

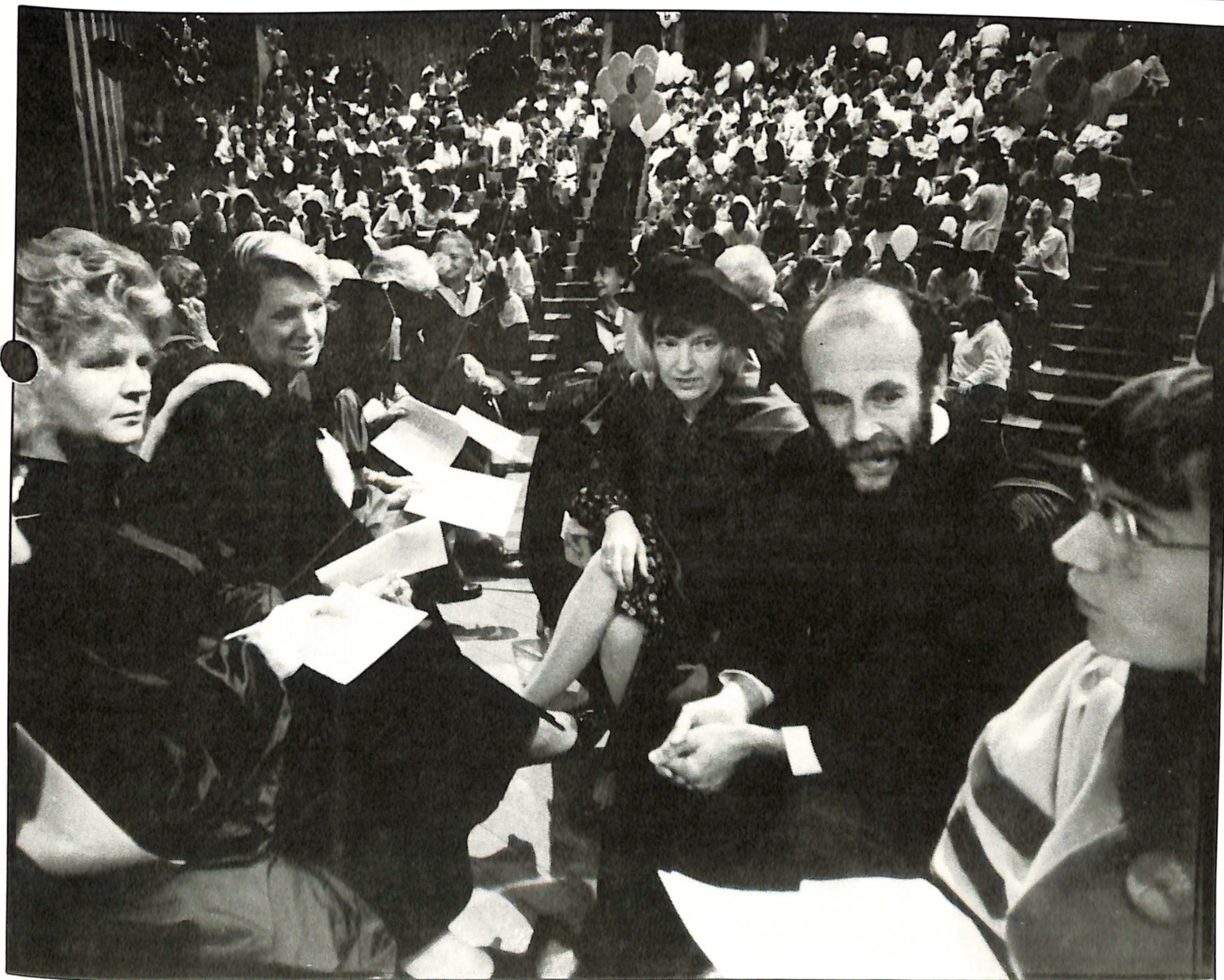
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Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, Nova Scotia



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## Great expectations

*Faculty members confer during orientation sessions held in Seton auditorium the week before classes began on Sept. 14. Co-ordinated by Student Services, the*

*three-hour session gave all newcomers — including mature and transfer students — an idea of what was in store in the months ahead. Students were seated by*

*degree and program, providing an excellent opportunity to meet others with similar interests. (Photo by Stu Ducklow)*



## High-profile business people compose new advisory council in Business faculty

Eight high-profile business people will attend the first meeting of the Business Administration faculty's new Business Advisory Council on campus Oct. 2.

