sort of spilling out into the hallways after the sessions."

After a Friday night opening reception and "bad poetry" reading ("some of the worst poems ever at this conference that were as good or better than papers I've heard at academic conferences."

On Saturday afternoon following the day's panel discussions, students from the Mount gave a series of dramatic (or, more aptly, humourous) readings and short skits at the MSVU Art Gallery, followed by an evening of dinner and dancing in downtown Halifax. Presentations wrapped up on Sunday and the countdown began for the 2005 conference, to be held at University College of Cape Breton.



#### **CAMPUS NEWS**

# MSVU Celebrates More Than 660 Graduates at Spring Convocation

By MSVU Public Affairs

**M**ore than 660 students received degrees, diplomas and certificates in Convocation ceremonies held Thursday, May 13 and Friday, May 14 at MSVU.

The valedictorians were Ryan MacNeil (Bachelor of Business Administration with Distinction and Highest Aggregate), Sarah Linley (Bachelor of Education, Elementary Education) and Cindy Hamon-Hill (Bachelor of Science with First-Class Honours).



Honourary degree recipient Ann Medina (photos by Dan Callis)

"Our parents, siblings, partners, spouses and children have given their time, love and sometimes money, to help out. The faculty and staff have spent extra time working with us one-on-one. And the University as an organization has carefully allocated its money – giving us the smallest, most welcoming classes in Canada," MacNeil told his fellow students during the Thursday afternoon ceremony, as he urged them to "get out there and make a difference in the world."



Dr. Charles Edmunds receives Alumnae Award for Teaching from Chair, Tammy Milbury BA '03

# All Rights Reserved All Ready to Launch

Seeking submissions for MSVU literary journal

With the goal of "providing a voice" for the literary-minded, MSVU will launch its first literary journal in October 2004. The publication, titled "All Rights Reserved," will give students, faculty, staff, and alumnae the opportunity to showcase original fiction, literary non-fiction, poetry, and photography in what is hoped will become a twice-yearly publication, with a second issue released in February 2005. A naming party and journal launch was held on campus at Vinnie's Pub in early April, highlighted by fiction and non-fiction readings by a number of invited students, staff and faculty, and a speech by Susan Cameron of the Writers' Federation of Nova Scotia. Staff of All Rights Reserved have begun collecting material for the first issue, and submissions are due by mid-September. For exact deadlines as well guidelines on making a submission, or for more information, e-mail:

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# **Treasures of the Archives**

The heritage of the Mount can be found by digging through the archives

One of the favourite stories Mount Archivist Christine Lovelace likes to tell is about the time three alumnae from the 1970s stopped by her office in the lower floor of the E. Margaret Fulton Communications Centre.

"They had spent the whole day visiting the campus, with their last stop being the library," says Lovelace. "Someone at the circulation desk had suggested they visit the archives, and they showed up at my door all wearing new Mount Saint Vincent sweatshirts, laughing and talking. I brought out yearbooks and student newspapers and photos from their time period, and they sat down for an hour and reminisced and hooted with glee."

Being able to spark fond memories for visiting alumnae is one of the most satisfying aspects of Lovelace's job. With a Master degree in Archives and Records Management, Lovelace is passionate about history and heritage, and a firm believer in the value of preserving accurate records that provide the story of the Mount for both present and future generations.

"The archives at a university should generally be a central repository essentially for cataloguing documents that tell the history of the institution," she says. "It's important to have this information for historical purposes, but also to track decisions that were made by the administration through the years." Lovelace says that while the archives are primarily used to store documents, there is also a place for artifacts relating to years gone by.

"Many of those things are more suited to a museum, but since the Mount doesn't have a museum it's nice to have items that remind alumnae of their time here," she says.

The personal value of the archives for alumnae is reflected in another of Lovelace's stories, this about a diploma granted to an Academy graduate in the 1960s, that was accidentally left at a government office in Bedford in 1983. It had been returned to the Mount, and sat in the archives for 18 years until Lovelace came across it.

"There was a sticky note with the diploma saying the owner hadn't been located, and the diploma was in the archives for safekeeping," she says. By doing a search on the Internet, Lovelace eventually tracked the woman to a small town in British Columbia and made contact with her via e-mail.

"She was delighted to find out her diploma had been cared for in the archives for all those years," she says. "I ended up mailing it back to her, and she was able to reclaim something she thought had been lost forever."

**B**esides providing memories for alumnae, the archives is valuable for the wealth of documents available to researchers looking for information on different aspects of the education system as it has evolved.

