

Campus. Connection

Mount Saint Vincent University

January 16, 1989

Business Society brings Chretien to campus



Jean Chretien, former Liberal Member of Parliament, will be among a distinguished group of guest speakers at the upcoming student Business Society conference.

Jean Chretien is the keynote speaker at the Mount's 15th annual business conference, Wednesday, Feb. 1. Leadership: Skills and Traits for the 1990s is organized by the

student Business Society and sponsored by Moosehead Breweries, in co-operation with the student Marketing Society.

Noon registration in the Rosaria multi-purpose room will be followed by talks by such prominent Canadians as: Stephen Lewis, former Canadian ambassador to the United Nations; Rear-Admiral H.T. Porter of Maritime Command; Alexander Aird, senior partner, Touche Ross & Co. and co-author of *Road to the Top*; and Ron Oberlander, executive vice-president of Abitibi Price Inc. Chretien's keynote address will follow dinner in the evening.

"We're looking for more national exposure for the Mount's business program," comments Business Society president Paul Carroll, who anticipates between 350 and 400 people, mainly students and business people, will attend.

The registration fee, which includes dinner, is \$20 for students associated with the Mount business and marketing societies, \$25 for other students, \$40 for faculty and alumni and \$85 for the general public. For more information call Paul Carroll or Catherine Gardin at ext. 123.

February deadline for AUCC-administered awards

The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) administers the following awards for scholarship programs for the 1989-90 academic year:

The Canadian Institute for

International Peace and Security Awards Program offers a \$25,000 post-doctoral fellowship and a \$14,000 advanced graduate scholarship to encourage expertise and

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Applications for Mount Saint Vincent University bursaries are now available at the housing/financial aid office, Rosaria Centre, and must be returned there by Jan. 31. Bursaries will be awarded in February.

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The Mount's annual Invitational High School Basketball Tournament takes place Friday and Saturday, Jan. 27-28 in the Rosaria Gym. Eight top teams from the Nova Scotia School Athletics Foundation Circuit will compete in this double A women's tournament, considered one of the top provincial tournaments in its class. Admission is free. For more information call the athletics/recreation office at 462.

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The Mount's child study centre has openings for children ages three to five in its part-day nursery program. For more information call the child study centre at ext. 285 or 287.

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scholarship in international peace and security.

The Cable Telecommunications Research Fellowship offers \$5,000 toward masters or doctorate level engineering and related studies in the cable television industry.

The Department of National Defence offers scholarship, internship, sabbatical and research, and post-doctoral fellowship programs in military and strategic studies, and post-doctoral fellowships in military history.

The Emergency Preparedness Canada Research Fellowship offers approximately \$11,000 for disaster research and development of emergency planning measures.

The Richard J. Schmeelk Canada Fellowship offers \$15,000 per year, tenable for a one or two-year masters in commerce, public administration, business administration, the applied sciences or the social sciences, at either Laval University or the University of Western Ontario. Established by a prominent U.S. investment banker, it is aimed at improving understanding between French- and English-speaking Canadians, and improving working relationships between the business community and government. The deadline for application is Feb. 15. For more information contact Renee Dankner at ext. 446.

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The campus ministry office, in collaboration with the communications office of the Sisters of Charity, is sponsoring a tour of the Motherhouse, Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 2:30 p.m. The one and a half hour tour includes the chapel and the archives museum. If you're interested contact campus ministry at ext. 349 or 446 by Jan. 18.

The Frank Knox Memorial Fellowships offer approximately \$9,000 U.S. to study at Harvard University.

The Petro Canada Graduate Research Award Program offers \$10,000 for masters or doctoral level studies on subjects related to the oil and gas industry.

Telelobe Canada Inc. offers graduate fellowships of \$7,500, \$6,500 and \$1,000 for study in a field directly related to international communications.

The University of Oxford, England, offers scholarships for the 1989 British Universities Summer Schools program.

The application deadline for all awards programs is Feb. 1. For more information contact Renee Dankner at ext. 446.

PROFILE: SISTER ELIZABETH BELLEFONTAINE

Sister Elizabeth Bellefontaine, religious studies department, has a singular goal in teaching. "I would like students to think," she says. "Students should not come (to university) expecting just to get answers. Instead, they should learn how to ask the right questions, set them in a broader context of inquiry and research, then take the effort to think them through, make right judgements and reach personal decisions."

