

# the Connection



Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, Nova Scotia

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## "I've inherited a marvelous legacy," new president says

Dr. Naomi Hersom, the Mount's seventh president, took up her new duties in mid-July and had only been on campus for two weeks when she had her first interview with The Connection. But she was quite clear about her feelings for the Mount.

"I've inherited a marvelous legacy," she said. "There are many advantages here because of the Mount's small size. It gives us the opportunity to identify our strengths and areas of excellence without having delusions of grandeur," she smiled.

"There is a quality of personal contact here that helps the Mount to prepare students, not only for their

professional lives, but for their personal and spiritual development as well," she said, and emphasised her belief that a basic liberal arts education is fundamental because "the preparation for real life is built on that."

Hersom is adamant on the subject of justice for women. "Students who come to this university, whether women or men, should be aware of our priorities — our concern for justice for women. But at the same time, we mustn't lose sight of the fact that justice is for all people, not *only* women. This is true in the case of

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*A warm welcome to Dr. Naomi Hersom*

## Editors' note

The Connection is a newsletter produced by the Public Relations Office throughout the academic year to provide information to faculty, administration, staff, students, and members of the Board of Governors. However, it is also the Mount's external "face" to the media, government, other universities across the country, funding agencies and many friends of the university. Its stories on research projects and other university activities are often picked up and used in other publications.

Normally, the first issue of the academic year would be printed in early September. However, this year we decided to begin early and to try something different — a special issue geared to those who are new to our campus. We hope it can be used as an easy reference which may prove helpful throughout the year.

This is not meant to be comprehensive, but we did try to include information on those offices and staff most used by faculty and administrators for a variety of essential services and to point out the reasons why the Mount exists and who makes it tick.

We welcome articles and ideas. Any information about the various activities of our departments, research projects, special interests, awards and honors received, upcoming events is the stuff that fills the pages of The Connection. We are particularly interested in OPINION pieces from faculty/administrators.

Publication dates for the coming academic year are as follows: September 8, 22; October 6, 22 (special Installation issue); November 3, 17; December 1; January 5, 19 (Caritas Day); February 2, 16; March 2, 16, 30; April 13, 27; and May 25 (special Convocation issue).

Send information in writing to the Public Relations Office, Room 215, Evaristus Hall, at least two weeks prior to publication date or give us a call: Dulcie Conrad, 132; Pat Copeland, 339; or Ruth Jeppesen, 249.

## New tourism and hospitality program starts this fall

Mount Saint Vincent University is offering the first university tourism and hospitality program in the Atlantic Region this fall.

Former federal tourism minister Jack Murta and Nova Scotia tourism minister Jack MacIsaac announced at a special press conference in June that \$500,000 would be provided for start-up funding to assist with the development of the program.

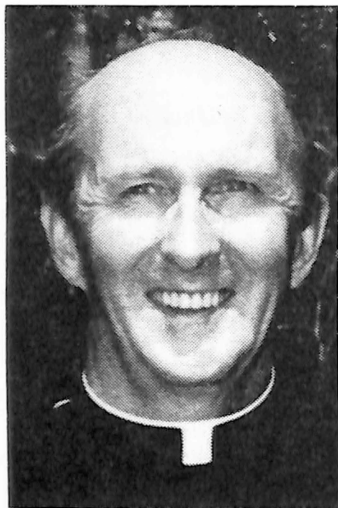
The ministers noted that up to \$260,000 would be provided under the

Canada/Nova Scotia Tourism Subsidiary Agreement and \$240,000 from Employment and Immigration Canada's Innovations Program. Murta announced the Innovations funding on behalf of Employment and Immigration Minister Flora MacDonald.

"This program is an important step in the planned development of the tourism industry and I am pleased that the Canada Nova Scotia tourism

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The Most Rev. James Hayes



Sister Paule Cantin



Dr. Judith Gold

Mount Saint Vincent University has as its chancellor The Most Reverend James M. Hayes, Archbishop of Halifax. In the 20 years he has been chancellor, he has conferred degrees, certificates and diplomas on more than 7,500 graduates and all of the Mount's 43 honorary degree recipients. Sister Paule Cantin has been Superior General of the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity, founders of the university, since 1980 and as such heads up the Mount Saint Vincent University Corporation. Dr. Judith Hammerling Gold, M.D., is the new chair of Mount Saint Vincent University's Board of Governors for 1986-87. The board is the governing body of the university.

## On the move

Rev. Ruth Jefferson, of the Mount's Chaplaincy Office, preached the service of thanksgiving in St. Boniface Cathedral, Winnipeg, in June, at which the ministry of the Most Rev. E.W. Scott was recognized, on the occasion of his resignation as Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada.

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It was a busy summer for Sister Margaret Young of the Departments of Education and Fine Arts. As vice-president of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, she co-chaired the Second Atlantic Conference, held at Dalhousie University in May and June.

Recently, Sr. Margaret was elected president of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, Theta Province (Nova Scotia) for a term of three years.

