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**Marillac: Best Kept Secret**  
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## Profile



Dr. Olga Broomfield

A transplanted Newfoundlander who feels that Halifax has much in common with St. John's, where she was born, Dr. Olga Broomfield of the English department has been at the Mount for 17 years, doing what she likes to do best — teaching English.

Brought here by Sister Marie Agnes, who was then chair of the English department, Broomfield took over from James Hill, who retired to England and lives in a 900-year-old thatched cottage in Devon. "I still visit him when I travel in England," Broomfield says. "It was through him that I acquired 16th century English, which was his specialty. My own is the 19th century, and I teach both at the Mount."

Broomfield took her BEd; BA with honours and MA at Memorial University in St. John's and after that went to London University on a Rothermere Scholarship for her PhD. "I suppose London was some kind of peak in my life," she remembers. "It was a spiritual and cultural feast. I went to the theatre, to the ballet and I know I must have attended 40 operas during those three years!"

After returning to St. John's she applied for a position in "Canada" (being a Newfoundlander — she still considered her own province as a separate country!). "At that time there were 66 institutions of higher education in Canada," she says, "but I didn't want to go too far away from Newfoundland, so I came to the Mount. Twenty-four hours after I had accepted the position here I was offered a better one with higher pay at a university in Ontario — but I've never regretted having committed myself to the Mount."

She likes the kindness among her colleagues and their interest in socializing. "I like the smallness of the classes and the kind of student who is drawn to the Mount, who wants to associate with faculty as friends, without taking advantage. Our English Society is very special — probably the best of its kind in the Maritimes."

Broomfield is involved in a dozen committees on campus, chiefly because

she is president of the faculty association and this leads naturally into other areas. She is also a senator and director of Convocation. She directed the Project One faculty drive when nearly \$66,000 was raised from faculty alone, most of which went into scholarships.

A born traveller, Broomfield has wanted to visit many places in the world since the age of nine, when she was given a tiny history book which had a fold-out of the River Nile. "I was fascinated by it," Broomfield says. She eventually did sail down the Nile and also rode into the old city of Petra in Jordan on an Arabian steed. One of her most vivid memories is a night she spent in the Grand Canyon, watching a thunderstorm in the pouring rain while the lightning bolts flashed down the gorges and the thunder made the earth shake. "It was like being at the beginning of the world," she says.

She's climbed Masada in Israel, and, of course, been to England many times. She has yet to get to Australia, another childhood ambition.

Broomfield was brought up by parents who made no differentiation between the boys and girls in the family — they all had to be able to tackle anything. "I remember my Dad made me take all four wheels off the car and put them on again before I was allowed to take a driving test," she says. As a result of this upbringing, she says she's never felt anything but equal to men, "and I realize I'm very fortunate in this."

Five years ago she bought a house in Wedgewood Park, and in spite of declaring that she has little time for hobbies, she manages to look after the garden and do some interior decorating.

"I also have my niece living with me now, who's a student at the Mount, so my house is full of teenagers, a new experience for me!"

"I don't look for tomorrow to supply what I don't have today," Broomfield says, "and I'm fortunate to have a contented nature."

One thing that does trouble her, though, is the fact that her favourite author, Arnold Bennett, doesn't get enough recognition. "I feel I'm a one-woman crusade for him," she says, "He's a wonderful writer and I can't understand why he's so neglected."

## Blood Donor Clinic Feb. 3

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## Making Time For Making Art

The creative work of women writers and visual artists often occupies the time and space wrestled away or left over from the demands and responsibilities of families, domestic work and employment.

As a sequel to the highly successful workshop last fall on this subject, the Mount's Art Gallery is hosting a conference on Saturday, February 15 in the form of a Continuing Dialogue on the Art and Politics of Making Time for Making Art.

Funded by the Women's Bureau, Secretary of State, this conference is being co-ordinated by Heather Dawkins, exhibitions officer at the Mount and will be a day-long activity.

It will be about the shared experiences of women in making time for making art, about the connections between the so-called private and public spheres and the social norms that undervalue women's work, even though that work is essential to society.

Well-known women artists participating in the event include Joy Laking (visual artist), Kate Carmichael (craftsperson), Susan Kerslake (writer), and Elizabeth Crocker (writer). Lunch will be provided by the gallery during which Mary Rawlyk and Rebecca Burke will comment on their exhibition in the gallery.

Visual artist Paige Prichard Kennedy will make a presentation on a journal she kept while working on a project.

The conference will give a voice to women's lives and creativity, a vision of changes and possibilities and a sense of community to what is often an individually felt frustration.