The council, composed of six women and two men, will advise the faculty on academic programs, research methods and liaison with the business community.

Faculty members Don Shiner and Ann MacGillivray have been "recruiting" for the council for over a year.

"While generally speaking the Mount is held in very high regard, many local business people are surprised to hear we have a business administration program," says Shiner.

"It's important that the Mount create a higher profile in the business community and communicate the high quality of our program and of our grads," he says.

Three of the council members are businesswomen from Toronto who are flying to the meeting at their own expense because, says Shiner, they believe that a strong business program can do much to help enhance the role of women in the community.

"Business people can help us discover possible weaknesses in our program," he says. "Then we can ensure that our grads are prepared for the job challenges ahead of them."

Shiner and MacGillivray obtained studies from all over Canada and the

United States that outlined the pros and cons of such advisory councils.

"The biggest problem seems to be time — business people are accustomed to a very fast pace and sometimes they can't understand why things don't move quite as quickly in the academic world," he says.

Shiner says one thing the studies made clear was that it's vital to include a former academic to ensure good communications between the academic and business worlds.

In this case, that role will be taken by Dr. Harvey Silverstein, senior managing partner of Stevenson Kellogg Ernst & Whinney in Halifax and a former business professor at Dalhousie.

Other members of the business advisory council are:

Joy Bollen, Vice-President, Imper Life Assurance (Toronto)

Shirley Dawe, principal of S. Dawe Associates, a marketing and public relations firm (Toronto)

Robin Devine, president, Classically Yours Automobile (Toronto)

Paul Budreski, Principal, Little Harbour Fisheries (Halifax)

Karen Cramm, Trustee in Bankruptcy, Touche Ross Ltd. (Halifax)

Cathi Rossi, Tower Masonry Contractors Ltd. (Dartmouth)

Elizabeth Duncan, Vice-President, Dartmouth Cable TV (Dartmouth)

## Marywood move

The Tourism and Public Relations departments have moved from Seton Annex to Marywood, a former student residence located halfway between Evaristus and The Meadows. The vacated office space in Seton Annex will be used by the Business department for lab and office space.

## University Club has Open Week

The University Club hopes to have lots of visitors during its Open Week Sept. 28 - Oct. 2. Non-members are welcome to drop in from 11:30 to 1:30 for regular luncheon specials or light lunches (beer and wine available) and the regular Thursday and Friday Happy Hours from 4 to 6:30, which now feature alcoholic and non-alcoholic cocktails.

Visitors to the Club will receive the royal treatment from participants in the Dining Room Service Training Program of the Human Resources Development Association. The additional staff will also enable the club to host meetings and receptions, which can be booked through the Conference Office.

## Biology students take top honors

Mount Saint Vincent University's biology department has good reason to be proud of its students' participation in a recent regional biology conference.

Usually, each university in the Atlantic provinces sends two students to the annual Atlantic Universities Undergraduate Biology Conference (AUUBC) to present papers or participate in a poster competition. However, the Mount was represented

conference at Mount Allison, with one student taking top honours.

Charlene Winchcombe placed first in the poster competition with her entry "Connectivity of Sex-Specific Photoreceptors in the Compound Eye of the Male Housefly" (displayed on the lower floor of Evaristus). Judy MacNeil and Marina Klein, both Spring 1987 graduates, presented scientific papers at the conference.

"This just goes to show the calibre

of our biology students," says Dr. Lillian Wainwright, chair of the biology department. "When competing with students from all over the Atlantic region, Mount students are among the best."

Another Mount student, Karen Alexander, placed first at the conference with her paper presentation in 1984. Alexander is now attending Dalhousie University Medical School.



Linda Randolph

Cornwallis Streets, but Randolph says that may only be temporary.

