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Mount Saint Vincent University

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Quirky kickoff to United Way Campaign drive

"Our team is the strongest and the best," claims Elsie Connolly, organizer of the housekeeping/maintenance team who will take part in the Quirky Quatrathalon to kick off the Mount's 1988 United Way Campaign on Wednesday, Sept. 28. The event will test the mettle of six teams - a celebrity team and five others representing faculty, students and staff - in kazoo, bollo bat, slinky and pogo ball.

With similar bravado, Heather Coffin of the student team boasts, "Our team is very strong. We've been practicing. My pet slinky and I have been going down Flamingo Drive every day. We've been polishing up on the kazoo, too," adding that Old Suzannah is a favourite because, "it strengthens the lower lip muscles."

Not to be outdone, faculty team member Dr. Olga Broomfield claims her team is a cinch for the title. "It's all in the training philosophy. We've concentrated on inner mastery over the outer body. We've reviewed all the appropriate literature."

The Quirky Quatrathalon takes place on Rosaria Terrace - or lobby if it's raining - at 12:15 sharp (not 12:30, as reported in the Sept. 15 Campus Connection) on Wednesday, Sept. 28. With competition promising to be stiff, the event should attract a multitude of onlookers. The more the merrier, because the Mount's United Way Committee hopes the goodwill generated by all the fun will inspire generous donations toward a good cause.



Dr. Olga Broomfield (left), Elsie Connolly (middle) and Heather Coffin (right) hone up their Quirky Quatrathalon skills

Last year, 29 per cent of the Mount's employees contributed to the United Way, and this year the Committee is aiming to increase participation to 45 per cent or more.

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A growing international profile

Every registration brings new faces to the Mount and again this year, many international students will be among them.

Pursuing home economics degrees are nine women from Africa and the Caribbean, eight of whom have begun post-graduate studies here. Jean Edwards and Coralita Shadrack hold senior positions as home economics teachers/supervisors in Antigua. The Malawi-Mount link which began in 1980 is sponsoring three students: Loyce Silo, on staff with the University of Malawi, here to complete her bachelor's degree; Saffi Thindwa, from Small Enterprise Development of Malawi; and Emma Kishindo, a secondary school home economics teacher.

Five other women are pursuing their masters degrees under a CIDA scholarship program offered to sub-Saharan African women for studying food science and management at Canadian universities: Mabel Banda, a supervisor of secondary and primary school home economics and teacher trainer in Malawi; Christina Nsaliwa, home economics consultant-supervisor with the Ministry of Education in Malawi; Gladys Dongo, a secondary school head of department in Zimbabwe; Nandy Mothibe, a lecturer at the Lesotho Agricultural College; and Dr. Barbara Entsuah, a Ghanaian physician specializing in pediatrics and clinical and community nutrition.

Dr. Marilyn McDowell, who co-ordinates international programs in the home economics department, says, "The Mount can tailor individual programs of study to suit the needs of less industrialized countries." She notes that of the seven graduate home economics programs offered across the country, the Mount's is unique in focusing on education, community and international development. The department's interdisciplinary approach also integrates specialized areas like nutrition and teacher



These students from Africa and the Caribbean are here to pursue home economics degrees. Back row, left to right: Barbara Entsuah, Loyce Silo, Gladys Dongo, Jean Murphy. Middle row, left to right: Nandy Mothibe, Christina Nsaliwa, Coralita Shadrack. Front row, left to right: Saffie Thindwa, Mabel Banda

preparation with participatory approaches to program planning, implementation and research.

Dr. Margaret Ellison, who teaches facility management in the home economics department, adds, "Mount students are eager to have

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New telephone system upgrade planned

The Mount's telephone system is in for a major upgrade. A brand new system — an update of the Mount's current SL-1 system — is being considered for phased installation. The new system will offer many advantages — among them the convenience of direct long-distance dialing, thanks to a call recording system which will enable departments and individuals to be billed directly for long-distance calls.