There is limited funding assistance, especially for women from rural areas so those interested in registering are being asked to apply soon.

For information and registration call the Mount Art Gallery, 443-4450, extension 290.

## Marillac: The Best Kept Secret

The best kept secret at the Mount is Marillac, the French residence on the edge of the campus and home to 15 French-speaking students.

But the trouble with this secret, according to the students there, "nobody knows or cares that we are a very important part of the language program" and the Mount environment.

They complain that a small descriptive paragraph in the university's general housing brochure is not enough to attract the calibre of French-speaking student needed if the house is to maintain a high level of conversational French.

"What we need," say resident assistant Jennifer Steeves and French major Janice Morrison, "is plenty of promotion before the students get on campus. There should be a special brochure on Marillac which our recruitment people hand out or send to prospective students or to high schools."

Steeves, the product of French immersion classes since grade one, says "I started in French when I entered in Moncton and there are many students now coming into university who want to continue learning French and expect to be able to converse fluently by the time they leave."

A third year food and nutrition major, Steeves was appointed to her present position by the Department of French and she loves it. "Most of our students are anglophones from all over. The problem is, however, that various levels of comprehension and fluency are evident in the students we get and this makes it difficult when we are expected to adhere to rules that are in place for speaking French only while in the house."

Steeves says it happens every year. "The level of French is not very good at times and it is discouraging to those who begin to lose their fluency."

The rules which govern the house, she says, include a three-warning system (those who are not speaking French) and then a probation period. If they don't move up then they have to leave.

"We don't usually get that far because those who live here have to be committed to learning the French language, be motivated to do the best they can and contribute support to our various activities," she says.

Both students said they knew it was difficult "being on an anglophone campus" for others to support and participate in their activities but they felt Marillac and the program it represents had value and should be seen in that light.

"Those of us who live here are determined to speak French. We think living in a bilingual country it will increase our job options and enhance our living," said Steeves.



Professor Thelma McCormack, (4th from right) holds her classes in a comfortable and informal setting in the president's apartment, Evarist Hall, where she's taken up residence for a year as the Mount's first Chair of Women's Studies.

## Women's Studies Chair in Action — McCormack

Professor Thelma McCormack, the Mount's first Chair of Women's Studies, is now comfortably settled on campus and is enjoying her class of 10 women who, she says, "are almost all mature students, which is a joy, particularly when you're teaching the social sciences and women's studies because they've been in real life situations and had some very solid experiences such as child custody fights or day care problems."

She's also enjoying what she calls, "the charm of Halifax with its lovely old houses painted different colours, and the beauty of the surroundings."

McCormack, who obtained leave of absence from York University's Department of Sociology to take up the one-year appointment at the Mount, is known across Canada for her research and has lectured widely on women's issues.

Her course, Women and Public Policy, focusses on such major issues as women in the arts, women and health, women and the economy, women and politics, education and foreign policy.

Morrison, who studied in France last year, said she was disappointed with the "level of French spoken in Marillac" when she returned. "I need to keep up with the French I've already learned and I know that I can lose it so quickly."

"What we need now more than ever is top level French speaking students living here so we will all have to work harder," said Morrison.

Both students felt the only way they could get them was if the university launched an "active campaign for French-speaking students" and introduced a better selection process.

"It's too late once the students are here . . . many don't know about Marillac and that includes about 50 per cent of the students who go to class here every day."

"These won't be abstract, theoretical lectures," McCormack explains. "We'll be looking at the issues in a very grounded context so that the students can really get a handle on them and be able to deal with them in the next decade."

McCormack was born in the United States but gave up her American citizenship to become a Canadian when Ronald Reagan was elected president. "I had married a Canadian," she says, "and we'd settled in Canada and my friends were always asking me when I was going to take out Canadian citizenship. I told them I'd do it if Reagan was ever elected president of the United States. Well, he was, and I had to stick to my promise!"

She has no regrets. "My twin daughters are both very Canadian and I'm much happier with the Canadian way of life," she says.

As well as women's studies, McCormack is involved in media research and believes that today's media coverage is war biased. "They're writing the peace movement out of

history," she maintains. "They may be interested in summit meetings but they're bored with the grass roots peace movement. Even the Vietnam war is being treated as a war 'that should have been won,' but it's not just the North American media that have this bias. You can't find an article on the peace movement in Middle East or Israeli papers either."

Her leisure time pursuits are very much related to her work. "I've been steeped in the social sciences," she says, "and so I'm a consumer of the arts. I love music, galleries, the theatre, the folk traditions."