Randolph is well-qualified for her new position. Originally from Quebec, she has been in Nova Scotia for the past 12 years. Studying for her honors degree as a mature student with three children was only part of her struggle.

"Black women have an even harder time than most disadvantaged, because of the structural racism," she says. "I don't believe that everyone can accomplish great things, but I was lucky that people helped me through. I want to try to help others get over some of the hurdles they have to face."

The Life Planning and Learning

Centre is a Canada Employment and Immigration Commission Outreach Project, sponsored by the Mount's Centre for Continuing Education. Established in 1981, it offers employment counselling, career planning, a job-finding club and workshop series leading to job readiness.

Statistics from 1986 show counsellors Bonnie Kirby, Suzanne Rosson and Joyce Hamilton had nearly 2,000 participants in workshops and counselling sessions.

The expanded mandate will be quite a change for those counsellors, Randolph believes. "The Centre hasn't really seen many people with such low education levels . . . with few skills, who sometimes can't even get into job-training programs . . . Many of these disadvantaged women are also disheartened women."

Although the need seems obvious, the Centre is funded on short-term contracts — the current one expires in March 1988 with no certainty of future funding. Dr. Joyce Kennedy, assistant director of The Centre for Continuing Education, says, "Women's programs in general are in difficulty. We need the whole university community to support the work of the Life Planning and Learning Centre. This expanded mandate means a whole new group of women we can serve — as long as the funding is assured."

## New Women's Studies Chair is no stranger to hard work

Mount Saint Vincent's new Chair in Women's Studies didn't earn her nickname "Urgent" for nothing. Just a few of the current priorities of Marguerite "Urgent" Andersen are the completion of a collection of short stories, a study of Nicole Brossard (a Quebec avant-garde writer), an English translation of her second book and a women's encyclopedia.

But then Andersen is no stranger to hard work. After expatriating herself from Germany in 1958, she went to Montreal, where a sister there had told her about jobs teaching French. She taught French for the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal, worked toward her PhD and raised three children at the same time. Though she admits it was a "bit exhausting," Andersen continued her harried pace — whether it was teaching French and German in Montreal, North Dakota and Ethiopia, or being, as she calls it, "an activist academic."

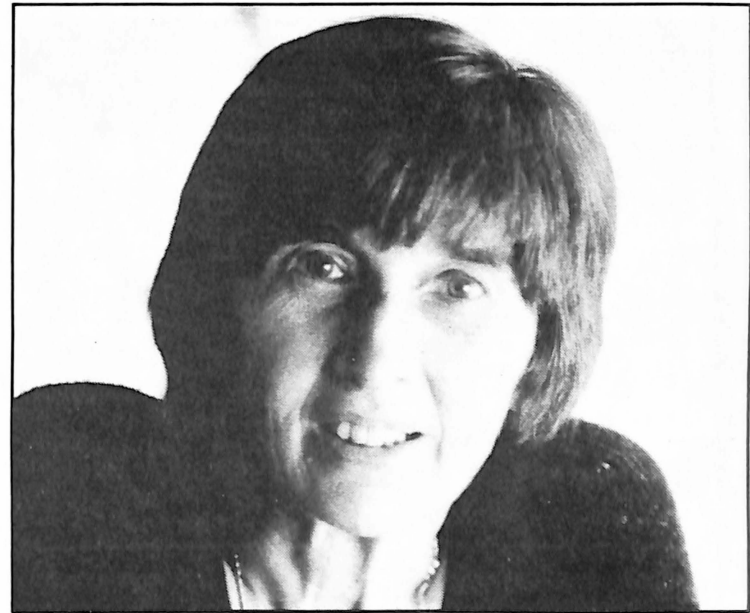
"While I was teaching at Loyola (1968-73), I was part of a scholarship committee," she says. "I could see that women were getting excellent grades, but their aspirations were not as high

— that really opened my eyes."

So, in 1971-72, Andersen taught "Women in Contemporary Society," the first interdisciplinary course in Women's Studies in Canada. The crowning glory was *Mother Was Not A Person*, one of the earliest Canadian anthologies of women's writings, created when Andersen edited contributions from women taking the course.