Across the Atlantic in Budapest, the Hungarian National Commission of ISME (International Society of Music Educators) hosted the Second Music Education for Children seminar, where Sr. Margaret was selected to be an active participant on a panel of five members. The Hungarian seminar preceded the 17th ISME Conference in Innsbruck, Austria, where all speakers, presenters and delegates converged to consider the question of how music educators answer the challenges of today's fast-changing world.

Sr. Margaret also accepted an invitation to present a workshop at the 16th Annual PETA (Primary Elementary Teachers Association — a special association of the Nova Scotia Teacher's Association) Conference, to be held in October in Halifax.

Dr. Rosemarie Sampson, Department of Psychology, will be in Amman, Jordan, where she will be working on world developments at the University of Jordan until the end of June, 1987.

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Dr. Mairi Macdonald, Director of the Centre for Continuing Education, attended the Canadian Association for University Continuing Education Annual Meeting, held in Ottawa in June.

She was a member of the panel on "Counselling the Adult Learner," at which time she reported on the progress to date of the "Counselling Services for Adult Learners" survey. The survey is part of a larger study being conducted by CAUCE and the Department of Adult Education at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, in which the Centre for Continuing Education has been involved for several years.

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Dr. David Furrow and Tom Barrett, Department of Psychology, recently gave an invited address entitled "Factor structure of outdoor activities: The qualitative influence of lifestage" at the Nova Scotia Department of Tourism's Market Planning Session held at the Digby Pines Resort.

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Judith Shiers, a Bachelor of Public Relations student at the Mount who graduates in October, is the new office manager for the Mount's Art Gallery, replacing Debbie Cameron who left recently to live and work in Ottawa. Shiers had been a weekend attendant at the gallery since May, 1984.

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Dr. Diana Carl, who was director of the DUET program for three and one-

half years, is now teaching three courses at the Mount as an assistant professor in education. The courses are Computers in Education, Instructional Design, and Research Methods.

She has also received a grant from the Mount to complete a chapter in a book entitled *Women in Distance Education — An Historical Overview*.

## How to apply for research grants

Any faculty member looking for help with developing research proposals can find it at the Research and Special Projects Office, Room 215, Evaristus Hall.

This office, under its director Dr. Wayne Ingalls, will be holding two workshops on how to apply successfully for research and other grants, on September 16 and 17. The staff are happy to give assistance and information throughout the year on matters relating to research projects, travel grants and strategic grants. "Our main function is service" says assistant Susan McIsaac, "We like to make life easier for faculty in any way we can."

A Research Inventory, listing details of all research being carried out at the Mount, is published each year and also a Fact Book, (everything you want to know about the Mount) obtainable from the Research Office.

Further information on programs offered by various councils, government and/or private institutions can be obtained by calling local 296 or dropping in at the Research Office.

## Public Relations Office is voice of the university

The Public Relations Office is the voice of the university for all media communications. It is the responsibility of this office to initiate and respond to all media contacts concerning university matters.

Located in Evaristus Hall, the public relations office is also responsible for setting quality standards for university publications, brochures, advertisements, posters and other means of communication with the various publics.

All university press releases, public service announcements, advertisements, and other information pertaining to university-sponsored activities emanate from the public relations office.

To ensure that the public relations office can satisfactorily carry out its responsibility and when necessary arrange and coordinate suitable media coverage, it should be informed of any significant events concerning the university or of events taking place at the university.

To this end, prior notice, preferably in writing, should be given of upcoming events and of any planned announcement of new programs, projects, proposals, etc., to be made through speeches, interviews, department newsletters, special visitations and other methods of communicating with the public.

When faculty are contacted by media on matters pertaining to their own research work or any other activities outside the university, the public relations office staff would appreciate hearing about it.

The Connection, the university's newsletter and main voice of communication, is published every two weeks during the academic year and all are invited to participate in it.

Most faculty will have occasion at one time or another to use the services of the public relations office (we have university folders, thank-you cards, invitation blanks, etc.) and are encouraged to do so. The office is open 8:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday during the school year and staff can be contacted by calling extensions 132, 339 or 249.



## Installation ceremonies

Installation ceremonies for the Mount's new president, Dr. Naomi Hersom, will be held on Saturday, October 4 beginning at 1:30 p.m. in the Seton Auditorium. During the ceremony degrees, diplomas, and certificates will be conferred upon about 130 students.

A Baccalaureate Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on the same morning at the Mount Saint Vincent Motherhouse Chapel and a reception will follow the Installation at Seton Academic Centre.

A special exhibition at the Mount Art Gallery, "In Her Place: Changing Images of Women in Western Society from the 17th to the 20th Century," will be officially opened by Dr. Hersom at 8 p.m.

An Alumnae Tea in honour of the Mount's seventh president will be held at the Motherhouse on Sunday, October 5 at 4 p.m. and a series of lectures have been planned during the following week as part of the installation celebrations. They are "Making History - Women, Art and Power in the 19th Century: Iconography and Ideology" with internationally-known art historian Linda Nochlin, on Monday October 6 at 8:15 p.m. in Seton Auditorium B; and the Elizabeth Seton Lectures under the general heading of "Women and Religion" with Dr. Denise Lardner Carmody, Faculty of Religion, University of Tulsa, on October 7 and 8 (details in a later issue of the Connection).