McCormack was educated at the University of Wisconsin and Columbia University and teaches sociology at York University. Her duties associated with the Chair of Women's Studies at the Mount include public presentations for audiences on and off campus, the teaching of one women's studies course and the continuation of ongoing research.

The chair was established last year with a \$500,000 federal government grant.

## LEAF Looking For Support

In April 1985 the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF) was established, when the equality rights section of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms came into effect. LEAF's objective is to assist women by providing them with research and public education on equality rights and by sponsoring selected cases before the courts.

Since April, LEAF has been asked to look at more than 40 cases involving equality rights, including such problems as mandatory retirement and the exclusion of girls from boys' sports teams.

Although LEAF has applied to the federal government for endowment funds and to both the federal and provincial governments for research funds, it may be some time before any money is received — if any. A major fund-raising campaign in the private sector is planned.

A group of women associated with LEAF, who are determined to see the idea of a legal defense fund for women succeed, are trying to raise at least \$100,000 in the next few weeks. If you would like to help or want further information, contact Deborah Poff, Women's Studies Department.

## THE PEACE BEAT

by Pat Copeland

"Although the world may always have far too many conflicting interests for truly peaceful co-existence, it could learn to quarrel more intelligently."

With these words, Dr. Alice aLoomer, distinguished psychologist who practised her profession for many years in New York and has now retired in Halifax, is laying the groundwork for a small, innovative organization, Outwitting the Clock. She plans to attract thinkers, down-to-earth psychological strategists, and, at the very least "practitioners as skilled as those who promote breakfast foods, dubious politicians and intercontinental missiles!"

She feels that lateral thinkers with inquisitive minds need such a focus to offer their knowledge to national and international peace groups, negotiators, government departments and others. They will be knowledgeable in the psychology of conflict resolution and will strive to free and enhance the power of those in a position to drag the world back from the edge.

"Our century has been strewn with tragedy through ignorance of the mind and character of opponents," Loomer says. "Much of the work of Outwitting the Clock will be the search for the small pressure point, the slightly different slant, done with a willingness to accept and work with the human players as they are, not as they ought to be. The total emphasis will be on what works, or is likely to work, now."

A large number of "outside" thinkers will be chosen, with precision, for their particular knowledge, expertise and originality to join in outsmarting the "Doomsday Clock," working as they wish, and as they are needed on particular strategic problems.

"It seems likely to be the smallest of organizations," Loomer says, "and the most loosely knit, thereby gaining maneuverability. Its elements will be able to combine and recombine quickly unlike organizations with large public memberships, which have many assets, but which move ponderously and guard against heresies that unsettle."

Loomer sees one of the most pressing problems being the protection of those to whom disarmament would be damaging or even catastrophic. "What is to be done about the millions of people who are tied materially or emotionally to the status quo of balanced terrors?" she asks. Their interests must be considered sympathetically in order to succeed, she feels, and solutions must be found

to deal with the prospect of 800,000 out-of-work scientists and technologists.

"Another conundrum is how to enable people to mobilize against the prospect of holocaust when they find it difficult to face their own inevitable death," Loomer says. "At the name of Death, minds snap shut in denial. Mental shock protection limits the effectiveness of warnings that if we don't shape up, we'll be vapourizing off to meet our maker any day."

However, perhaps if we could fight with as much gusto for this astonishing and breathtakingly beautiful planet as we now fight for a football stadium or an old landmark, we might then be unwilling to let the ultimate in historic properties to be put at risk, she says.

Loomer believes that wars and arms build-ups are truly human problems. "They arise out of feelings: revenge, anger, greed, pride, grief, all the human feelings that negotiators seldom mention," she says. "Minds from everywhere are needed to sort out a mess that minds have made. Every brain in Canada, thinking hard, would not be too much."

Anyone interested in learning more about Outwitting the Clock can contact Dr. Loomer by calling 422-6995.

## At The Gallery Until March 9

Musclemen, portraits and cutouts by New Brunswick artist Rebecca Burke, are a parody of the ideas of masculinity and femininity as embodied in 20th century notions of appropriate human form and behavior. The artist says of her work, "In using bodybuilders as subjects for drawing and paintings and placing them in environments similar to that of 15th century Flemish religious paintings my intent is to question . . . the spiritual values implicit in a society which glorifies youth and beauty with what amounts to religious fervour; to combat sexism through ridicule."

In the Upstairs Gallery prints of Ontario artist Mary Rawlyk's Domestic Object Series are concerned with the universal North American cover-up for domestic women: the apron. The artist often attaches human hands to the apron ties, because, she says, "they give the apron a human dimension." Her aprons are like people — funny, pathetic and full of life.