Since 1976, the year she became a full professor at the University of Guelph, one task that has been dear to her heart has been editing *Resources for Feminist Research*. Yet she still has found time to chair the External Affairs Committee of The Writers' Union of Canada, volunteer for Guelph's Women in Crisis, be a member of Amnesty International, and publish articles and books too numerous to mention.

Though she always thought she would be a writer — she says she became a teacher "by accident" — it was only in 1983 that Andersen published her creative writing. That year, her novel, *De Memoire de femme*, won the Prix du Journal de Montreal. She plans to translate her



Marguerite Andersen, new chair on Women's Studies.

second book, *L'Autrement Pareille* (prose poetry about mother/daughter relationships) into English in time to do a poetry reading this year at the Mount, and hopes to publish that as well.

As Chair of the Mount's Women's Studies program, Andersen will

continue to champion the cause of women. "I see Women's Studies as filling a void that has existed over the centuries," she says. "It's filling gaps of knowledge. We've learned from men about the world and we've mainly learned about men, maybe even exclusively, because it is a man's world — and we are trying to change that."

## Institute for the Study of Women co-operatives with province on follow-up study

The provincial government and the Mount's Institute for the Study of Women have agreed to undertake an 18-month study entitled "Mothers and Children."

Dr. Susan Clark, dean of human and professional development, will coordinate the project, a follow-up to

"Vulnerable Mothers, Vulnerable Children," published by the Department of Social Services in 1981.

Dr. Clark, with Margaret Dechman as full-time research associate, will attempt to contact the families from the previous study — begun in 1978 — to determine how they have managed

since they were last interviewed.

"We hope to find at least 70 per cent of the original participants," says Clark. Just over 800 women were interviewed three times each, in the earlier study.

At least three Mount faculty members will contribute to the study:

Dr. Pat Canning (Child Study), Fred French (Education, School Psychology) and Dr. Sheva Medjuck (Sociology). Interviewers and psychologists will be hired to assist when necessary.

"The perception seems to have been that only unmarried mothers on social assistance are involved in the study," says Clark. "In reality, half of those interviewed were married."

Clark says she hopes the study will have some significance in directing social policy.

"It used to be that money went into adoption agencies. Now the trend is for single mothers to keep their babies and the need is to ensure young mothers have access to the necessary resources such as housing and assistance with parenting skills."

Clark says that the feeling was that the mothers in the original study were coping quite well — despite the extreme youth of some.

"We are trying to determine whether there are common issues facing all mothers, married or unmarried, and whether our social service agencies should be involved."

The Department of Social Services will oversee the research along with an advisory committee comprising representatives from the provincial departments of Health and Education, the Social Planning department of Halifax and the IWK Hospital for Children.



Alumna Irene Murphy (right) pours tea at a special reception for parents held at The Meadows during Orientation Week. Irene is a past president of the Alumnae Association and was awarded an Honorary Degree by the Mount in 1982. John and Sue Stewart, of New Glasgow, were at the Mount to help their 18-year-old daughter, Heather, settle in. Heather is a first-year arts student.

## Fundraising, Adult Education and Parenting head up Mount workshop roster

The Promotional Challenge for Adult Educators, a one-day workshop designed for those who counsel, train or educate adults, will be held in Rosaria Centre Nov. 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Workshop instructor will be Peter MacLellan, APR, a management supervisor with Corporate Communications Ltd., the region's largest public relations and advertising consulting group.

The workshop will focus on practical approaches to preparing and evaluating communications strategies, identifying markets and maintaining effective media relations.

The \$75 fee includes all materials, refreshment breaks and lunch. Further information can be obtained from the Continuing Education Centre.

Current and future parents, educators and all others in the child-care profession are welcome at a conference at Mount Saint Vincent University Oct. 16 and 17.

Entitled "Parenting in the 80's:

Sharing Our Skills," the conference is co-sponsored by the Mount's Centre for Continuing Education and the Halifax County Bedford District School Board (Continuing and Community Education).