## Keeping the campus safe, sanitary and attractive

"The office of the physical plant co-ordinator ensures the smooth interaction of all in-house and off-campus services involved in providing, maintaining and operating the physical plant of the university, to ensure that the facilities are kept attractive, safe and sanitary."

So says Marie Kelly, co-ordinator of the Mount's physical plant.

And just what does this mean? It means a great deal of responsibility when you consider that the physical plant actually represents more than 50 acres of land, 14 buildings and more than 350 telephones, for starters. Included in this group are approximately 70 employees within the areas of switchboard/reception, maintenance, housekeeping, grounds and security.

Kelly supervises the housekeeping and reception staff, and acts as co-ordinator in conjunction with the maintenance supervisor, Art Landry; head gardener Carol Goodwin Hatt; and chief security officer, Robert Laframboise.

The office receives all requests for general and emergency repair work on buildings, equipment, and grounds and, in conjunction with Landry, prioritizes and schedules this work.

Whether it's a problem with a telephone line, a desk to be moved, snow to be shovelled or an extension cord needed, a call or memo should go to the physical plant office, extension 66. This office should also be contacted to reach security during business hours, and for all authorized after-hours access and use of facilities such as labs, the art gallery and computer room.

It should be noted, however, that

resident students should not contact the physical plant office but direct requests to the housing office or write them in the "complaint book" provided in each residence for the housemother to forward to physical plant.

Although there is a close working relationship between the physical plant office and the conference/bookings office, the latter is a separate entity. Conference Officer Frances Cody explains that for faculty or staff booking rooms, there is a "one-stop shopping" approach — that is, the requisition form used to book a room includes a section to indicate physical set-up required, and this information is passed along directly from the conference office.

The conference office, in conjunction with the registrar's office, allocates classroom space and Cody emphasizes, "anyone wishing to use ANY SPACE on campus, ANY TIME, ANY DAY OF THE WEEK, FOR ANY PURPOSE, should contact the conference/bookings office, extension 364."

Facility booking is now fully computerized so a phone call can quickly give an idea of what is available for a certain time slot.

Considerations such as room size, availability of audio/visual equipment, conflict with activities in nearby rooms (for example, a poetry reading should not be booked in a room next door to a jazz band practice) — all these things are dealt with in the conference/bookings office.

Both the co-ordinator of physical plant and the conference/bookings office are located on the first floor of Rosaria Centre.

## "No smoking" recommendations to be implemented on campus

Those returning to campus after the summer will notice the addition of a great number of "no smoking" signs in the public areas of the various buildings.

Effective July 1, 1986, specific smoking areas were designated on a trial basis in each building, and smoking is now prohibited in all but these areas on campus.

The Safety Committee, appointed by the president in the Spring of 1985, submitted recommendations to the Administrative Committee this past March, and designated smoking areas was the first to be put into effect. Smoking in the workplace was a great personal concern of then president, Dr. E. Margaret Fulton, and she was anxious to see that more progress be made toward a smoke-free working environment before her term of office expired at the end of June.

Safety Committee chair, Bonnie Broderick (Director of Personnel) says the committee plans to survey the university community in November, with a view to possibly further restricting smoking on campus in the future.

In the interest of a healthy and safe working environment at Mount Saint Vincent University, the following are the ONLY areas on campus where smoking is permitted:

all buildings — private offices  
Assisi Hall — staff lounge  
Evaristus Hall — four small lounge areas

## If you need extra staff

Any time faculty or heads of departments hire extra help, they must be sure that the documentation goes through the Personnel Office.

"Heads of departments can make direct contact with students if they wish, or they can contact us if they need extra staff, either permanent or temporary," says Bonnie Broderick, Director of Personnel, "but the paperwork has to be done through this office."

The Personnel Office, which consists of Broderick and secretary Dorothy MacInnis, has many job applications on file. Their job, among others, is to recruit and select new employees, carry out position evaluation, co-ordinate the training and development of staff, administer the group insurance plan and take care of labour relations matters.

The office is in rooms 226-227, Evaristus Hall, and the local phone number is 283, 284.

Rosaria Centre — cafeteria back section (during academic year); second floor mezzanine area

Seton Academic Centre — main lobby area; second floor mezzanine including vending machine room; designated lounges

Seton Annex — lounge area  
An additional wing of Vincent Hall will be used for residence rooms this year, giving the university 49 more beds, and this will be designated as a non-smoking residence area.

Anyone with questions regarding smoking on campus should contact the personnel office (staff, administrators, faculty); or the student council office (students).

