

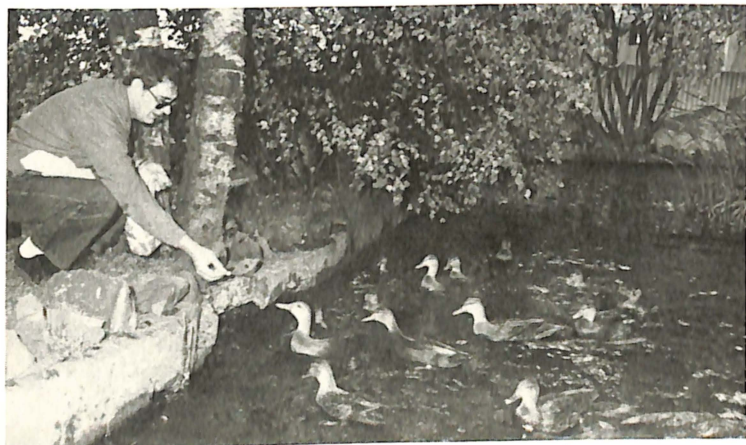
# the connection



Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, Nova Scotia



November 25, 1985



A couple of dozen ducks have adopted the pond outside the Mount Art Gallery as home and Bill Morris of the Print Shop is among those who find time to feed them with scraps from the cafeteria.

## Report Ready Soon — Committee on Planning and Budgeting

Ever since May 1984, the internal assessment committee (a sub-committee of the university's Committee on Planning and Budgeting) has been plugging away in an effort to determine the Mount's strengths and weaknesses and to come up with some consensus which will assist the university community to plot possible future directions.

The sub-committee, chaired by academic vice-president Dr. Pauline Jones, itself has branched off into two main areas of consideration — the academic and the administrative.

Dr. Jones heads up the five-person committee looking at the academic side of things involving program need, quality and cost. Her committee members are Deans Susan Clark and Sr. Patricia Mullins, Dr. Lillian Wainwright and Dr. Wayne Ingalls as secretary.

Information for the work of this committee has been sought from the Registrar's Office, the Deans, the Business Office and a variety of areas within the university, said Ingalls.

Preliminary reports have been compiled and returned to the various sources for "input and verification of the data collected from other sources"

he said.

Dr. E.M. Fulton, Mount president, chairs the committee assessing the administrative strengths and weaknesses. Her committee is comprised of Diane Morris, Peggy Stephens, Erma Rankin, Glen Flemming and Shari Wall.

"In the administration side, each unit was invited to describe its purpose, functions, staffing, priorities and to say something about its strengths and weaknesses. This information is now in the process of being analyzed and assessed," says Ingalls who also acts as secretary to the group.

He said the external environmental assessment sub-committee finished its work last year and had submitted its report. Besides Ingalls, the committee was comprised of Jon White, Mary Moore Uhl, Dulcie Conrad and Ivan Blake.

The sub-committee looked at the impact certain external governing bodies had on the university; also the impact of both federal and provincial governments. The Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission and its influence was another factor addressed (continued on page 4)

## Women and Work — N.S. Law

by Susan Smith

Nova Scotia employment law is outdated and provides few rights for women in the workplace, stated Dawna Ring, lawyer with Buchan, Derrick, and Ring, the first all-woman law firm in Nova Scotia.

In a recent Mount presentation, Ring stated, "Our rights under the provincial Labour Code are outdated, barbaric, and far below what we would accept as employment conditions. The few rights we are entitled to in the workplace are mainly given to us through employer-employee contracts, both written and oral."

Noting that for each generalization there were exceptions, Ring explained the Labour Standards Code in Nova Scotia did not provide workers entitlement to lunch hours, coffee breaks, sick or compassionate leave with pay, time off for doctor's visits or even to go to your own wedding.

And although the province subscribed to equal pay for equal work, Ring added, "the provincial law focuses on similarity of work, not value of work. Consequently, a woman working as a secretary can be paid half as much as a man sweeping floors, since they are not doing similar work."