The first session will take place in Auditorium A of the Seton Academic Centre on Friday, Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m. Moderated by CBC's *Information Morning* host, Don Connolly, the panel will include guidance counsellors, psychologists and at least one parent and one youth.

The program on Saturday, Oct. 17, will consist of three main sessions: Understanding Myself and My Child, Working Together to Build Self-Esteem, and Enhancing Communication Within Our Families. Each presentation will be followed by small group discussions.

The deadline for registration is Oct. 9 (\$35 per person and \$55 per couple) and early registration rates are available before Oct. 2 (\$25 per person and \$45 per couple). Child care is

available Saturday only, at no charge, for those who have indicated need on the registration form.

For further information, call the Mount's Centre for Continuing Education at 443-4450, ext. 243/400.

Mount Saint Vincent University will sponsor a one-day Direct Mail Fundraising workshop in conjunction with the Canadian Centre for Philanthropy on Monday, Oct. 19. One of only three to be held in Canada this fall, the conference will focus on up-to-date techniques for raising funds effectively.

Workshop leaders will be Stephen Thomas and Beverley Howell,

principals with Stephen Thomas Associates, Canada's only direct-mail fundraising consulting firm. Howell and Thomas have worked with a broad cross-section of Canadian non-profit organizations, including Amnesty International, World Wildlife Fund (Canada), Simon Fraser University and the Canadian Save the Children Fund.

In group discussions and lectures, leaders will use audio-visual aids and actual direct-mail materials to demonstrate the latest direct-mail techniques. To register or obtain further information, call Valerie Burkimsher at 443-4450, ext. 433.

### Margaret is Music:

A Musical Tribute to S. Margaret Young

4 - 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 2, 1987

MSVU Art Gallery

Food, Frolic, and Fiddling

Delicacies and Drinks

Tickets: \$10 from the Art Gallery or the Alumnae Office

## ON THE MOVE

Ivan Blake, director of the Mount's co-operative education program has been invited to present a paper entitled "Tourism as a Cause of Conflict in European History" at the International Conference on Tourism and Peace in Vancouver next month. His article, "How to Spoil the Egyptians," was published in the Summer 1987 issue of the U.S. Co-operative Education Association's journal published by California Polytechnic University. His article on genetic engineering intellectual property rights will appear in the November issue of Policy Options Magazine published by the Institute for Research on Public Policy.

Blake has also been invited to attend the Fifth World Congress on Co-operative Education in Amsterdam, organized by the Netherlands Council on Higher Professional Education. It will be hosted by the World Council and Assembly on Co-operative Education, a UNESCO-sponsored body of which he is an elected member. Following the World Congress, the Province of

Zeeland will host a symposium on co-operative education in developing nations.

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Art Gallery Director Mary Sparling was recently asked to be a member of the Advisory Committee on Culture for the Canadian Commission for UNESCO. Last spring, she was re-appointed Chair of the Canadian Eskimo Arts Council and travelled to Indian Point (N.W.T.) to consult with Inuit artists as well as carry out other Council business.

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Dr. Frank Bennett of the mathematics department returned during the summer from a productive year's sabbatical. As well as independent research investigating the spectrum of a variety of combinatorial designs, Latin squares and quasigroups, Bennett collaborated with two professors at Suzhou University in China. Along with many papers submitted to refereed journals, Bennett presented papers at conferences in Winnipeg, Florida, China and Australia.



## THE ELIZABETH SETON LECTURES

Mount Saint Vincent University, through its Department of Religious Studies, is pleased to inform the community that **Dr. Elizabeth J. Lacelle** will deliver the Elizabeth Seton Lectures on the following dates:

**Wednesday, October 7, 1987**

8:00 p.m., Seton Auditorium C

Public Lecture:

***The Laity: A Church Issue — Problems, Clarifications, Hopes***

**Thursday, October 8, 1987**

10:30 a.m., Seton Auditorium C

Public Lecture:

***The Laity in Christian Tradition: Important Turning Points and State of the Question Today***

1:30 p.m., Seton Auditorium C

Public Lecture:

***The Laity at the Opening of the Roman Synod: A Crucial Challenge for the Church***

This series of free lectures is presented by the Sisters of Charity