A native Haligonian, Sister Elizabeth came to the Mount as a full-time faculty member in 1965, after more than a decade spent teaching in Halifax elementary schools. "My teaching experience with young children has helped my lecturing because I learned how important it is to be able to explain material," she says, adding with a chuckle, "but I don't think I could ever go back to teaching Grade One. Children that age know too much about computers, for one thing."

Her first year at the Mount was sandwiched between the completion of master and doctoral degrees in theology at St. Mary's and Notre Dame universities in Indiana. She recalls, "Back in '65 this department was called the religion department. Later it became the theology department, then finally the religious studies department. The latter indicates the study of religion within a broader, more objective context."

While Sister Elizabeth shares the rotation of regular courses with fellow department faculty, her specialty is Old Testament and Hebrew scriptures. Each year she teaches Introduction to the Old Testament Literature, and she is currently researching the element of laws in the Old Testament. Her research approach, which she describes as "related to anthropology of law", shows "the socio-political context of how rules are made and enforced. We can look at the different types of tribal-based societies, apply the cross-cultural data to



the biblical sources and deduce the different kinds of judicial systems that would have existed in ancient Israel."

A past president of the Canadian Theological Society, Sr. Elizabeth is also an active member of the Society of Biblical Literature, the American Academy of Religion, the American Society of Oriental Research, and the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies. She notes that the exchange of information and ideas within those societies "helps me to keep on top of new developments in my field." She also cites a recent sabbatical research leave to the University of Toronto and a Canada Council-funded research trip to the Middle East in 1969 as "invaluable." Of the latter she comments, "The trip influenced my teaching because I can visualize the places we're talking about in class."

Sister Elizabeth often speaks to church groups on the Old and New

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Dr. John Portelli, education faculty, is co-author of a book recently published by Detselig Enterprises Ltd. of Calgary.

Philosophy of Education: Introductory Readings is a collection of 30 essays on key contemporary educational issues, including an essay by Dr. Deborah Poff, associate director of the Mount's Institute for the Study of Women, on "A Feminist Conception of Classroom Discussion". Dr. Portelli's book, which sells for \$23.95, is available from Detselig Enterprises Ltd., P.O. Box G 399, Calgary, Alberta, T3A 2G3, and in the Mount library.

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Members of the Mount business administration department presented papers at a recent Atlantic Schools of Business (ASB) Conference at the University of Moncton.

Wendy Doyle presented Provincial Government Financial Reporting, co-authored with Ann MacGillivray. While in Moncton, Doyle attended a meeting of the Deans of the Atlantic Schools of Business.

Elizabeth Hicks presented Stakeholders and the Objectives of Business Schools: Some Preliminary Issues and Views, co-authored with Ned Kelleher, Don Shiner

and Jeff Young.

Ned Kelleher presented Business Law in the Atlantic Canada Universities - Some Preliminary Findings, co-authored with Terry Wager and Jeff Young; and The Charter of Rights and Labour Relations Regime in Canada.

Ann MacGillivray presented Selection Criteria for an Optional Co-operative Education Program, co-authored with Niels Nielsen.

Dr. Malcolm Stebbins presented Stock Price Reaction of Canadian Banks to Brazil's February 20, 1987 Suspension of Interest Payments On Its Foreign Debts, co-authored with Bruce Densmore, who also attended the conference.

Rod Tilley's presentation was entitled The Net Worth Assessment: A Powerful Tool Available to Government Agencies.

These papers, and one by Randall Fisher entitled Operationalizing the Decision Support Systems Concept, have been published in the ASB Conference proceedings. Another paper by Dr. Stebbins, Stock Market Reaction to the 1985 Capital Gains Exemption: Theoretical Underpinnings and Empirical Evidence, has been accepted for presentation at the 1989 Midwest Finance Association Meetings.

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Testaments, as well as death and dying, the subject of another course which she regularly teaches. She also shares the teaching load for the Christianity for Adults program taught by the religious studies department through the Mount's Centre for Continuing Education.

Reflecting on her years at the Mount, Sister Elizabeth comments, "An ecumenical dimension has developed in our religious studies courses, which has been very enriching for me and for the students. It is in keeping with the whole development

within the Christian churches toward openness and respect for other faiths. It broadens the way we offer our courses and it makes us realize how much we all have in common."

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