Robert Farmer, director of computing and communications technologies, explains that prior to installation, the call recording system will be tested. "The test will determine that the system is recording calls properly, and matches up with the (Maritime Tel and Tel) records. That has to be met before the changeover starts." Farmer explains that the change to the new system will be "in an organized fashion on the basis of which departments and offices make the most long-distance calls", and

that it will take place "as quickly as possible."

The next phase, expected to begin sometime in November and completed early in the new year, is a major upgrading of telephone lines and sets. "We will consult with all departments to determine which set is best for their needs," explains Farmer, emphasizing that the switch-over to the new system "is going to be an open process every step of the way." Departments will also be consulted regarding any additional features which might be considered once the new system is installed.

Farmer describes the proposed new system as, "better quality and more reliable." The installation in the new communications centre — which will also house DUET, computer services and audio-visual facilities — represents one more step in integrating all technical communications systems.

The Sister Patricia Mullins Prize in Chemistry

The chemistry department is establishing a new award in honor of Sister Patricia Mullins, former chair of the chemistry department and recently retired dean of humanities and sciences. The cash award and certificate will be presented annually to a full-time returning student in the Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Science (Home Economics) programs.

The chemistry department and the Sisters of Charity have made initial donations totalling \$1,000. Additional donations are required to make this award financially rewarding and ongoing. For details contact the development office at ext. 433. It is hoped that the first Sister Patricia Mullins Prize in Chemistry can be awarded in the spring of 1989.

Awards Offered for Third World Research

The International Development Research Centre (IDRC) in Ottawa offers monetary awards for research that is directly responsive to Third World priorities. The Young Canadian Research Awards offer up to \$20,000 per award per year for field research or training undertaken in Latin America, Africa or Asia. They are open to

young Canadian professionals and graduate students who have taken the initiative to establish a link with a Third World institution or organization. The application deadline is January 1, 1989, and award winners will be announced April 1, 1989. For more information contact Dr. Wayne Ingalls or Renee Dankner at ext. 350.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Sept. 28

QUIRKY QUATRATHALON Rosaria Terrace (or inside if raining), 12:15 p.m.

Sept. 30

DEADLINE for faculty members and colleagues to submit all materials, re: promotion, to Committee on Appointment, Rank, Promotion and Tenure (CARPT)

Oct. 1

CONCERT Welsh Choir at Saint Mary's

Basilica, 8:00 p.m. Tickets on sale Sept. 29, 11:30 a.m.— 2 p.m., Seton Academic Centre. Tickets also available at door

Now to Oct. 23

EXHIBITION Industrial Images/Industrial Imagination in art gallery

Now to Oct. 31

ADVANCE REGISTRATION children's drawing classes in art gallery. Call ext. 160 for details

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international students join their work groups in tourism and family studies. The exchange of cultural and geographic experiences is valued by professors and students alike."

Six other international students are enrolled in the Bachelor of Office Administration program. Youlanda Deveaux, an administrative assistant with a consulting firm in Nassau, in the Bahamas, is preparing to train people in office automation once she returns home. Louise Angier McVane, of Saint Lucia, and Alisa Richardson, of Antigua, both teach business administration in high school. Eva Nasirembe and Maina Muchiri, from Kenya, are also high school teachers, and plan to teach office administration at a teachers' college after completing their degrees here.

Lu Shuangli, a student/observer from the Peoples' Republic of China, is on leave from her position as lecturer at the Hunan Computer College Management Training

Centre in Hunan Province to study office administration. "I'm here because China is now trying to develop herself into a strong, modern industrial country and needs new technology, science and skills. A group of people were chosen to come to Canada to learn new technologies and science, and new management skills, so we can go back and teach them." Shuangli chose the Mount because of its "strong office administration program and its reputation as a women's university."

Commenting on the contribution made by students from other countries, Jean Mills, chair of the office administration department, notes, "They give us expertise from other cultures. Other students benefit from their wealth of knowledge and their outlook about opportunities."

Dr. McDowell adds, "The presence of international students in our classes prompts us to reassess and revise our programs to make them relevant to a broad range of situations in Canada and beyond."

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Your gift can be made through payroll deduction, and can be designated to an agency of your choice.

As Elsie Connolly says, "Take notice!", adding, that if you happen to be on one of the other teams, "Watch out!"

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