Ring also explained if an employee was summoned for jury duty, of which failure to attend could result in the employee's arrest and punishment, no specific legislation dictated that the employer pay the employee for the

time missed or even keep the job available.

Although most part-time employees were entitled to vacation pay, they were not entitled to days off. "Part-time workers, of which women are the majority, are dogs of the working class: they have no rights under provincial law," stated Ring.

She added, "and in Nova Scotia, employment can be terminated at anytime up to 10 years, for any reason, except discriminatory practices barred by human rights or the Constitution of Canada, as long as the employer provides reasonable notice.

Reasonable notice in the N.S. Labour Standards Code ranges between one to eight weeks, depending on the employee's length of service." However, courts have extended this period of time, taking into consideration the employee's qualifications, ability to obtain similar employment and other related issues," added Ring.

But why were so many of these rights provided in the workplace if not (continued on page 8)

## Alumnae Award for Teaching Excellence

Nominations are invited for the Alumnae Award for Teaching Excellence for the 1985-86 academic year. Students, alumnae and faculty are eligible to nominate a full-time faculty member who has taught at least three academic years at Mount Saint Vincent University.

All nominations, if accepted by the candidates, will be reviewed by an eight-member selection committee made up of representatives from students, alumnae and faculty.

Nomination forms can be picked up from the offices of the deans, the academic vice-president, alumnae and student council; at Seton front desk or in The Picaro; and must be returned to the academic vice-president's office before January 17 1986.





## Profile



Christopher Heide

"I don't write to get rich," smiled Mount part-time English Instructor Christopher Heide. "I follow my own social philosophy. I write for community development: to encourage those people who ordinarily wouldn't go to the theatre to attend a play, through which they can learn about others and themselves."

Heide, whose latest production "I Ain't Dead Yet" was performed by Mermaid Theatre at the Mount and Neptune Theatre as part of a province-wide tour, has been writing seriously for the past 10 years.

"When I left high school, I didn't believe anyone could make a living writing," he stated. "But after four years of clerical work, I thought I'd give full-time writing a try."

Since then he has written about nine plays for stage, eight radio drama scripts, four scripts for television and film, as well as poetry and fiction.

His works, which have included stage plays, "Bring Back Don Messer," "Pogie," and "The One Hundred Year Old Man," all feature Atlantic Canadian people and issues.

In 1984, the Halifax Chronicle-Herald wrote, "Playwright and poet, Heide is probably Nova Scotia's most prolific champion of local traditions."

"I especially like to feature people from rural areas of Atlantic Canada in my works," stated Heide. "Living mostly outside the city, I realize that their concerns usually don't get attention in cultural activities."

Born in Summerside, Prince Edward Island, Heide now lives in Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia, with his wife, Deborah, and two children, Dylan, 3, and Kaleigh, 10 months.

"I write about the people here in Atlantic Canada," he explained. "It's of almost no importance to me if my play goes to New York, for instance, or I reach great numbers of people outside the area. This is where I live. My family and home are here in Atlantic Canada and I want to touch the people here."

## Student Financial Aid Available

Each year, many scholarships/bursaries and awards go unclaimed at Canadian universities, and it is commonly believed that students are not fully aware of how many types of aid are available to them.

The Mount has a Financial Aid Officer, Maureen Coady, with an office in Student Services and Counseling Department, Room 119 Rosaria Centre.

For information on the following, and other types of aid, students should call 443-4450, extension 335.

**Soroptimist Foundation Awards:** Several \$5,000 grants to women to assist them in studies qualifying them for careers serving other women by improving the quality of their lives. Registration in a graduate program of studies or acceptance for the final year of a four-year undergraduate program required.

**Orville Erickson Memorial Scholarship:** Value: \$1,000, for students pursuing a career in the field of conservation. For further information/application write to: Orville Erickson Memorial Scholarship, c/o Secretary, Canadian Wildlife Foundation, 1673 Carling Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario K2A 1C4.