"The Mount represents something very special, and it's nice to collect things that we are famous for, such as the women's programs or public relations," says Lovelace, pointing out other universities in Atlantic Canada have developed a reputation as research centres for different archival information. "I would like to create an on-line resource and study guide about the archives for students to use today, in order to make the information more accessible and raise the awareness of what we have." With items dating back 100 years, the archives is a real treasure trove of material for researchers in any number of different fields.

"It's about primary research, and being able to go in and read the real information as it happened at the time," she says. "It's very immediate when you can go in and look at the [documents], and find the stories that are told in the papers."

In order to continue collecting and cataloguing those stories, Lovelace needs the help of faculty, students and staff both past and present.

"I have a motto I like to use that goes: 'Tomorrow's research depends on what is preserved today'," she says. "So I'm looking for course material, or anything former faculty or students might have collected relating to life at the Mount such as diaries or correspondence or essays that tell how things used to be.

"Also yearbooks and pictures," she continues. "One thing I'm missing right now are yearbooks from 1968 to 1970. There don't seem to be any around, and one of the Sisters told me that times were changing so much and there was so much turmoil in the late 60s she thought they stopped doing yearbooks for awhile."

Lovelace points out that one advantage of donating materials to the archives as opposed to keeping them in private homes is that items stored in the archives are kept safe and properly preserved.

"If people are keeping stuff in a box in the attic or basement, it often is exposed to mould or other conditions, whereas the archives is temperature and humidity controlled, and documents are stored in acid-free paper and folders," she says.

For anyone concerned about how their personal memories and material would be used, Lovelace



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offers assurance that privacy laws and university ethics rules protect all documents in the archives and special arrangements can be made for specific items.

"If someone wanted to donate a diary, and put a restriction on that it can't be used for research for 50 years, we can do it," she says. "I know people do worry about how their donations will be used. One woman asked that her things only be used for certain types of research and we can make those arrangements, as long as it's within reason."

So the next time you pack to move, clean out the attic or simply stop and wonder for the tenth time what you should do with all that old Mount Saint Vincent memorabilia stacked in the back in the closet, Lovelace hopes you'll think of the MSVU Archives.



(by Scott Munn)

"I don't think a lot of people even realize we're here," she says. "And a lot of people may think their stuff isn't that important, but it is. In some ways, the archives is the jewel in the crown of the university."

The Mount Saint Vincent University Archives is located on the ground floor of the E. Margaret Fulton Communications Centre. The archives is open to students, staff, alumnae and the general public on Monday to Wednesday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. While she's eager to welcome visitors, Christine Lovelace suggests anyone looking for specific information contact her to make an appointment before stopping by. She can be reached at (902) 457-6401 or at archive@msvu.ca

# Musical Mystery

Christine Lovelace can't resist a good historical mystery. These days, she's on the case of the unknown violin, a musical artifact from Mount days gone by that has sat unclaimed for decades.

"I was going through the storage room looking for artifacts to put out on display, and I came across this small wood case," she says. "Inside was this violin, a nice, older violin with no strings, but there was no record of why it was there or other information on it. I asked the previous archivist, Carolyn Scanlan if she knew anything about it, and she said it had been here when she arrived, many years before."

The only marking on the violin is what Lovelace presumes to be the name of the maker, Hopf-Paganini, stamped on the back. She suspects the violin may have belonged to, or was played by, a student back in the days when the Mount had a music program.

"The violin is a symbol of an education system that doesn't exist anymore, from the days when girls at the Mount were taught secretarial studies and home ec. and music," she says. "But the question is, do you keep it lying around if there is no context? It becomes much more interesting if we know something about the violin. It



(by Scott Munn)

would be nice to have the story behind it, which makes it something rich and unique rather than just an old violin."

If you recognize this violin, or think you can shed some light on who it might belong to or how it came to be in the MSVU Archives, contact Christine Lovelace at (902) 457-6401 or e-mail to archive@msvu.ca



# **Closing Out a Stellar Career**

Mystics MVP is Canadian Athlete of the Year

**O**ne of the most outstanding chapters in MSVU Mystics athletics history came to a close this spring with the end of the women's basketball season.

A fifth-place finish for the team at the CCAA National Championship marked the end of the Mount athletic career of Lunenberg, Nova Scotia's Kim Fralick, starting point guard and captain of the team. During her four years with the Mystics, Fralick captured every individual award for which she was eligible from both the university and the Atlantic Colleges Athletic Association, and capped it off by winning the female Athlete of the Year Award for all CCAA sports across Canada.

All the more remarkable is that Fralick, who played a number of high school sports at Park View Education Centre, wasn't initially considering playing basketball when she decided to attend the Mount.

"I didn't decide on university because of sports, it was definitely because of school," she says. "The Mount was close to home, and a small university, so I thought it would be an easy transition from high school. I talked to (then coach) Angie MacLeod and she said she needed a point guard, but when I first came I was a little bit nervous and thinking I wasn't going to play. Then I talked to a girl where I was living at the time and she was going to try out, so we decided to go together."