Dale Godsoe, president of the YWCA, and a member of the Mount Board of Governors will officially open both exhibits on Friday, February 14 at 8:30 p.m. when the artists will be present.

On Sunday February 16 at 3 p.m. Rebecca Burke and Mary Rawlyk will give consecutive presentations on their work.

The exhibits continue until March 9

## From Wine Bottle Labels to Tax Training and Audits

Did you know that the label on a wine bottle must identify the country of origin and whisky can't be sold unless it has aged a minimum of three years? Maybe not. But *Gisele Richard* must. She's a Mount cooperative education student working as an alcoholic beverage labelling inspector for Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Canada in Halifax.

### —Reviews Labels—

Visiting liquor commissions throughout Atlantic Canada, this third-year home economics student majoring in foods, reviews labels of all alcoholic beverages to ensure they meet the standards of the Consumer Packaging and Labelling Act.

"I've learned an incredible amount of information concerning the federal government and its numerous legislative acts," stated Richard. "I expect that knowledge will help me with other government positions," she says.

According to Ivan Blake, director, Department of Cooperative Education, the co-op option is becoming more popular. "It's the educational program that addresses a main concern of students: how to get experience if everybody wants experience."

"During the 1986-87 year we'll be making more than 300 placements involving about 200 students. And the tourism program will mean another 120 placements each year," he says.

Back on campus, fourth-year public relations student *Charlotte Martin* is conducting research on an RCMP crime prevention program for handicapped people as part of her directed study while completing four months of classroom work.

The RCMP has asked her to return in May for a second work term with its Crime Prevention Branch in Ottawa. There she may develop a slide presentation based on her research and write news articles and reports as she did on her fall work term.

### —Work Term—

"My last work term gave me a chance to practice skills like writing, editing and acquiring an eye for knowing what is important and what is not," says Martin.

"It brought home the fact that although public relations is a management function, the basic communication skills must first be developed."

Third-year accounting major *Johanne DesRosiers* says, "Co-operative education gives you a more realistic approach to your studies. It helps you bridge the theoretical and real world."

Employed by Doane Raymond Chartered Accountants in Halifax, DesRosiers assists with tax training, audit engagements and bookkeeping.

She plans to study as a chartered accountant after completing her business administration degree.

Over on the west coast, home economics student *Chris Pennell*

works as a quality assurance officer-in-training for the Canadian Forces Technical Services detachment of the Department of National Defense.

"I inspect everything from the number of stitches in a seam to overall appearance and craftsmanship, measurements, quantity and packaging," says Pennell.

A second year student concentrating in consumer studies and minoring in textiles, Pennell hasn't made definite plans for the future. "That's why I entered the co-op program."

"I have no set direction or goals. The more exposure I get the better because I can find out what I'm suited for. Although I worked for four years with the federal government before returning to school, my experience wasn't related to my career. Related experience with the degree makes me more competitive in the job market," she says.

### —Full-time—

*Lynn Coskery*, a third-year public relations student, also worked full-time before returning to school. She was promotion representative for an international entertainment touring company based in Arizona, U.S. and then the public relations coordinator for a centre for handicapped children in Mississauga, Ontario.

Coskery acquired public relations experience before entering the Mount's program. Even so, she chose the co-op option.

"I've always thought co-operative education was an opportunity I couldn't turn down because it provides exposure to different areas of public relations and gives a broader outlook at the field."

Employed as the public relations coordinator with the Dartmouth District School Board, Coskery is designing brochures, a communications manual for public school principals, and writing news releases.

"I was really interested in this position because they had never had a public relations person before and I wanted the challenge of working independently and using my own ideas. It's a learning opportunity and I love the challenges it constantly provides."

Director Ivan Blake agrees. "Our job is to educate employers as to how they can create learning opportunities for students. We want to show people how we can deliver learning to the workplace so our students can meet their full potential. Co-op doesn't create new learning goals; it helps students develop their own."



February 7 - 11  
8pm

Multi Purpose Room  
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Tickets: \$5.00  
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(Tickets can be picked up  
at the Art Gallery  
or at the door)

## White Appointed to Help Establish MBA Program In Public Relations

The Cranfield School of Management and the Institute of Public Relations, England, have announced the appointment of Jonathan White as lecturer and course director of Europe's first MBA program specializing in public relations, being established this year.

White has been assistant professor and co-ordinator of the Mount's public relations degree program since 1980. He has been responsible for development and management of the four-year undergraduate program

which has grown from 30 students, when he joined the faculty, to a total enrolment of close to 250 students.