## '86-'87 Chairs announced

Department chairs and subject representatives for the 1986-87 year are as follows:

Biology — Dr. Lillian Wainwright  
Business Administration — Prof. Wendy Doyle  
Canadian Studies — Sr. Patricia Mullins  
Chemistry — Dr. Robert McDonald  
Child Study — Dr. Kim Kienapple  
Economics — Dr. Wendy Maclean (July — December)  
Education — Dr. Andrew Manning

English — Dr. Peter Schwenger  
History — Dr. Walter Shelton  
Home Economics — Prof. Alleyne Murphy  
Fine Arts — Sr. Patricia Mullins  
Gerontology — Dr. George Gasek

Mathematics — Dr. Ilya Blum  
Modern Languages — Dr. Patrick O'Neill

Office Administration — Prof. Joan Ryan  
Philosophy — Dr. Philip McShane

Political Studies — Dr. Michael MacMillan (July - December), Dr. Larry Fisk (January - June)  
Psychology — Dr. Fred Harrington

Public Relations — Prof. Judith Scrimger  
Religious Studies — Prof. Barry Wheaton (July - December), Dr. Jacques Goulet (January - June)

Sociology/Anthropology — Dr. Nanciellen Davis  
Speech and Drama — Dr. Patrick O'Neill

Women's Studies — Dr. Susan Clark



## A full program slated for Orientation Week

No one will be able to complain that there isn't enough to do during Orientation Week, September 2 - 8, when new students get their bearings on campus and have a lot of fun into the bargain.

Parents will have a chance to sample the university atmosphere on Tuesday, September 2 at a special Parents' Reception in Vinnie's Pub from 1 - 4:30 p.m. "Playfair," an orientation event for all new students, takes place on the same day at 6 p.m. in the Vincent Hall Gym, Motherhouse.

On Wednesday, September 3, Orientation to University takes place from 9 a.m. until 12 noon in Seton Auditorium B and C followed by an Orientation Luncheon in Rosaria Dining Hall. Faculty will be advising new students with surnames A to L on the same afternoon and the President's Dinner will be held in Rosaria Dining Hall at 5 p.m.

Orientation for new part-time and mature students will be on Thursday, September 4, from 8:45 a.m. until 12 noon in Vinnie's Pub, and faculty will advise new students with surnames M to Z the same morning. A welcome luncheon for international students is scheduled in the Don MacNeil Room, Rosaria Centre at 12 noon.

Registration (surnames A to L) of full-time students and any part-time students begins at 2 p.m. in the Gym on Thursday and a Piano Bar will be held in the Don MacNeil Room from 7 - 9 p.m. The Student Union is sponsoring a wet/dry pub in Rosaria — Revenge of the Nerds — from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. the same evening.

Registration (surnames M to Z) continues on Friday, September 5, in the morning and the big event of the afternoon is the Pepsi Challenge, when everyone is invited to fly a kite with our new president Dr. Naomi Hersom in a fund-raising effort jointly sponsored by Maritime Beverages

## Parking — or where did I leave that car?

Parking on campus is available only to those holding a valid parking permit, which can be obtained from the university services office.

There are few reserved parking areas — handicapped spots which are marked in blue, and a few spots reserved for resident students.

A full description of parking regulations and designated parking areas is available at the University Services Office, first floor, Rosaria Centre.

Limited and Mount Saint Vincent University.

Saturday, Sunday and Monday offer a number of enjoyable events such as Retaliation Night at Vinnie's Pub; an Alumnae Bus Tour and the President's Walk and Jog followed by a pancake breakfast before classes begin on Monday, September 8.

For more information on these and other events contact Student Services, ext. 359.

## Book store has wide variety

The Mount's bookstore is located in Rosaria Centre — along with the student's tuck shop and the Royal Bank of Canada. It has a variety of gift ware, crested clothing, posters, text books and other school supplies.

Its selection of "unusual cards" continues to attract off-campus patrons.

Visa is acceptable.

Hours are from nine to five Mondays through Fridays and until 8 p.m. on Wednesday nights throughout the school year.

There will be extra hours in place during opening of the school term. For further information contact 443-4450, Ex. 157.

## Meals on campus

Faculty, administrators and staff have basically three options for eating on campus (unless brown-bagging it can be considered a fourth option!).

The Saceteria, a self-serve cafeteria on the second floor of Seton Academic Centre, is open on a cash basis from September 2 onward, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Monday to Thursday; 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

The Coffee Shop, adjacent to the main cafeteria in Rosaria Centre, serves a limited menu of hot dishes and sandwiches on an a-la-carte cash basis. On August 25, it will open for lunches only until September 2, when it will open from 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

The third option is called the "Little White Card," a meal card for any student, staff, faculty or administrator not on the full meal plan. The card provides 20 meals in the main cafeteria for a cost of \$65. It is available at registration or from the university services office, Rosaria Centre, and is non-refundable.



## Audio Visual office has all types of equipment

The Mount's Audio-Visual Office can supply faculty and students with almost any type of audio/visual equipment that may be required, according to supervisor Paul Zwicker. "We have 16mm movie, 35mm slide, overhead projectors, cassette tape recorders and video playback of half-inch VHS and ¾ inch U-Matic video cassettes, to name a few," he says. "And we offer a number of other services, too."

These include the ordering of 16mm films for use in classrooms usually obtained from the National Film Board or the Department of Education Media Service.