**Pillsbury Undergraduate Scholarship Program:** Two awards of \$1250 to business/commerce and two to students of food science and agricultural science. Deadline for applications is Nov. 30.

**J.H. Stewart Reed Memorial Fellowship for 1986-87 Graduate Studies:** (The Canadian Association of University Teachers) Value: \$5,000. Deadline for applications is Feb. 28, 1986. For

further information contact C.A.U.T., 75 Albert Street, Suite 1001, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5E7.

**Canadian Federation of University Women Awards:** Various awards and fellowships for masters and doctoral level studies. Value: varies \$700-\$5,000.

**Terry Fox Humanitarian Award** Value \$3,000, renewable annually for a maximum of four years or until first degree is obtained. Candidates must exhibit high ideals and qualities of citizenship and humanitarian service while in pursuit of excellence in their academic, amateur sport, fitness, health, community service and related endeavours. Deadline for completed applications is February 1, 1985.

**Department of Fisheries and Oceans Scholarships** are awarded on the basis of scholastic merit to graduate students undertaking studies related to fisheries biology in French language at Quebec universities. Value \$6,000. Deadline for applications is December 20, 1985.

**Ontario Legislature Internships, 1986/87** Sponsored by the Canadian Political Science Association in collaboration with the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario. Work as an assistant to a member of the legislative assembly to get practical experience in the day-to-day workings of the legislature. An academic component of the program features seminars and the preparation of a paper dealing with some aspect of the legislative process in Ontario. Stipend \$11,000 (under review). Deadline for 1986 applications is February 14, 1986. Must be a recent graduate of a post-secondary institution in Canada.



Several members of the Mount faculty are on the executives of learned societies and during the summer our photographer caught four of them together enjoying the sunshine. Standing (l. to r.) Professor Renate Usmani of the English Department, vice-president of the Canadian Theatre Critics Association; Sr. Geraldine Anthony, Chair of the English Department, President of the Association of Canadian Theatre History; (Seated) Dr. Leslie Brown, Chair of the Sociology Department, President of the Canadian Association for Studies of Co-operation; Sr. Elizabeth Bellefontaine, Religious Studies Department, Vice-President and President Elect of the Canadian Theological Society.

## MOUNT SAINT VINCENT UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY HAPPY HOUR

Friday, November 29  
4:30-6:30 p.m.  
Don MacNeil Room  
Rosaria Centre

All welcome

feel free to bring along musical instruments

## Educators Must Pay, Copyright Review Says

The needs of educators do not override the rights of creators, says the report of an all-party House of Commons subcommittee examining Canada's copyright laws. The outdated, more than 60-year-old Copyright Act — drafted before computers, satellites and photocopiers were a reality — should be replaced by a Charter of Rights for Creators, states the sub-committee.

If its recommendations are accepted, universities will have to pay for much of their use of copyright material, with limited exceptions such as the reproduction of a work as part of an examination question.

Libraries, too, would have to obtain blanket licences to pay for materials photocopied by library users. The report recommends that writers and publishers form collectives to negotiate such licences.

Copies of the report, entitled *A Charter of Rights for Creators*, are available free from Richard Dupuis, Clerk, Standing Committee on Communications and Culture, 180 Wellington St. Rm 515, Ottawa, Ont. K1A 0A6 (Tel. 613-996-1180). (Notes from AUCC)

## Christmas Cards Available

Supplies of two Mount Saint Vincent University Christmas cards/hasty notes (with no message) are available at the university book store, in Rosaria Centre.

Two cards will be sold this year, both with images of works from the university art gallery's permanent collection: one is a bowl by ceramicist Alice Egan Hagen, and the other a drawing by Agnes Nanogak, who received an honorary degree from the Mount this Fall.

Packages of 10 cards with envelopes will be on sale at the bookstore for \$4.00.