Commenting on White's appointment, Peter Smith FIPR, Immediate Past President of the Institute of Public Relations and chairman of the Institute's Cranfield Advisory Committee said: "White's considerable experience of public relations education, particularly in the development of degree and research programs in the discipline, will be of immense value in the establishment of

the new MBA program at Cranfield. Although the first year of the two-year program will follow the pattern of that established for Cranfield's existing part-time Executive MBA program, the detailed work on the specific public relations elements in year two and the establishment of basic syllabus links to public relations practice will be White's responsibility.

"We are extremely fortunate in finding someone of his calibre and experience to direct and get this new course off the ground."

White said that the MBA program was one of "the most important of recent developments in public relations education that we have seen. In developing and improving the skills, knowledge and all-round management ability of up and coming public relations practitioners it will have much to contribute not only to practice in the United Kingdom, but internationally as well. I am delighted to have the opportunity to be in at it start."

## N.S. Women in Science Study

by Myrna Hagarty

Every day we hear news of the progress women are making in career fields traditionally dominated by men. A woman is selected as part of the recent space mission, another is gaining power in the federal government, even that new name plate on the school principal's door signalling that the "he" has been replaced by a "she," all are indicators that times are changing. Are they really though? Maybe we should take a second look.

The Science Council of Canada recently embarked on a national study to see if women are participating more in non-traditional careers, particularly those which are science-related. Certain findings that came out of that study left them surprised and concerned.

In spite of the growing demands in the labour force for graduates with science related degrees, young female students are still hesitant to enter science programs. In fact, most girls drop out of science courses as soon as

they are given the opportunity. This greatly reduces their career options.

A number of factors contribute to this trend and some were highlighted by the study. It was learned that girls still see a conflict between their future roles as women and the extra demands they associate with a science career.

For the majority a commitment to a profession signals an end to dreams of wife and motherhood. Yes, even today that old stereotype exists and is reinforced by the fact that in certain fields there are few role models to dispute it.

The Educators of Atlantic Science Teachers, (E.A.S.T.) is concerned about the Science Council's findings. Over the next few years it plans to direct attention to the issue of women in the sciences and hopefully play a role in improving the situation. Already one project is underway here in the city.

Dr. Les Haley, chairperson, Education Department, Dalhousie University, *Dr. Mary Schoeneberger*, a professor at Mount Saint Vincent

University and Myrna Hagarty a doctoral student at Dalhousie are busy compiling a resource list of Nova Scotia women employed in science and technology.

The women who make up the list have volunteered to travel throughout the province in order to talk about their work with children in elementary, junior and secondary schools, on an invitational basis. By serving as role models they hope to awaken students, especially the girls, to the exciting career possibilities in their respective fields.

The development of the list is taking time and it will be several months

before it is complete. It promises to be a useful resource for guidance counsellors as well as classroom teachers.

At present the list includes women working in geology and oceanography and in the future will be expanded to include agriculture, engineering and chemistry to mention a few. The list, to date, has been incorporated into the Nova Scotia Teachers Union Resource Persons File.

Those educators interested in learning more about the "Women in Science" list and how to apply it to their students are urged to contact Dr. Marianita Power at NSTU.

# Flash

— The Nova Scotia Council of University Presidents is sponsoring an OPEN FORUM to examine the issues raised in the Report of the Royal Commission on Post-secondary Education — February 5 and 6 — at the World Trade and Convention Centre in downtown Halifax. Program details will follow — plan to attend.



Melissa Sparks

## Sparks, Chief of Campus Police

Being a woman and being chief of campus police is not mutually exclusive, but it can make the job more demanding, according to Melissa Sparks, who has held this position since 1984.

"People say that this is a women's university, so there shouldn't be many problems," she explains, "but at social functions we get a lot of male guests and sometimes we've found ourselves in difficult situations which could lead to fights, and that's something I don't like to see."

Female members of the campus police (who represent about half the force of 37 members) tend to "talk down" students who look as though they might cause trouble. "This way we can avoid fights," Sparks says.

A BSc student who hopes to graduate this Spring, Sparks was a member of the student police in high school, and came up "through the ranks" when she enrolled at the Mount. She was elected assistant chief in 1984, appointed chief later that year by Student Council and re-elected last Spring. "Our role is to attend all student functions and help the Mount security when they need us at functions like Convocation," she says.

After graduation, Sparks will return to the Mount to take a certificate in Business Administration and then go on to study for her MBA.

