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MOUNT ALLISON STUDENTS' UNION HOSTS CAMPUS SECURITY STRATEGY FORUM

Sackville, NB – The Mount Allison Students' Union hosted 'Let's Talk Safety': A Campus Security Strategy Forum on Wednesday, October 24, 2012 and experienced a successful turnout of over 200 participants. The forum was an opportunity for students to collectively identify strengths and weaknesses of Mount Allison's safety policies and procedures, and engaged them in violence prevention by collaboratively designing strategies to improve campus safety.

"'Let's Talk Safety' presented an excellent opportunity for students to address their own safety concerns at Mount Allison, as well as become aware of the concerns of others," says Rachael Coon, Safety and Security Project Manager. "The event was successful in engaging students to collaborate on strategies for solving some of the concerns raised throughout the night. The solutions discussed during the forum will be incorporated into the development of a Campus Community Plan that will provide strategies for addressing gender-based violence on campus."

The strategy forum is part of a 2-year project funded by an \$89,000 grant from Status of Women Canada, which the Mount Allison Students' Union received in March 2012. The project is aimed at engaging young people to prevent violence at Mount Allison University.

The Mount Allison Students' Union represents all full- and part-time undergraduate and graduate students at Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick.

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