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Files Should be Destroyed

A large number of the 1,000,000 security files on Canadians should be destroyed, says the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT).

In a recent response to the McDonald Commission's report on the RCMP, the Association, which represents 25,000 Canadian university faculty members and professional librarians, urged the federal government to review the files and destroy those on individuals who are not threats to the security of Canada.

Canada's Security Service has a long established program of collecting information on homosexuals, on Canadians who have travelled to Soviet bloc countries, attended East bloc diplomatic functions or who subscribe to Communist newspapers, as well as those suspected by the RCMP, for whatever reason, of subversion or potential subversion.

This information can be used against the individual, without a chance of rebuttal, when he or she applies for government service or has any other significant dealings with the federal government.

CAUT, like the McDonald Commission, says these files should be destroyed unless "there is a reasonable suspicion of an actual and particular security offence." CAUT stresses in its report the importance of controlling the activities of the security forces on Canadian campuses. It has asked the Prime Minister to reaffirm previous understandings with the government that there would be no general surveillance on campuses.

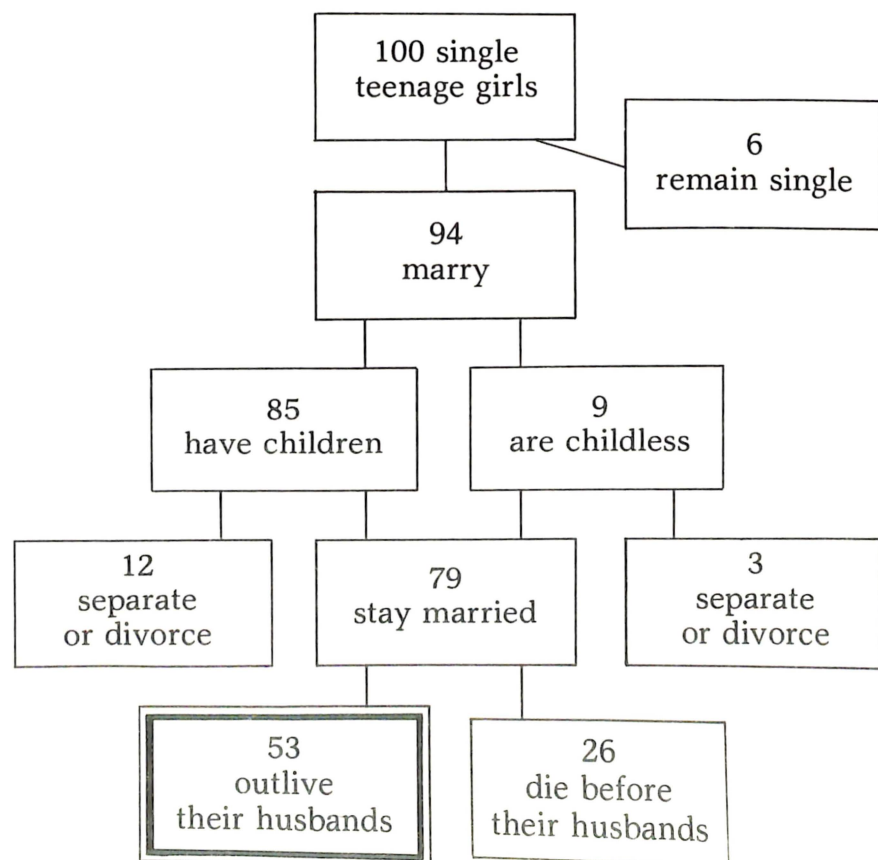
The Association supports the Commission's recommendation for a joint parliamentary committee on security and intelligence and for an advisory body created by Parliament, reporting to it, and with the necessary powers and budget to act independently.

CAUT also supports the Commission's recommendations for a special tribunal to hear appeals regarding security clearances and immigration cases. Erratic and unreasonable attempts to prevent foreign

academics from visiting Canada, despite the Helsinki Accords, have long been a problem for the universities, according to the report.

Did You Know?

Life patterns of Canadian women



(Based on findings by Statistics Canada:
reprinted from *Women and Poverty* by National Council of Welfare, 1979)

alumnae update

News of one of our lost sheep has come to light through Sr. Francis d'Assisi at the Motherhouse, who received a letter with some interesting enclosures from Viola (Pride) Scrim, a B.Sc.H.Ec. graduate in 1938.

Viola announces that she has just retired after 25 years of teaching. She's the mother of four children (and also a grandmother now) and is looking forward to the freedom that retirement will bring. As we go to press, she is enjoying a West Caribbean cruise and will later be visiting her daughters in Alberta and the North West Territories.

After Viola graduated from the Mount, she spent two and a half years teaching in Halifax before moving to Ottawa where she taught for the next 22-1/2 years. A special "retirement" Mass was given for her in December, at Assumption Church in Ottawa, which she describes as "just beautiful".

Viola is also planning a trip "down east" and no doubt we shall be in touch with her when she pays that visit to her old town.

The Alumnae Office was really pleased to have news of her, as it had lost sight of her for many years. Other alumnae please note! Let us know where you are and what you're doing.