## Apply Now for Residence And R/A Positions

Residence applications for 1986-87 are now available to returning students. Applications are also available for the position of Resident Assistant, with a deadline of February 14.

For residence applications, or further information, contact the Housing Office, Student Services. For Resident Assistant applications, contact the Canada Employment Office, also in Rosaria Centre.

## On The Move

Dr. Mary Schoeneberger, associate professor with the Mount's Department of Education has joined Dr. Les Haley and doctoral student Myrna Hagarty of Dalhousie University in compiling a resource list of Nova Scotia women employed in the fields of science and technology.

When completed, the list will be made available to high school guidance counsellors as well as classroom teachers who will be able to call on those listed to talk about their work and provide role models for female students who, according to the Science Council of Canada, are underachievers in science.

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Associate Director of the Centre for Continuing Education, Dr. Joyce Kennedy, has had an article published in the Fall issue of *Canadian Children's Literature* (Guelph). Her article was entitled "Prince Charming and Glooscap: The Children's Picture Book Quest for Canadian Mythology."

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Dr. Jane Gordon, Sociology Department, attended the Status of Women Committee meeting of the Canadian Association of University Teachers in Ottawa last month. While there she spoke at Ottawa University on "Reproductive Technology; For Whose Benefit?" as part of a series organized by the Canadian Student Pugwash group. Among the organizers of this group at Ottawa University is Mount alumna Elaine Power (BA '82) who is now studying there.

Gordon was also in Calgary last week to present a workshop on parental leave for the CAUT committee.

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Maureen Coady, the Mount's housing officer for the past four years, has moved to New Orleans, Louisiana, with her husband and baby daughter. Maureen said before she left that she had "aspirations to study in the field of student personnel administration in New Orleans," and was looking forward very much to the move and all the new experiences in store.

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*Jews in Atlantic Canada*, a book by Dr. Sheva Medjuck, Sociology Department, has just been published by Breakwater Press, Newfoundland. Research for the book was done between 1978 and 1980, and the writing in the subsequent two years.

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Dr. Judith Newman, associate professor in the Mount's Department of Education and writing consultant for faculty, will have her new book *Whole Language: Theory and Use* launched at Woozles Ltd (children's book store), Thursday, Feb. 6.

Published by Heinemann Educational Books, England, it highlights the writings of Halifax metro children and teachers.

This is Dr. Newman's second book; the first was *Craft of Children's Writing* which is also available at Woozles and the Mount's library.

## Budget Reminder

Just a reminder to all faculty, administrators and staff that the cutoff for processing purchase order requisitions against the 1985-86 budget is February 15.



How often does a student get the chance to push a custard pie in a professor's face? Home economics student Mary Whelan enjoyed every minute of it when Dr. Peter Schwenger pretended to "raid" the Faculty Dance on January 25 and was appropriately punished for his prank. Theme for the event was *Vintage 1925*.

## How To Get Into The Foreign Service

The only specialized training course which provides expert advice on the foreign service examination and interviews is being held at Dalhousie University on Friday, February 14 from 12:15 to 1:45 p.m., 2nd Floor, Student Union Building.

Barry Yeates, a former Foreign Service officer, will conduct a free introductory lecture followed by a paid seminar to assist students seeking a career in Canada's diplomatic service.

The 90-minute free session explains the nationwide competition and its criteria in detail, previews test and interview questions, discusses the work of foreign service officers in Canada and abroad, and outlines strategies and guidance to improve performance on the exam, scheduled for October 1986. In-depth coverage of these areas

and more is offered during the five-hour paid seminar which follows on February 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Competition has always been stiff to get into the foreign service. In the last test, in 1984, 50 positions were open for about 4,800 applicants. Since candidates can expect to encounter similar odds next Fall, everyone — regardless of educational specialization or level — will benefit by investigating this special training course.



## MOUNT SAINT VINCENT UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY HAPPY HOUR

Bring your valentine or come alone — musicians welcome. cash bar

Friday, February 14  
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
Don MacNeil Room

## Task Force Helps Define Moral Values of Canadians

A task force of University of Calgary academics is examining the nation's moral and cultural values to establish a basis for proposed research that would deal with a number of Canada's current social concerns.

Harold Coward, director of the Calgary Institute of the Humanities, is chairman of a six-person task force which began meeting in September to discuss the theory and practice of moral values in Canadian culture for an independent agency, The Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIAR).

"The proposal is to look at how Canadians are approaching the emerging social issues of the day. Some of the issues stem from our growing capabilities, in medicine for example, and some from political and social developments — but they all require us to define what we as Canadians value and hold sacred," says Dr. Coward.