Kate Gonthi of Malawi (L) who is studying for a master's degree in education at the Mount, gave a lecture on Youth Helping Youth on campus recently. Just before the event she sat with mature students Marion Inkpen and Myrla Shaw in the audience to tell them about the youth of her country. The lecture was organized by the Mount's International Youth Year committee.

## Youth Helping Youth

A small but attentive audience enjoyed hearing Kate Gonthi talk about the way youth helps youth in her country, Malawi, during a lecture sponsored by the Mount's International Youth Year Committee recently.

In Malawi, she said, the term "youth" is applied until the age of 30 and responsibilities begin as early as age five.

"There are no day-care centres in Malawi," she said, "so the children must take care of each other. Very often a five-year-old will be left in charge of a younger child if the mother has to be out of the house."

This necessity for children to take over tasks at a very young age leads to absenteeism in the schools, Gonthi pointed out, but if that happens, other children in the family teach the absentees what they have learned in school.

Children in Malawi also make their own toys. "We used to import toys from Canada and Britain," Gonthi said, "but they were inappropriate and expensive."

Grandparents play an important role in the family, which is how students, who are often married women with children, can leave their country to study. "They know their children are being properly cared for while they're away," Gonthi said.

Gonthi, herself a student at the Mount, is taking a masters degree in Education, majoring in home economics, and has left a husband behind in Malawi while she completes her studies here.

"As yet," she told her audience, "drugs are not a problem in Malawi." There are many programs in place for youth, including trade schools which teach subjects such as construction and farming; community schools where

local people learn to read and write; government funding for setting up individuals in their own small businesses, and a place for those who don't necessarily finish high school but become "pupil teachers." These teach the lower grades because, as Gonthi pointed out, "when you have a great shortage of qualified teachers, you must use everyone you can."

Classes in Malawian schools are very large — from 40 to 150 pupils. There are not enough schools so many students take correspondence courses or learn via the radio.

In Malawi the first week in April is designated Youth Week, and young people dedicate that time to helping their communities with building projects, farming, road repairs, helping the sick and the elderly.

Malawi is not a welfare state, so the disadvantaged and the handicapped are taken care of by their own communities. The extended family is the norm and there are very close community relationships. Gonthi said she feels very much at home in Nova Scotia where the people seem especially friendly and in many ways feels it resembles her own country.

She stressed the importance of the link between the Mount and Malawi, saying that it has made a difference already in helping students to obtain the necessary qualifications in home economics.

## Christmas Break

The Senior Administration and Finance Committee has approved the Christmas break schedule as follows:

The university will close from December 21 through to January 1, inclusive. Normal working hours will resume on January 2, 1986.

## One Million Women Unemployed by 1990 — Menzies

"One million women will be unemployed by 1990 due to automation", stated Heather Menzies in a recent presentation at the Mount, "and I would add a further two million to underemployment. High technology is not providing a major source of employment."

Menzies, author of *Computers on the Job and Women and the Chip*, urged women to take a critical approach to adjusting to technology in the workplace.

"Automation is resulting in a steady elimination and erosion of support work and secondly, an enrichment and intensification of professional and senior management work," stated Menzies.

Yet, Menzies warned, of those women who are successful in the work force, many pay a heavy price. "Simply adjusting to the work world on its terms might prove hazardous to women's health . . . burnout as supermoms and infertility."



Heather Menzies

According to Menzies, statistics indicate that working mothers have the least amount of leisure time. Most young women entering the work force will work only four years less than their male counterparts. "Certainly for this generation of women," Menzies warned, "We must examine the price of admission."

Many women are postponing having their first child until they reach 30. "But increasing numbers of women are now finding that the birth control, that was supposed to liberate them, has left them infertile," stated Menzies.

She cited ectopic pregnancies as one major problem. This pelvic problem, caused by the use of birth control, causes a fertilized egg to lodge outside the uterus: a situation that requires the surgical removal of the embryo. The number of ectopic pregnancies rose from roughly 2500 in 1972 to 5000 in 1982 — double the number in a mere 10 years, she said.