Zwicker points out that a recent agreement between several universities in the Atlantic region allows access to their films, audio and video holdings and a list is available at the Audio Visual Office in Room 331, Seton Academic Centre.

The office also offers a limited

production service for A/V materials such as write-on and thermal transparencies and slide and cassette duplication. The A/V office supervisor will also advise faculty and/or students if they are considering the purchase of audio-visual equipment.

Requests for audio-visual equipment must be made at least 24 hours in advance and are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Equipment requisition forms are available in Room 331, Seton Academic Centre and it is preferred that the form be filled out at that location if possible to make sure that the proper type of equipment is being ordered. Borrowers of film or equipment are expected to operate their own equipment and simple instructions are available from the A/V staff.

For further information "call anyone in the A/V office" Zwicker says, at local 245 or 415.

## Wide variety of services for both students and faculty

Students are often not aware of the variety of services available to them on campus, and Dr. Carol Hill, Director of Counselling and Student Services stresses that "faculty can assist by informing students, especially those in first year, that they can get help with any number of problems, from personal to financial," through her department.

Included in the wide range of services are a listing of off-campus housing, on-campus accommodation, and a Health Office which not only deals with routine health problems but also offers computerized life-style assessment programs.

Its staff also gives presentations at the residences on preventive medicine and offers academic support programs and study-skill groups such as career planning, resume writing and how to cope with an interview. Nutrition advice for both overweight and underweight students is also provided.

The Chaplaincy Office is also part of Student Services, with two

chaplains, Sr. Lorraine d'Entremont (Catholic) and Rev. Ruth Jefferson (non-denominational). This year they are forming a personal growth group and can offer support for students who may be having personal difficulties.

"Any problems that our counsellors deal with are strictly confidential," says Hill. "In the case of traditional students we find we're dealing with feelings of homesickness, separation from parents, depression, anxiety, especially in the first year. The non-traditional (mature) students often experience a lot of conflict in the home when they want to complete their studies."

Hill says that Student Services is hoping to have the services of a consulting psychiatrist by October.

Another important service under the Student Services umbrella is Athletics and Recreation — which, like all the other services, is available for both students and faculty. The program is varied, covering aerobics, noon walks, self defence, basketball, field hockey, soccer, volleyball and badminton for both women and men.

Mount teams are part of the Nova Scotia College Conference and last Spring the Mount's volleyball team went to British Columbia to play in the Canadian College Championships.

Student Services is located on the ground floor of Rosaria Centre, local 358, 359, 360.

## Art Gallery can be useful teaching tool

New faculty at the Mount might want to think about using the Art Gallery as a teaching tool. "I'd be very pleased to talk with faculty about using the exhibitions for class material," Mary Sparling, director of the gallery says, "and I'd also welcome any ideas for future exhibitions and activities."

The Mount Art Gallery, on the ground floor of Seton Academic Centre, has a changing monthly program and publishes a monthly calendar of events. As well as arts and crafts exhibits, the gallery features music, dance, lectures, performances, slide shows and films. Sparling is particularly keen on getting faculty involved in the forthcoming exhibit "In Her Place" which will run from September 26 to October 26, to celebrate the installation of the new president.

The gallery shows a wide range of work with the emphasis on women artists, on emerging regional artists and on crafts.

National travelling exhibits come to the Mount (sometimes organized two years in advance) as well as local and regional shows.

One unique feature of the gallery is the Slide Registry of Nova Scotia Women Artists which can be viewed on request. And every February the Mount community has a chance to shine, with exhibits of their very own work.

## Don't miss your first pay check!

Before those all-important bi-weekly paycheques can be issued, newcomers to the Mount must check with the Payroll Office to fill out the necessary forms. "Otherwise we won't know who's here," Payroll Officer Erma Rankin says.

Cheques for faculty are delivered to the faculty mail boxes after 1:30 p.m. on pay days (every two weeks) and students who are on the payroll can pick up their cheques at the Reception Desk, Assisi Hall after 11:30 a.m. on paydays.

Arrangements can be made for pay cheques to be deposited directly into your bank account, if you wish. There is a branch of the Royal Bank of Canada in Rosaria Centre.

The Payroll Office is a busy place with more than 600 Mount employees to look after. Erma Rankin and her assistant Colleen Brown are especially harassed on paydays, and ask that enquiries be avoided on those days if possible. Otherwise, if information or assistance is needed on any matter pertaining to your pay cheque, call extension 139 or drop in at Room 224, Evaristus Hall, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