Before Canadians can decide who should have priority for health care dollars, how to safeguard Canada's cultural identity, or if they should be forced to retire, Dr. Coward suggests they need the best wisdom that a variety of disciplines can offer.

"CIAR was established in 1982 in an effort to support research in areas unlikely to be explored adequately by other research institutions. By focussing on intellectual challenges, rather than disciplines, CIAR has had success developing research teams with an interdisciplinary nature — an approach that tends to be missed by other research organizations.

"CIAR may be just the organization to develop a research program, raise the required funding and assemble a network of leading philosophers, lawyers, anthropologists and other leading scholars to do the work."

Dr. Coward says it was Terrence Penelhum, religious studies, who recognized CIAR's potential.

"Professor Penelhum was impressed with the work the institute had done in science research. He felt it would be good for them to take on a humanities related issue. Calgary's Kahanoff Foundation agreed and is providing the task force with its funding."

Should the task force's report (expected in May) be accepted and CIAR decide to begin research in the area, Dr. Coward says funding would be sought from government and the private sector as is the case of all CIAR projects.

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## New Chaplain On Campus

The Reverend Ruth Jefferson is the new chaplain on campus, who is "anxious to give support to all Protestant students and faculty seeking ways of developing and expressing their Christian faith."

Reverend Jefferson and Sister Lorraine d'Entremont, the Catholic chaplain, are planning informal drop-in times on Monday mornings, and also developing a World Day of Prayer Service to be held in conjunction with International Women's Week, March 2-8.

Other events planned by the Chaplaincy Office include an Anglican service of Holy Communion to be held in Evaristus Chapel at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5; and an evening Penitential Service on Ash Wednesday, February 12 at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

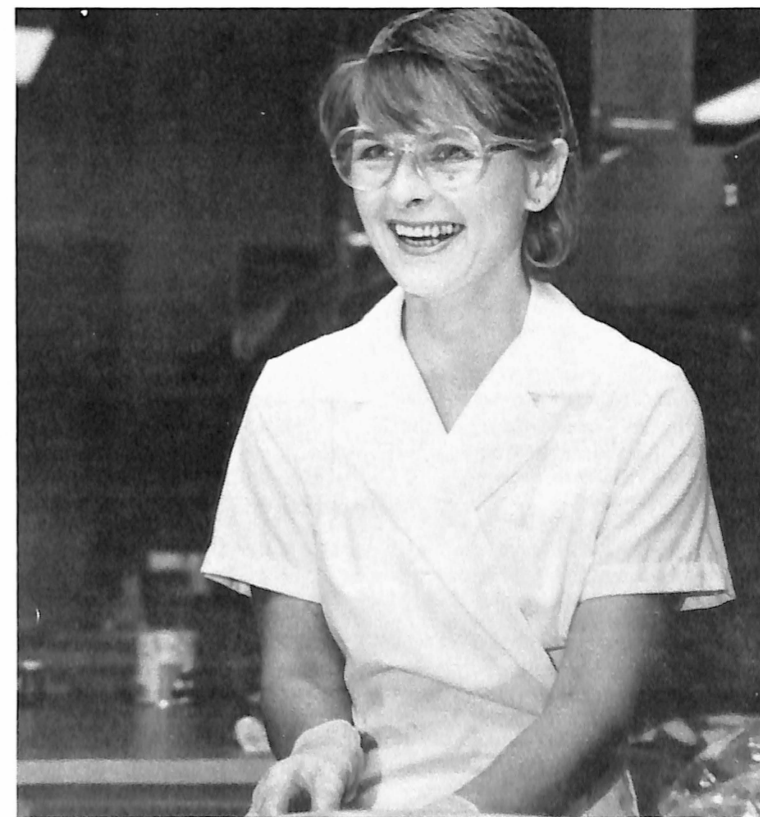
## Vice-President Academic to be Evaluated

A committee to evaluate the Vice-President Academic has been struck in accordance with university policy on evaluation of senior academic administrators. The committee is composed of nominees from the following:

Board of Governors — Dr. Judith Gold; senior administrators — Mary Moore-Uhl; Chairs — Dr. Patrick O'Neill, Dr. Lillian Wainwright, Dr. Fred Harrington, Prof. Alleyne Murphy, Dr. Andrew Manning, Chair; and named by A.V.P. Dr. Walter Shelton.

The committee has set itself a target date of April 30 to complete the evaluation and will be accepting input from members of the university and the academic community at large.

## Mount Student Wins Pillsbury Scholarship



For the second year in a row a Mount home economics student has received a Pillsbury Canada Undergraduate Scholarship, valued at \$1,250.