Arts Alive and Well

Far from being redundant, the liberal arts degree is alive and well at Mount Saint Vincent University. The English Department recently introduced a new Summer Placement Program designed to produce graduates with precisely the combination of liberal arts skills and practical experience that employers are seeking. It requires students to complete two work terms in addition to an Honours Degree in English.

In announcing the program Sr. Patricia Mullins, Dean of Humanities and Sciences says: "Liberal arts students often find it difficult to get started in a job because employers want some concrete evidence that they can translate general principles into a practical work situation. So the essence of our program lies in its integration of the work experience and the academic program. It's not quite the traditional form of co-operative education but for arts students in a small university it may be a less costly route than doing alternate work terms."

The program, proposed by the English Department and subsequently approved by Senate, offers students the chance to apply their liberal arts skills to practical problems and helps them to meet the complex demands of the contemporary workplace.

During their work terms the employer will provide the English Department with an assessment of the student, and the student will write a report on some aspect of the work experience. A faculty member will also visit the student during this time to see what progress is being made.

The department's thinking on the kinds of jobs students might take in their work term is flexible. Obvious areas are the media and public relations, but other possibilities exist in business and government where there would also be opportunities to apply writing and analytical skills developed during academic studies.

Deliver Its Own Mail

Mount Saint Vincent University is considering delivering its own mail, as one of a number of options to reduce the staggering bill for postal costs since new mail rates came into effect in January.

Executive Assistant Michael Merrigan said the university's own courier service might be expanded to provide home delivery at peak mail-out periods such as in the fall when large mailings leave the Registrar's Office and the Centre for Continuing Education.

He said the \$39,000 paid out in postage in the twelve months starting May 1, 1980 to April 30, 1981 will double from May 1, 1982 to April 30, 1983 because of the postal increases. The mail budget for this fiscal year is expected to rise by \$6,000.

The added expense is a hard blow, he said, to an already economy-conscious university whose bills are paid from a budget which is increasingly growing tighter as inflation and government cut-backs take their tolls. The new postal regulations, he said, make it difficult for small institutions like the Mount to take advantage of lower costs with bulk mailings. The old Printed Matter classification has been eliminated. In its place are Minimum Quantity rates for mailings of 5,000 pieces of mail, and Quality Standard rates for 20,000 items. To qualify for the Minimum Quality rate, all items must be the same size and shape, with at least 50 items headed for each postal area cited in the addresses. Few mailings from the Mount qualify for this rate and even fewer meet Quality Standard requirements.

Some effort, Mr. Merrigan said, is being

made to have large users of the postal system at the university pool their mailings to create greater volume or piggyback their information with other mail-outs headed for the same address. In doing so, however, Mr. Merrigan said the additional staff time required to complete the chore almost negates the savings in mail costs.

Mr. Merrigan said the university may also approach its sister institutions such as St. Mary's or Dalhousie to develop a co-operative mailing effort.

The biggest users of the mail system at the Mount include the departments of Continuing Education; Public Relations, Alumnae and Development; Co-operative Education, and the Registrar and Business offices.



Dr. Phyllis Tribble, Baldwin Professor of Sacred Literature at Union Theological Seminary, New York, will be at the Mount to give a public lecture on **In the Image of God — Female**. Dr. Tribble has published many articles on women and sexism in the Bible, and one book entitled "God and the Rhetoric of Sexuality". Her talk will be held on Thursday, March 4 at 8:00 p.m. in the Special Activities Room, Rosaria Centre.

Teams at Top

Playoffs in the Nova Scotia College Conference athletic league are in the near future for the registered Mount teams. The Mount basketball team is currently in third place in the league, setting an optimistic stage for the championships to be held early in March.

The volleyball team is currently the NSCC league's top team. The championships will be held at the Mount in March, and fan support would be greatly appreciated.

Recent "pub nights" sponsored by the volleyball and basketball teams have been successful events and will probably be repeated. Keep an eye out for upcoming booster nights!



Faculty Lounge



Staff Lounge

"Faculty Lounge" and "Staff Lounge", photographs by Ashley Lohnes of the Mount's Audio-Visual Department, won a prize for *Strongest Statement* in the Eighth Annual University Community Art, Craft, Baking, Hobby and Talent Show. Other prize winners were: *Best Hobby*: Diane O'Neill (partner) for puppets and set design; *Best in Sewing*: Marjorie MacLeod (student) for a quilt; *Best in Fibre*: Neil Copeland (partner) for a tailored jacket; *Best in Knitting*: Mona Holmes (partner) for an afghan; *Best Design*: Yvonne Theunissen for a Snowflakes counted cross-stitch.

Student Madeleine Clavel won the *Most Unique* prize for homemade vinegar; Blair Davis (partner) *Best Photograph*; Louise Davidson (alumna) *Best Painting*, for a watercolour; *Best Drawing* prize went to staff member Yvonne MacDonald, for watercolours; and *Best in the Show* went to Diane O'Neill for a wallhanging.

Best Taste, chosen on opening day of the Show, was awarded to Debora Cameron, staff member; and *Best Talent* prize went to faculty member Dr. Ronald Glasberg for his Tarot card readings.