## The PEPSI CHALLENGE

to the alumnae and friends of  
Mount Saint Vincent University

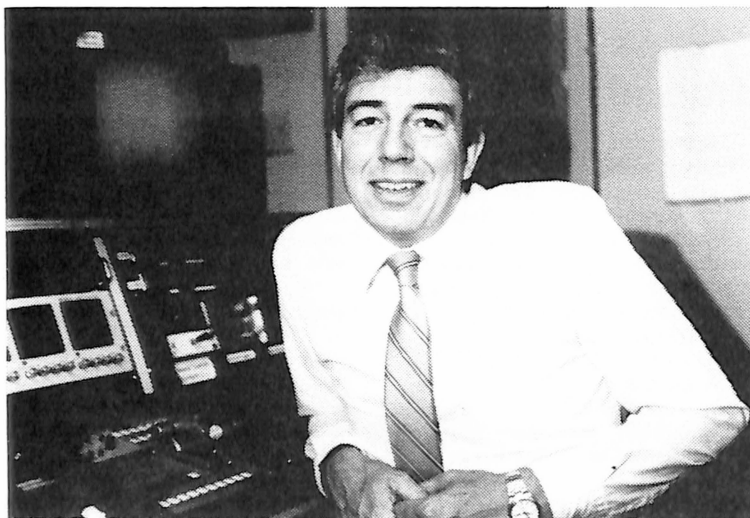
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*Come fly a kite with  
our new president —  
on the Motherhouse  
Hill — September 3  
at 2 p.m.*





## DUET has new co-ordinator

DUET, the Mount's Distance University Education via Television, has a new co-ordinator, Chris Beckett, who brings many years of practical experience in television to the four-year-old department.

Beckett was born near Nottingham, England, and after graduating from the Derby College of Art in 1967, emigrated to Canada where he began his career in television as a producer with CJCH in Halifax.

In 1970 he joined the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as a producer of school programs, and later, news and current affairs with some drama and musical variety, as producer/director/writer.

From 1979 to 1981 he was producer/director/writer for the supper hour show at CHSJ in New Brunswick, an affiliate of CBC.

He left CBC in 1981 to become senior network trainer for the Inuit Broadcasting Corporation in Frobisher Bay and travelled extensively in the Northwest

Territories teaching the Inuit to upgrade their professional television skills.

"I loved the North," he says, "right from the very first moment. The oldtimers there say they can tell after three hours if a newcomer is going to stay. I guess I passed the test!"

After living in the North for the next two years, he and his wife, Rose, moved to Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, where they became part-owners and full-time managers of the old Fairview Hotel turning it into a going concern before selling their interest in 1985 and moving to Dartmouth.

Beckett is enthusiastic about the Mount's DUET program, calling it a fantastic concept. "It's come a long way in the past four years," he says, "and will go much further."

The DUET program is the only one of its kind in eastern Canada — where students can watch live classroom lectures on television and also speak to the professor on a special telephone line.

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individuals here and in the greater context internationally — and I think the Mount is big enough to take on these issues."

The new president, who is a widely recognised educator and researcher on women's issues, had already stated that the Mount's focus on women is one of its major strengths. "While other universities may be struggling to identify their particular goals and objectives, the Mount has had a clear idea of where it was going right from the beginning," she was quoted as saying in an early press release.

A native of Manitoba, Hersom had served as professor and dean at the Saskatoon based College of Education, University of Saskatchewan, for five years before coming to the Mount. She graduated from the University of Manitoba with a BA in 1947, a B.Ed. in 1955 and M.Ed. in 1962, and obtained her PhD from the University of Alberta in 1969, where she spent the next five years in its faculty of education.

She moved to the University of British Columbia in 1975 where she was professor and director, elementary division, in the education department and was later appointed associate dean (academic) and acting director of graduate studies.

Her special areas of interest include curriculum theory, research, evaluation, teacher education, the role of teachers in curriculum development and women in education.

Since her arrival at the Mount she has also had time to appreciate the non-academic aspects of the university.

"I'm so impressed with the care that is taken of the physical plant at the Mount," she said. "In spite of the fact that there is such a problem with lack of space it seems that everyone has a real desire to keep everything aesthetically pleasing. It's not just the absence of graffiti — it's the way people have learned to cope with working in small spaces and have been able to keep them clean and cheerful looking. And, of course," she went on, "the beautiful grounds reflect the care that is taken, not just in keeping the campus tidy, but in the placement of flowers and shrubs."

A lover of the outdoors, Hersom is a keen bird-watcher and was pleased to find so many species of birds "right in our own back yard."

Before moving into the president's house on Sherbrooke Drive, Hersom and her aunt, Mrs. Margaret Smith (who makes her home with the president), spent two weeks travelling around Nova Scotia.

"We went on all the tourist routes," she said, "including the Glooscap Trail, the Evangeline Trail and the Lighthouse Route, but we also explored many of the little towns and villages where I felt some of our students might come from, to give me a feeling for their background."

One of the highlights of her

exploration was the discovery of the protected area for an endangered species — piping plovers — at Roseway Beach. As well as bird-watching, Hersom enjoys two rather more unusual hobbies, kite-flying and boomerang throwing, which is harder than it looks according to the president. "If I get mine to return to within six feet of where I am standing, I think I'm doing well," she admitted.

She has been quite touched by the warmth of her reception at the Mount. "Everyone seems so concerned that I should settle in comfortably," she said. "I find the people here so friendly and this was especially evident when I spent an evening at the Mount Playhouse. It was more like a private party than a public performance. The Mount seems to be able to create this kind of friendly atmosphere so well."