Melody Wynne, a third year foods major, is this year's recipient — last year it was Joyce Ledwidge.

Wynne is at present working on the effects that the smoking process has on the texture of mackerel after it has been prepared in the form of a smoked mackerel sausage and steamed.

"It's just one step in the development of a texture test," she explained. "We prepare the mackerel, mixed with a little squid, and stuff it into sausage casings. The object is to find out if the texture remains acceptable after cooking it in this way."

In order to receive the Pillsbury award, Wynne had to satisfy the selection committee that her marks

were good, that her future intentions were in keeping with the award (she will be going on to the Technical University of Nova Scotia to take a masters degree in food science), and that she had community involvements.

Home Economics faculty member Eileen LeBlanc, said she believes the Mount is the only university in Canada to have students receive a Pillsbury scholarship in two consecutive years.

Pillsbury Canada gives four scholarships annually, two for business and commerce, one for food science and one for agricultural science. Eligibility is limited to students who have completed their second full year of study towards their undergraduate degree.

Award winners must be prepared to maintain a course of study for the entire year after receipt of the scholarship.

## Canada/India Project Announced

Plans for construction of a building to house the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute in New Delhi have been made public.

The building, which will be paid for by the governments of Canada and India, will establish a focus for the academic and cultural exchanges between the two countries which have been ongoing since the formation of the institute in 1968. It will also house a core collection of Canadian Studies books to which students and scholars from across India will have access.

Named in honor of the late prime minister of India, Lal Bahadur Shastri, the institute represents a unique educational enterprise. With the support and funding from the Indian and Canadian governments, it endeavors to educate Canadians to an awareness of the riches of India's past and the challenges of its developing present, and through its Canadian

Studies program, to promote the study and knowledge of Canada in India.

Fifteen Canadian universities and the National Library of Canada pay annual membership fees which enable them to participate in academic exchanges, book acquisitions from India, conferences, and other research programs in Canada and India.

The institute provides fellowships to scholars and students who wish to study in India or conduct research in the social sciences, humanities, languages, and performing arts areas.

Each member institution appoints a representative to the board of directors of the institute. With an executive director and small support staff the head office, located at the University of Calgary, is responsible for planning and coordinating these activities and efforts to enhance mutual understanding between the two countries.

## Novanet: A Progress Report

Presidents of the five metro area universities recently authorized distribution of NOVANET system specifications to vendors for tender proposals. NOVANET will automate and link the library services of Mount Saint Vincent, Dalhousie and Saint Mary's universities, the Technical University of Nova Scotia and the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design.

Mount Chief Librarian Lucian Bianchini explained, "There is a need to reduce the cost of all our services. While we are improving our services at the Mount, we will also realize more economies by networking with other libraries."

According to Bianchini, eight companies specializing in computer systems design have expressed interest

in developing the NOVANET system. The NOVANET committee, whose members represent the five metro universities, are expected to evaluate the tender proposals for computer hardware, software, capital and yearly costs by the end of May.

NOVANET will consolidate resources of all five libraries into one data base which can be accessed immediately through 105 terminals reserved for the five universities and mainly located in the university libraries and the 15 lines set up for other users.

"The 15 lines reserved for outside users will certainly be in demand," stated Bianchini. "I imagine universities in other parts of the province will apply for access."



**OFF TO CALIFORNIA** — They say a picture is worth a thousand words and the one above of third year co-op business student Daniela Giordani was taken at the moment she was told she had won (along with classmate Kristie Acker — see inset) top honors in a sales management contest (Business 334A) with a trip to California as the prize. Both students will attend the Academy Marketing Science Conference in Anaheim, Cal., for a few days at the end of April. Grades, peer evaluation and critiques of academic articles were the criteria on which the contest was judged. Their professor is Steve Ascroft who has a video of the "big event" and says when they attend their 25th alumnae homecoming it will be shown to them. (Photo Pool)

## Classified

Accommodation wanted: Mount student would like room to rent, preferably with quiet, elderly couple. Would be willing to share chores. Please call Isabel at 422-5283.

## Support AdSum House and Win

AdSum House is sponsoring a St. Valentine's Draw, with tickets selling for 25 cents or five for \$1.00, on a video cassette recorder (VCR). Tickets are available in the Public Relations Office, Evaristus 215.

## In Memoriam

Sympathy is extended to the family of Andy James, aged 29, the Mount's exhibitions officer during 1983, who died at his home in Halifax on January 18. He is survived by his father and four sisters.

## the Connection

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Participez! à l'occasion  
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