Fralick gives credit for a lot of her success to the coaching she has received as well as the overall support of the MSVU Athletics department. But she also took it upon herself to ensure once she decided to play that she would become the best player she could possibly be.

"I didn't think when I started that at the end of four years I would accomplish what I did," she says. "I hoped, but I didn't have a list that I would do this, this and this. But I think I did a lot of the little things. I was constantly in the weight room, or whenever I could get in the gym with my friends we'd play one-on-one or two-on-two, so I'd always be trying to improve."

With one year remaining to obtain her Education degree, Fralick plans to stick around and help coach the women's team next year. It won't be the same as playing, however, and she admits it might be tough to just sit and watch.

"Three of us graduated together, and after the season we had a sleep over and just hung out and talked basketball," she laughs. "One thing that came up was how hard it will be when September comes and people are talking about try outs, and knowing we can't try out. I'm going to be an assistant coach next year, but I think it will be hard, knowing I can't play."



(photo courtesy of Delores Fralick)

## **Kim Fralick's Trophy Case**

- 2001 ACAA Rookie of the Year
- Four time (2001-04) ACAA MVP and All-Conference Team
- Three time (2002-04) MSVU MVP and Female Athlete of the Year
- Three time (2002-04) CCAA All-Canadian
- Two-time (2002& 04) CCAA Academic All-Canadian
- Two-time (2003-04) CCAA National All-Tournament Team
- 2003 ACAA Rod Shovellor Award for athletics, academics, sportsmanship and community involvement
- 2004 CCAA Female Athlete of the Year

#### Go Team Go

By Laura Melanson, Mount public relations student

On the evening of Saturday April 3rd, MSVU's Athletics and Recreation department hosted their 5th annual Athletic Initiatives Dinner and Silent Auction. A huge success, the event raised \$9,000 in support of MSVU's athletes and varsity programs. Guest speaker Dr. Kimberley Amirault, a sports psychologist who has worked with a number of professional teams as well the 2002 Canadian Olympic women's gold-medal hockey team, was an inspiration to all. Fabulous auction items included signed sport memorabilia, hotel stays and cell phone packages.







Paul Henderson, BBA '89 President Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association

As the academic year draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the association's activities during my first year as MSVAA President.

We continue to focus on our mandate to support Mount students. We have accomplished this through our scholarships, awards and prizes as well as sponsoring various student activities including the Night of Stars, Frosh Week and the annual Mentoring Luncheon, which enabled 42 students to meet with mentors who work in their field of interest.

We have been working closely with the university on the creation of an exciting new chapter program, putting together a simple framework designed for alumnae to follow when establishing a group. We anticipate that the program will be in full swing by the fall.

Finally, I would like to thank all the dedicated alumnae who volunteer countless hours in support of the association. We rely on such commitment and enthusiasm and truly appreciate it.

#### MSVAA Toronto Chapter Golden Jubilee

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# Accomplished Alumna Headlines Halifax Chapter Dinner

The Halifax Metro Area Chapter is pleased to announce that Judy Steele, BPR '82 will be the guest speaker at the Chapter's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner.

Judy has an extensive background in finance and investor relations. She is currently the Director of Investor Relations with Emera Inc. in Halifax, where she acts as the company's liaison with the capital markets.

She is currently the first female president of the Halifax Club in its 142-year history as well as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation. In the past, she has held leadership

positions with Bryony House and the Halifax Metro United Way. She also served on the Board of Governors of Mount Saint Vincent University.

Judy Steele's contributions to community groups and non-profit organizations throughout Nova Scotia were recognized with the Ross Towler CA of the Year Award last year.



The dinner is scheduled to take place on Thursday, February 3, 2005 (5:30pm for 6:30pm) at the Halifax Club. For more information or to purchase tickets please contact Laura MacDonald, Alumnae Officer 457-6340 or email laura.macdonald@msyu.ca



# **Mount Moments Across Canada**

By Jone Mitchell, Director of University Advancement

Over the past six months, Dr. Brown and I have had the wonderful opportunity to meet with Mount alumnae at gatherings from St. John's, Newfoundland to Vancouver, British Columbia. The events were not only occasions for Dr. Brown to talk about news from the Mount, they were also a chance for people to network, reconnect and tell stories about their time at the Mount.