More than 100 participated in the week long exhibition and talent show.

Notes

The Halifax Branch of the Canadian Federation of University Women is offering a \$600 bursary to a female student 30 years of age or older, who has been out of school or university for at least five years prior to embarking on the present program of study.

Deadline for submission of applications is April 15. For further information and applications, contact the Financial Aid Office, Rosaria Centre.

The Canadian Diabetic Association will be hosting a public meeting and lecture by Dr. Arlan Rosenblum. The Association urges young working singles and university students interested in the problems associated with diabetes to attend. The lecture will be held at the I.W.K. Hospital, March 3, 7-9 p.m.

The Campus Association of Part-Time University Students (CAPUS) will award two credit vouchers for the value of one full-unit course each, to a part-time student who has already completed five units of credit in a degree program. Deadline for application is March 31.

Don't forget the Bridge Social, sponsored by the Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association, February 25, 7:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room, Rosaria Centre. Tickets, at \$5.00 per person, can be picked up from the Alumnae Office, Evaristus Hall.

Debbie Skinner, a recent student in the Office Administration Department, will be on campus to interview students interested in secretarial positions in Calgary.

As Employee Relations Assistant for the Credit Union Central of Alberta, she is coming East in March to recruit Mount Secretarial graduates.

Interviews will be scheduled through Canada Employment Centre in Rosaria Centre.

Applications for residence for September 1982 are now available at the Housing Office. Deadline is March 5, 1982.

Residence room deposit for 1982-83 of \$45.00 must be paid at the Housing Office by March 5, before participating in room draw.

Watch out for a questionnaire to be printed on the back page of the March 2 issue of The Picaro. Students, faculty and staff are being asked to give

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Representatives of the University of Quebec were at the Mount recently to discuss student exchange programs. This university has had an agreement with the Rimouski campus for six years, during which time 18 students from the Mount have benefited.

Shown here are (l to r): Henri Paul McGee, Registrar, Trois Riviere campus; Grant Kegalbuto, central administration, Ste. Foy campus; Mount president Dr. E. Margaret Fulton; Real Giguere, Registrar, Rimouski campus; and Noel Tremblay, Registrar, Chicoutimi campus.

Job Creation

Students should be aware that Nova Scotia will receive more than \$3 million from Ottawa to create summer jobs under the 1982 Summer Canada Student Employment Program.

This means that funds will be available to create about 1,000 jobs in both the private and public sectors and students will be able to acquire job experience to prepare for future labour market participation.

Areas of high priority, which the government feels are most suited to the development of short-term project activity, are with parks, recreational and day camp services; health and social services; energy conservation, renewable resources and environment; tourism development; artistic and cultural development (including historical research) and projects improving services to the handicapped.

The Summer Canada program will provide a setting in which special measures to redress imbalances in employment opportunities can be taken so that employment disadvantages suffered by students who are women, native people or have physical disabilities can be reduced.

About \$1.8 million will be available for jobs in the community which are generated by established organizations. Another \$448,000 has been allocated in Nova Scotia to the public service employment component which will create some 175

summer internships in federal departments and agencies.

More than \$100,000 will be used in the province to fund, on an experimental basis, career-related internships within established organizations and \$729,000 in federal funds will be available to create jobs for about 350 students in projects sponsored through federal departments and agencies.

Students interested in the Summer Canada program should contact the on-campus Canada Employment Centre in Rosaria without delay.

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their opinions on the student newspaper and a little co-operation in this case will go a long way. Drop-off boxes will be placed around campus, for depositing completed questionnaires.

Anyone interested in the Assertiveness Training Group which meets on Wednesdays, 3-4 p.m. can still register to begin the second session, February 24. Contact Student Services, Rosaria Centre.

Open Week at the Mount will be held from March 15 to 18. Students and faculty are asked to participate as fully as possible in making our guests feel at home.

This is a major opportunity to introduce the Mount to prospective students so please be sure to have all departmental information into the Admissions Office before March 1.

Applications for a CMHC (Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation) University Scholarship 1982-83 for Graduate studies in the social, economic, physical, technical, administrative and legal aspects of housing are now available at the Financial Aid Office, Rosaria Centre. Deadline for applying is March 15, 1982.

The Right Mix

The Right Mix, a report of the Commission on Foreign Student Policy convened and sponsored by the Canadian Bureau for International Education, says: "The present hodge-podge of policies regarding foreign students does not serve well the interests of the students themselves, their host institutions, the various governments, nor in the end, education."

The Commission, composed of 12 organizations involved in international education, includes the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada and the Association of Canadian Community Colleges.

The report demonstrates how readily a policy vacuum in the foreign student area accommodates racism, particularly in times of economic difficulty. It denounces differential tuition fees which discriminate against those whom we profess to be most anxious to help — students from the poorest backgrounds in the least developed countries.

It proposes that institutions and governments which consider it necessary to limit foreign students do so not by imposing prohibitive surcharges but through a program combining regional quotas and scholarships to ensure access for students from less developed countries.

Canadians must recognize their responsibility toward foreign students who are not only the future leaders of their countries but also a valuable resource for Canadian educational institutions and the communities around them.

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