Hersom admits that being president of a university will be no easy task, but feels her personal philosophy will help her to cope. "I'd find it very difficult to be an administrator without the guidance and strength I gain from my own Christian faith," she said. "And, in that regard, there is one thing that has first priority. That's my daily quiet time, when I put aside about half an hour to meditate. That is one thing I would never be willing to give up."

It seems little enough to ask, for a president who will find demands on her time around the clock for the next five years.

## From paper clips to truck repair

Keeping this institution supplied with everything from paper clips to major computer equipment, from courier service to truck repair, is the responsibility of the purchasing office, under Paul Reyno.

Technically, the purchasing office co-ordinates and facilitates supply of all off-campus goods and supplies.

Working in part with Interuniversity Services Inc. (a co-operative effort with Saint Mary's and Dalhousie universities), the policy of the purchasing office is to "expend funds for the purchase of supplies in such a manner as to obtain maximum value for each dollar disbursed, subject to terms and conditions made by grantors and government agencies. . . . Business will be placed with those firms offering the most favorable combination of quality, service and price."

According to Reyno, a purchasing manual has been in the works for three years, and is finally expected to be ready for distribution before the end of the month.

In the meantime, the important thing to remember is to contact the purchasing office FIRST, before ordering any supplies or services. It is located in Evaristus Hall, and can be reached by calling extension 276.



The A-Team — President elect Dr. Naomi Hersom (centre) has five senior advisors who keep Mount Saint Vincent University's wheels in motion. Known as the President's Advisory Committee they meet weekly. Shown above, left to right, are Dr. Pauline Jones, Academic Vice-President; Michael Merrigan, Executive assistant in charge of physical plant and university services; and Mary Moore Uhl, who heads up finance and planning. Rounding out the team are (left) Deans — Sr. Patricia Mullins (Humanities and Science) and Dr. Susan Clark (Human and Professional Development). Except for the two deans, all of the above have offices in Evaristus Hall. Both Dean Mullins and Clark have offices located in Seton Academic Centre — Rooms 319 and 301 respectively.



## Happy hour

The first Happy Hour of the new academic year will be held on Tuesday, September 2 from 3 - 6 p.m. in the Don MacNeil Room, Rosaria Centre — in conjunction with Faculty Day.

Come and enjoy an informal get-together with your colleagues and catch up on the events of the summer.

## THE PEACE BEAT

by Pat Copeland



"Over the past 10 years, the Latin American governments have geared their economic policies to a single purpose: repaying the foreign debt.

"Debt payments are made at the expense of national development. Money that is desperately needed for social programs and basic human services is pumped out of the country."

In these words, Sister Mary Elizabeth Finn, who is the representative for the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity on the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility, a United States group, explains what the foreign debt crisis means.

"Despite the austerity," she says, "the foreign debt continues to grow like a snowball rolling down a steep slope." Between 1975 and 1982 the Latin American debt jumped from \$75 billion US to \$315 billion, although in this period the countries paid their creditors \$276 billion US in principal and interest.

Why? Sister Mary Elizabeth makes it plain.

"Because of the rise in international interest rates, while the principal grows, larger and larger percentages of the payments made by Latin American countries are being used to pay debt interest only.

"Unequal trade conditions, high interest rates, snowball borrowing to meet payments have all driven the debt crisis beyond the reasonable, to the absurd. Impoverished Latin Americans cannot be seen as mere pawns in a high profit game controlled by the banks. As Peru's President Garcia proclaimed at the United Nations, the present framework for paying the debt is the main obstacle to democracy. The unbearable burden that debt payments place on the economy and the people of a nation are incompatible with democracy. Latin America must recuperate its economic sovereignty as a first step back to the track of economic development. The Latin American countries are beginning to realize that this is the only foundation for a solid democracy. To be questioned are the motives of the banks which so easily lent money beyond the client's ability to pay, and the governments which so willingly mortgaged the future of their people."

(Sister Mary Elizabeth's remarks were taken from an article she wrote for *Changing Times*, a publication of the Sisters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul, Halifax.)



## Mission statement

*As articulated in its Mission Statement, Mount Saint Vincent University sees the educational needs of women to be top priority and has dedicated itself to promoting an environment characterized by a Catholic tradition and by a size that permits a high degree of personal instruction.*

*The statement, which is carried in full on Page 11 of the university's calendar, has set out the following objectives:*

- *the dissemination of knowledge through teaching;*
- *the extension and dissemination of knowledge through research and scholarly activity;*
- *the preservation of knowledge through the role as repository and trustee of (the Mount's) cultural heritage;*
- *the continuing development: intellectual, moral, spiritual, physical of those sharing in the life of the university; and*
- *service to the community by making its resources and facilities available to as many as possible.*

## Don't expect miracles!

One of the areas most frequented by faculty and administrative staff, especially those working in Seton Academic Centre, is the office of the supervisor of secretarial services, print shop and mail room, Peggy Stephens (Seton 302).

Services include typing and word processing for faculty members, and for administrative offices in times of vacations or overloads. Auditrons for the Seton photocopies are also found in this office and it is important to fill out the appropriate form and return the auditron as soon as copying is done.