Throughout our travels, people consistently expressed a keen interest to meet more often. To facilitate this we are establishing a chapter program, which will be effective in the fall of 2004. In the meantime, if you wish to become involved please call the Alumnae Office at (902) 457-6340 or email laura.macdonald@msvu.ca



(Canada tour photos by Jone Mitchell)



# Why Make An Estate Plan?

By Catherine D.A. Watson, LL.B., TEP & David D. Green, PFP, CFP Members of Mount Saint Vincent University's Planned Giving Advisory Group

In this first of a series of articles, it is our intention to simply list for you some of the reasons that you should consider engaging in the financial and estate planning process, all of which will be discussed further in future articles.

Statistics show a full 50 percent of adult Canadians over the age of 55 do not have Wills. This in itself is somewhat alarming, given the consequences of dying without a Will. Equally alarming is that this same number of people may not ever have engaged in the financial and estate planning process. The Will is just the final step in a much longer and more involved financial and estate planning process which would typically evolve from advice given by a team of professionals who might include a person's accountant, financial planner and lawyer.

- 1. Probate Avoidance A comprehensive financial and estate plan will include the structuring of your assets, such that Probate costs upon your death will be minimized or avoided entirely.
- Income Tax Minimization Again, a comprehensive financial and estate plan will ensure that the income tax ramifications of your death are minimized.
- 3. Trust Planning The creation of trusts is necessary to properly plan for minor or disabled beneficiaries. You may also benefit from the creation of trusts for the purpose of income splitting during your lifetime and tax minimization for your beneficiaries.
- 4. Life Insurance Planning A review of your assets, liabilities and wishes, by a qualified professional will determine whether your assets are sufficient to meet your plans and obligations. Life insurance strategies may be available and appropriate to assist you with your goals.
- 5. Choice of Executor Engaging in a comprehensive financial and estate planning process ensures that you will be given advice from qualified professionals with respect to who might best act as your Executor. In many less complicated situations, a family member would be appropriate, however, in more complex scenarios or where there are long term trusts to benefit either a disabled beneficiary or a charitable institution, a corporate trustee may be a better choice.
- 6. Joint Ownership While the restructuring of one's assets to meet several of the goals enumerated above may include the transfer of some assets into joint ownership, this is not an exercise that should

- be undertaken without professional advice. There may be income tax implications to you and the person who is acquiring an interest in the property through this transfer, and there are family law issues to be taken into account.
- 7. Avoid an Intestacy Should you die without a Will, Nova Scotia Law determines where your assets will go, and who has the right to apply to become your Administrator (estate laws differ from province to province). In this circumstance, there is no choice but to seek a grant of Administration from the Probate Court, which can involve significant legal, probate, and insurance bonding costs that can often be avoided with careful planning. Further, the Law in Nova Scotia mandates a division of your assets amongst your spouse and children, which may not be in accordance with your intentions. Such a division can result in higher income taxes and Probate costs on your death.
- 8. Charitable Giving If charitable giving is one of your goals, then a proper financial and estate plan can ensure that you meet this goal in the most tax efficient way both during your lifetime and at your death. There are many financial and insurance strategies available today that are very helpful in this regard.

In a nutshell, there are a multitude of reasons why everyone should engage in a comprehensive financial and estate planning process. You can approach your financial planner, your accountant, or your lawyer to get started. The cost of obtaining this sort of advice is typically minimal. A simple estate planning procedure at your lawyer's office is typically priced on a flat rate basis and at a small fraction of the savings that flow from having everything structured appropriately. If supporting your university is on you agenda, and those of us on the Planned Giving Committee hope that it is, this process will also assist you in discovering how you can do so while still meeting all of your other financial and estate planning goals.

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# **Swinging Into Action**

Alumnae weekend promises golf and good times

Located just 25 minutes from downtown Halifax, Granite Springs Golf Course combines both scenery and challenge. This fabulous day includes 18 holes of golf, a delicious meal, prizes (including two tickets to the 2004 Bell Canadian Open in Toronto September 11-12, courtesy of Ernst & Young) and awards. It will be one of the most memorable and fun tournaments to date. Open to everyone, whether you are a novice or an experienced player.





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#### Weekend Notes

- The **Classes of 1929 &1954** are cordially invited to join Sheila A. Brown, Ph. D, President and Vice Chancellor, MSVU & Paul Henderson BBA '89, President, MSVAA for lunch at The Halifax Club on Saturday, August 14, 2004 at 12:30 p.m.
- The Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association is holding its Annual General Meeting on Saturday, August 14, 2004 at 10:30 a.m. in the Meadows, MSVU. All alumnae are invited to a brunch prior to the meeting, at 9:30 a.m. in the same location. The cost is \$20.00 per head.
- Is your class or group celebrating a milestone? Do you want to renew old friendships & reconnect? If so, the Alumnae Office can help!
- For more information on the alumnae weekend events please contact Beth Pyesmany Arsenault, Special Projects Officer, at (902) 457-6433 or email: beth.pyesmany-arsenault@msvu.ca



# **Mount Grad Goes Back to Class in England**

With Stefani Angelopoulos BPR COOP '02

After an extensive process, including translating all 30 pages of her application into French, Stefani Angelopoulos was awarded a 2003 Rotary International World Peace Scholarship. Angelopoulos, one of 70 scholarship winners out of 1500 applicants from around the world, is using the two-year scholarship to complete not one, but two Masters degrees in International Politics and Security Studies at the University of Bradford in England. Here, she reports back to the Mount on how she's making out so far.

