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MOUNT OFFICIALLY OPENS NEW STEAM HEATING PLANT

Today Mount Saint Vincent University hosted an Official Opening and Dedication ceremony for the university's new central steam heating plant. The building is named in honor of the late Art Landry, who retired in 1987 as Maintenance Supervisor with the Mount's Physical Plant Department.

A native of Cape Breton, Landry was a 21-year employee of the university who contributed to numerous construction and renovation projects, including the Seton Annex, The Meadows, and the E. Margaret Fulton Communications project. In her dedication of the building, Mount President Dr. Elizabeth Parr-Johnston commented, "It is the custom of this university to name buildings and other special places after people who have been an important part of our Mount community. Certainly Art Landry was one of them. Those fortunate enough to have worked with him remember him for his tremendous dedication to his work and his unflinching good humor."

The plant has been operational since May 1995, and in that time has met and exceeded original estimates for fuel efficiency and environmental management. The 1200-horsepower plant incorporates a sophisticated steam, oil and emissions control and monitoring system. The boiler monitoring system is tied into the campus-wide energy management and control systems, and the alarm system incorporates pager and telephone links with operators and the university's main telephone switchboard. The plant is one of the few, and the largest, plant in Nova Scotia to meet all the requirements of the province's proposed 'guarded plant' legislation.

It is also one of the few in the province to burn Bunker 'A'-type oil. Bunker 'A' is a lighter, purer grade of oil than the more widely used Bunker 'C' and burns far more efficiently. Thus, emissions levels produced by Bunker 'A' are very low.

The heating system was designed by Whitmann Benn Group Incorporated, consulting engineers, and the building by architects Sperry & Partners Limited. The building design was recognized with an Award of Merit by the 1996 Lieutenant Governor's Design Awards in Architecture.

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