As Stephens says, "it's the little things that make life difficult: like an auditron locked in a faculty member's office while six other people wait around to use the copier." (There is another auditron available at the Seton front desk whenever the telephone there is manned).

As for the mail room, pickups are made from Seton 302; by the faculty mailboxes and from administrative offices in Evaristus Hall and Rosaria Centre. Deliveries are made to faculty

mailboxes and administrative offices three times per day.

Mail going to Saint Mary's or Dalhousie universities is sent by inter-campus delivery and therefore requires no postage. The other point that should be mentioned is that priority post and registered mail should be deposited for pickup by 1 p.m. each day, in order to meet Canada Post's deadlines.

Priority Post envelopes and Purolator prepaid courier labels are available from the purchasing office, Evaristus Hall, and Purolator drop-off boxes are located on the first floor of Evaristus Hall, in Seton Annex and in the main lobby of Seton Academic Centre.

The print shop is an unbelievably busy spot, especially at certain times of year, so to make things go a little smoother, as Stephens says, "give us time to do the job, be specific with your request, and don't expect miracles! If you give us a page with mistakes all through it, printing won't make it something else — it'll still have all the mistakes. The print shop does printing; no typesetting and no frills."

## Resource guides available

The Mount's library takes up the whole north wing of Evaristus Hall.

While it was founded in 1875, its collection had to be built from scratch after fire destroyed the university in 1951.

Today it has some 76,000 titles (90,000 volumes) 950 periodicals/subscriptions, 40,000 microfiche, 800 recordings (music/oral) and many special interest collections in nutrition, women's studies, gerontology to name a few.

The library participates in the Dialogue Search Service which provides access to international data bases and Mount faculty and students

have access to other Halifax university libraries.

Library staff have compiled a number of resource guides to assist faculty and students and these can be obtained at any time when in the library: career planning and job hunting, book reviewing, gerontology, business, reference books, child study, women's studies, education, public relations and women in the workforce.

And there is also a step by step guide on "How to Write a Research Paper" for those students new to the campus.

The Mount's library is also famous for its MacDonald Collection of rare books.

## TOURISM (from page 1)

agreement and the Innovations Program of the Canadian Jobs Strategy can play a role in bringing it to fruition."

MacIsaac noted that the program would provide tourism and hospitality industry operators with management background, enabling them to identify and solve problems, and to develop new and creative approaches to assist in realizing the region's tourism potential.

The program will offer an innovative approach to teaching, using a combination of classroom instruction and an expanded use of the Mount's Distance University Education via Television (DUET) system.

The University will enroll 35 full-time and a limited number of part-time participants in the program this fall. Enrolment will be based on academic background and appropriate experience in the tourism industry.

To remain competitive in the international marketplace, Canada must recognize tourism as an industry requiring high professional standards. Expertise in planning, financial management, marketing and food and beverage management have been singled out as the key to long-term success.

Tourism has global implications and the program will provide executive leadership in the years ahead, which is exactly what the industry has told the university it wants.

The university hopes to graduate its first batch of tourism and hospitality management degree students in 1991. The university will need further assistance over the next four years; by that time it is expected that the program should be self-supporting.

## Want to lecture on television?

DUET is the Mount's Distance University Education via Television program, a concept unique in eastern Canada, where students can watch live classroom lectures on television and at the same time interact with the professor via a special telephone line.

Any faculty interested in lecturing via DUET, or in having videotapes made, or teaching a course, should contact DUET co-ordinator Chris Beckett at local 388 or Jean Hartley, associate director, Continuing Education at local 324.

Lecturers act as their own producers, with assistance from DUET staff.

The DUET program has been in place for nearly four years at the Mount and reaches students as far away as Newfoundland.

The DUET studio is on the ground floor of the Seton Annex.

## Computer Centre has much to offer

The Computer Centre, on the third floor of Seton Academic Centre, has much to offer the university community including access to central facilities, digital VAX systems, a variety of software in most common computer languages, statistical analysis, various utilities, scanning services for multiple choice tests or data capsule and good quality printing facilities.

Robert Farmer, Director of Computer Services, says, "We also offer microcomputer support, managing and maintaining a microcomputer lab with a variety of software available to the faculty."

The Computer Centre will assist in the transfer of data between microcomputers and larger computer systems and a terminal room is provided for the use of faculty in Seton Academic Centre where terminals and word processors have features in both English and French.

Farmer emphasizes that no computer equipment may be bought through the university without the approval of the university's Computer Committee.

Other services offered by the Computer Centre include seminars and workshops held throughout the year for different systems and software packages, and assistance with research projects.

A new member of the Computer Centre team is research assistant Robert Salsman, and he should be contacted at extension 444 when faculty have any enquiries, or they can drop in at Room 313, Seton Academic Centre.

For enquiries related to the VAX systems, or those which are of a technical nature, Carol-Ann Broome is the person to call at extension 330.

Robert Farmer at extension 395 will be happy to answer any questions about policy procedures relating to anything outside the university.

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