"Life in England... so far so good! The last time I lived in Europe (Rotary Youth Exchange to Belgium), I had to speak French all the time so it almost doesn't feel like I'm in a different country. Bradford as a city is nothing to rave about, but the people are fabulous. The Peace Studies department is very diverse and includes students from 37 different countries. The stories people have to share are unbelievable. I live with a Japanese student who spent the last three years working for a non-governmental aid organization in Iraq. 'Wow' doesn't even begin to describe it. During lectures, students will contribute by telling stories about their lives, countries and experiences. I can't imagine what some of these people have gone through and realize how

lucky we are to be Canadian. I can't thank the Rotary Foundation and the Rotary Club of Dartmouth East enough for giving me this amazing opportunity."



# Sister Doris Schoner, Archbishop Hayes Seton Award Winners

By Ruth Jeppesen

Sister Doris Schoner BSC '65 and Archbishop Emeritus James M. Hayes Hon '85 were among this year's recipients of an Elizabeth Ann Seton Award for their outstanding dedication to the service of others. The Sisters of Charity present the awards each year to a community member and to a Sister in Nova Scotia who personify the qualities of their founder.

Sister Doris Schoner, BSc CE '65, taught at the Academy (1969-70) and in other schools in Halifax and the eastern United States, and was a principal in Bermuda. She served as a hospital chaplain in her native New York, and worked in an inner city parish there. She also spent six years in some of the poorest areas of the Dominican Republic, mainly in offering literacy programs for women. Upon returning to Halifax, Sister Doris served as administrator of the Mother Berchman's Retirement Centre at the Motherhouse and is currently caring for senior Sisters of Charity as co-ordinator of DePaul Hall at Parkstone Enhanced Care.

Archbishop Hayes served the Catholic Church in Halifax as Auxiliary Bishop and then Archbishop for 25 years. From 1967 to 1990, he worked tirelessly to establish a Church rooted in the teachings of Vatican II. He was recognized for his collaborative work with other churches, and became regarded locally and nationally as a leader in Church renewal. Archbishop Hayes turned his retirement into an opportunity to serve full-time in palliative care; since 1990, he has been a Palliative Care Chaplain in Halifax hospitals.

Archbishop Hayes was Chancellor of the Mount from 1972 to 1988. During his years as Chancellor he conferred more than 7,100 degrees, diplomas and certificates on Mount grads.

The third award recipient was George Moffatt who, along with many other commitments, has been an active volunteer at Hope Cottage since it first began serving meals in 1971.

The awards were presented at the Fifth Annual Elizabeth Ann Seton Award Dinner in May. JoAnne MacGillivary, professor of Child and Youth Study, cochaired this year's Dinner with her husband Fred. Dr. Rosemarie Sampson, senior associate in University Advancement, is also a member of the organizing committee for the Dinner, which is a major fund-raiser for the Sisters of Charity in Halifax.



It gives us great pleasure to acknowledge the generosity of all those who have given to Mount Saint Vincent University from April 1, 2003 – March 31, 2004. Your thoughtful gift will make it feasible for us to achieve our goal of providing students with every opportunity to learn, grow and excel at MSVU.

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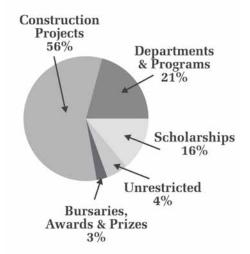
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#### **CLASS NOTES**

Class of '50

Hanlon, Joy (Lake), BSc Joy and her husband celebrated their golden "50th year" anniversary in August 2003 with friends, children and grandchildren.

White, Sister Irene, BSc Sister Irene is still actively working at the Mount Saint Vincent Motherhouse and celebrated 50 years as a Sister of Charity in May 2003.

Class of '52

O'Malley, Marie (Langan), BSc Marie is very proud of her nine grandchildren who range in age from 21 years to six months. In addition, she and her husband Gerry recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Class of '62

Samson, Margaret (Kane), BSc Margaret will be a new grandparent in May, 2004.

Class of '63

Wokatsch, Marilyn (Walters), ACAD Marilyn retired from teaching in 2001. She keeps busy with traveling and volunteering in the community as well as being involved in a singing group, a chapter of the Sweet Adelines International. Marilyn would love to hear from any of her former classmates and can be reached at wokatsch@shaw.ca

Class of '66

Partington, Linda (Landry), BA '66, BEd '67 Linda became a first time grandmother on December 30, 2003. Noah Lucas Grady was born to her daughter Mary Anne and husband Donald Grady. Noah weighed 8lbs, 6oz.

Class of '67

Butter, Patricia (Zinn), BA
Patricia is proud to announce that
Andreana, the eldest of her three
children, completed her residency in
surgery in London, ON and is now a
fellow of the Canadian College of
Surgeons. In July, Andreana began a
two-year fellowship in paediatric
surgery in Montreal. In August she
married Sean Cox, a pilot, in a
beautiful ceremony in Ottawa.
Patricia has lived in Ottawa since
graduating from the Mount in 1967,
but has made many trips back home
to Halifax to visit family and friends.

Class of '72

Crosby, Ann (Lennox), ACAD '72, BBA '76 Ann and her husband Mike just celebrated their 25th Wedding anniversary. They live in Halifax with their two children, Mark (22) and Heather (20). Their various business endeavors include a gas station, a Tim Horton's franchise, three fishing lodges and a marketing company promoting wellness. Ann would love to connect with some of the "boarders" from her MSVA days and floor mates from Evaristus.

#### MSVU Grad Captures Journalism Award

MSVU was well represented this past April at the 2003 Atlantic Journalism Awards when Kelly Marie Connors BPR '00 was presented with the Jim MacNeil New Journalist Award. Connors, who after graduating from MSVU went on to obtain a Bachelor of Journalism degree from the University of Kings College in 2001, is a reporter with CBC Radio in Halifax.

Class of '79

Cox, Heather (Bassett), BSc Heather and her husband Gary are pleased to announce that their eldest daughter Danielle has received the President's Scholarship from the Mount. Mom, Dad, and sister Chelsea are proud and wish Danielle all the best.

Class of '88

Nicholson, Shirley (Levy), BA Twin granddaughters for Shirley and Roy Nicholson were born in November 2003.A sister for Maya.

Class of '90

Tillman, John Matthew, BBA John relocated to Russia in the mid 1990's and learned to speak the Russian language. He began entrepreneurial enterprises by first opening street kiosks in Moscow and St. Petersburg, selling everything from chocolate to vodka. Eventually selling the business to a Chechen businessman, John later opened up an importexport company called Prussia Import & Export Inc. based in Halifax.

Class of '91

Gaudet, Kim (Brown), BTHM Kim and husband Alan are excited to announce the arrival of their first child, a son. Ian Joseph Gaudet was born at the IWK Health Centre in Halifax on August 18, 2003 at 4:34 p.m. and weighed 8 lbs 12 oz. Please drop Kim a line at ainkim@ns.sympatico.ca

Smith, Janelle (Wilcox), BBA Janelle graduated in 1991 with a degree in Office Administration. After graduating, Janelle moved back to Fredericton and began working at UNB as a Library Assistant and has been working there ever since. She married Michael Smith in 1992 who is a Principal at Stanley High School. They have two daughters, Jennifer age 10 and Kalie age 9. Anyone who would like to contact Janelle, please email her at jsmith@unb.ca

Class of '92

Flynn, Jeannie, BA Jeannie is finishing her Master in Adult Education at MSVU and is presently working in Halifax.

MacNeil, Andrew, BA Andrew is currently teaching grade 7 at A.J. Smeltzer Jr. High in Sackville, NS. He is also coaching boys soccer and basketball and is Coordinator of the Peer Helper Program. Andrew is in his final year of his MEd at MSVU. He and his wife Nancy are expecting their second child in March.

Wilson, Lee Anne, BPR
Lee moved to Guelph, ON in 2002
after a two-year sojourn in Moncton,
NB. Prior to that she had been in
Toronto since 1995. Lee is the
Principal owner of Wilson Media
Group, a full service media and
public relations company and is also
a freelance writer and a member of
the Community Editorial Board of the
Guelph Mercury. Lee was recently a
contributing author to the book
"Don't Shoot the Messenger: An
Effective Guide to Public Relations in
Health Care". Lee and her husband
Dale enjoy the university atmosphere
of Guelph and spend their time off
camping and hiking. Lee would love
to hear from friends at
leewilson@rogers.com

Class of '93

Chisholm, Tracy (Knutsen), BPR Tracy and her husband Paul are thrilled to announce the birth of their daughter Annika Grace on October 3, 2003, a little sister for Rhys. Tracy and her family have recently moved to Toronto where she is enjoying her year's maternity leave. Friends can contact Tracy at ptchisholm@hotmail.com

Class of '95

Afonso, Julie (Clarke), BPR Julie and her husband Alex entered the rewarding life of parenthood in December 2002 with the birth of a handsome little boy, Gavin Alexandre (now one year old and very curious!).

Gillis, Angela, BA '95, BED '97 Angela is teaching at St. Stephen's Elementary School in Halifax. She and her husband Don recently bought a house.



#### **CLASS NOTES**

Class of '97

Durling, Wanda, BA Wanda is working for Aliant in the Dartmouth office. She spent June 2003 in the Caribbean.

Class of '98

Graham, Shauna (MacCormack), BA Shauna is teaching a grade 4/5 split class at St. Michael's School, Vanier, ON

Johnson, Michael, BA Michael joined the RCMP in 2001 and was first posted to Fort Smith, NWT. He is currently posted in Fort Liard, NWT.

Smith, Carrie (Warner), BA Carrie married Mark Smith in October 2002. They are expecting their first child in July 2004.

Class of '99

Gold, Jackie, BA Jackie lives in Ottawa and works for MBNA Canada Bank. In August 7, 2004, she will marry Bob Conlin in Halifax.

Trepannier, Francois, BA Francois has returned to work at Stadacona after taking a parental leave following the birth of his daughter Victoria. He and his wife, Laurie, are expecting another baby in June 2004.



Black Tie Dinner & Bingo continues to be a spectacular evening that everyone truly finds enjoyable. As a result of the 4th annual event, over \$20,000 was raised for the Endowed Scholarship Fund. Adding a special sparkle to the evening were our seasoned bingo callers. Pictured are CBC's Lisa Taylor BPR '90, Dr. Ruth Goldbloom, a past chair, Board of Governors, MSVU, MSVU Student Union President Ryan MacNeil, MSVU President Dr. Sheila Brown and Halifax Chronicle-Herald Entertainment Editor Greg Guy (photo by Dan Callis)

Class of '00

Blore, Heather, BPR Heather is soon to be Heather Lynch as she was recently engaged to be married to her boyfriend of five years, Kevin Lynch. Heather is the PR Officer for Sport Nova Scotia. Congratulations Heather and Kevin!

Class of '01

Ayoub, Alicia, BA Alicia is currently living in Dartmouth and working for the VON.

Jardine, Clare, BAM '01, BED '03 Clare received her BEd from the Mount last May. She and Jason Bonin are to be married June 2004.

Class of '02

Alward, Crystal, BA Crissy is working in Dartmouth and is engaged to be married.

Barnhill, Betty, BA
Betty completed her studies in
Museum Studies and has been
working at the Museum of Science
and Technology in Stellarton, NS. She
is now a trained curator as well as
having completed a Public Programming certificate.

Higgins, Shelly, BPR
Shelly writes "Traveling, talking and promoting pork in NB is my life now, its great!" Shelly works for New Brunswick Pork as Executive Director.

McCormack, Jennifer, BPR Jennifer is currently working at Edema, an international public relations firm in Toronto. Jennifer is an account executive in the Corporate and Public Affairs division.

Wentzell, Amy-Jean, BA Amy-Jean gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Emma Jean Louise in Jan 21, 2003. She weighed in at just over 6 pounds.

Class of '03

Lewis, Leah, BA Leah is working for Revenue Canada in Halifax as a Claims Agent. At Spring Convocation '03, in acknowledgment of her two years as President of the Student Union, Leah received the University President's Award.

Milbury, Tammy, BA
Tammy is working at the Royal Bank
in Bedford. This year she is chairing
the Alumnae Award for Teaching
committee. At the Student Awards
Banquet 2003, she was the recipient
of the President's Award and at Fall
graduation she received the Kappa
Gamma Pi Award.

Ring, Tara, BA
Tara won the Senate Medal for
highest Aggregate in the BA at the
May 2003 convocation. She is now in
her first year of education at the
Mount.

Stuckless, Andrew, BBA Andrew is the business coordinator for a Coronation Street fan club (British soap drama) and was instrumental in the successful planning of a convention at the Westin Hotel Halifax. Andrew was responsible for ticket sales and budgeting.

Wamboldt, Sheila, BA Sheila won the Senate Medal for Highest Aggregate in the BA at the Fall 2003 convocation. She is now in her first year of a BEd at the Mount. Sheila also won the 2003 Library Award for an Outstanding Research Paper for her CANA 3305 paper on Forest Management in Nova Scotia.

## **MSVU Students Win Education Awards**

By MSVU Public Affairs

The Nova Scotia Teachers College Foundation recently announced the recipients of its third annual scholarships/awards, presented to students enrolled in their second year of a Bachelor of Education program at a Nova Scotia university. MSVU students have been granted two of the seven prestigious awards for 2003 - 2004. Congratulations go to:

- Walter Anderson, of Sierra Leone, who has been awarded the Henry Button Memorial Scholarship for English Language
- P. Neal Daigle, of Bathurst, N.B., who has been awarded the Maud Elizabeth Roy Bursary for Elementary Education (established by Gary Wilson Hatfield in memory of his grandmother).

Through its awards, The Nova Scotia Teachers College Foundation is helping to preserve the memory of the College and honour some of those who contributed to its success.



#### **CLASS NOTES**

#### In Memoriam

1930's

Sister Agnes Grace Gallant ACAD '30 BA '58 April 4, 2004

Dorothy Zive ACAD '30 April 16, 2004

1940's

Sister Jean Louise LeBlanc BA '43, MA '48 October 27, 2003

Margaret (Sutherland) Cummings ACAD '48 February 7, 2004

Sister Marie Clara White BA '48 December 24, 2003

1950'S

Rosemary (Martel) Brown BSCHE '51 March 25, 2004

Sister John Helen Mansfield BA '54 January 22, 2004

Florence (Nightingale) Brown BSC '56, BED '58 November 13, 2003

Carolyn Ann King BSC '59 BED '60 April 4, 2004

1970's

Judy Anne Pelerine BA '70 October 8, 2003

Patricia D. Robinson BA '70, BED '71 January 20, 2004

Minnie Lillian (Digdon) Fitzgerald MED '78 March 5, 2004

1980's

Nelson John Saulnier BBA '80 January 1, 2004 Ruth (Puncher) Draper BA '85 March 14, 2004

2000's

Sister Mary Alice "Peggy" Butts HON '01 March 6, 2004

Frances Joan Huff BBA '03

Other

Jane "Ileen" Archibald Past Board of Governors, MSVU October 13, 2003

Angela Vecchio-Ozmon BPR '88, who became a nationally known advocate for breast cancer awareness and who was the subject of the CBC documentary 'Angela's Journey' that chronicled her own battle with the disease, passed away in February 2004. After being diagnosed with cancer in 1999, Vecchio-Ozmon devoted the rest of her life to public speaking on cancer and breast health issues. Her efforts earned her a 2002 Distinguished Community Service Award from St. Mary's University and the 2003 Woman of the Year Award from the Halifax YWCA. Born July 26, 1964 in Plainfield, New Jersey, Vecchio-Ozmon graduated from Queen Elizabeth High School in Halifax and earned a BA from St. Mary's University prior to graduating from the Mount with a Bachelor of Public Relations degree in 1988.

The Angela Vecchio-Ozmon Fund has been established to ensure that Angela's work on breast cancer and her passion for life continues to help people living with the disease and those working to eradicate it. Donations maybe made to Mount Saint Vincent University attention University Advancement.



#### The Face Was Placed

In the fall '03 issue of Folia Montana we asked if anyone could tell us who the inquisitive scientists in this 1955 photo might be. Thanks to alumnae Mimi (Inglis) McGrath ACAD '54, BA '56 and Barbara (Essery ) Downie BA '56, BED '57 for giving us the answer.

From left to right, we have Shirley (Aqui) Forde BSC '57, BED '61, Ann (McEachern) Connors BSc. '56 and Carol (McAlister) Boulter BSC. '56 (deceased).

The archives would like to preserve other moments like this. If you have photos, papers or other memorabilia from Mount days that you would be willing to donate, please contact archivist Christine Lovelace at (902) 457-6401 or at archive@msvu.ca

#### Pub Night for Ottawa PR Grads



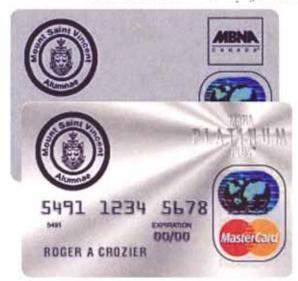
Grads getting together: top row (1 to r) Isabelle Poitras, James Chow. Bottom: Jen Murray, Janet Sutherland, Rhonda Moore

For more information on the PR pub nights in Ottawa, please contact Rhonda Moore at moore@management.uottawa.ca



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#### Can You Place The Face?



It looks like something from a Hollywood film set, but this old cabin was once a tool shed and popular study location on campus. At least we think these ladies are studying, but we don't know who they are. Can you place the faces from this 1950s photo?

Left to right: 1.

2.

3.

4.

Please send your responses to: Editor, Folia Montana, Mount Saint Vincent University, 166 Bedford Highway, Halifax NS, B3M 2J6 or to alumnae@msvu.ca

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