"I don't mean to alarm you or scare you from pursuing a career, including a career in science and technology," said Menzies. "I think though that this problem, which has reached epidemic proportions according to a recent account in a U.S. newspaper, is a symbol of our age. It warns us that we should pursue careers on our own terms and according to our sense of priorities in life."

But how can women effectively compete in the automated workplace?

"On the homefront, it calls for preparing to negotiate; that is, co-parenting," explained Menzies. "We need to institutionalize the fact that men should share responsibility." Lengthening maternity leave and providing equal parental leave are two benefits Menzies claimed organizations can provide.

And in the workplace, Menzies said women must learn to use high technology to their advantage. "It's a matter of pursuing preferred lines of study and when technology fits in, integrating computer skills to your studies. Technology is becoming a work tool to enhance all forms of work. Use it to make yourself more employable."

Heather Menzies' presentation was part of a national tour, sponsored by the Canadian Federation of Students and student associations across Canada, to celebrate 1985 as International Youth Year.

## Christmas Cup Challenge

Attention: Residence Students  
Get your Residence to compete in the Christmas Cup Challenge!

If your wing/floor/house (perhaps through Residence Council) wishes to compete against other residences in decorating one of the large windows in the Cafeteria with a Christmas scene . . . let Chef Rene know as soon as possible. Keeners may begin now to plan their scene, choose their window and even begin the actual window design, now! Windows are available on a first-come, first served basis.

Deadline for completion of the window decorating contest is November 29, 1985. Judging will take place at the annual residence Christmas dinner scheduled for 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 4, 1985.

While this dinner is primarily for those participating on the full meal plan, tickets will be sold first to 20-meal card holders to November 29, 1985.

After November 29, space permitting, non-meal plan residents or individual students may purchase tickets for the dinner at University Services Office in Rosaria. Price of tickets for the dinner is \$5.00 per person.



## THE PEACE BEAT

by Pat Copeland



During this decade, each year has seen the publication of works which demand serious attention both as literature and fictional strategies for comprehending a subject that is often called "unthinkable."

Dr. Peter Schwenger of the English Department, talked about "Writing the Unthinkable" in an afternoon lecture held in the Art Gallery in conjunction with its Women and Peace exhibit recently.

With an armful of books as evidence, he said that this recent proliferation of writing on the nuclear holocaust represents "a break in the suspended emotion that has endured for 40 years, a state which Robert Jay Lifton has called 'numbing'."

What, he asked, accounts for the current release from the numbing that has lasted so long?

According to psychologists we have now reached a critical time, usually 30 to 40 years after a traumatic event, when we have to come to terms with it in order to find some kind of peace within ourselves. This was the case with the Jewish holocaust, which is really the only example we have to guide us through the labyrinth of shock, denial, fear, helplessness,

aggression, assimilation and transformation.

The difference between the Jewish holocaust and the nuclear one, is, of course, the fact that the latter hasn't happened yet. Jonathan Schell points out, "The right vantage point to view a holocaust is that of a corpse — but from that vantage point, of course, there is nothing to report."

Literature overcomes this by writing from beyond the nuclear holocaust, as though it *had* happened and what it would be like to survive it.

Words have become a form of postponement and arms talks have helped us to feel that words are there to stave off an ultimate action.

Schwenger said that the true art of nuclear holocaust "must proceed on implication. The true subject of such an art is not the bomb itself but its psychological penumbra."

Most of the works discussed during his lecture did not dictate a response to the nuclear threat as much as make response possible. "The literature of nuclear holocaust which presents to us unendurable possibilities may also help us to endure . . . . Our task now is to imagine the real and this must mean not only to comprehend a world poised for nuclear annihilation but also to comprehend our responses to that fact."

The continued pressure of the bomb's presence in our lives could, said Schwenger, be a force for change.

The books referred to in Schwenger's lecture included *Riddley Walker* by Russel Hoban, *God's Grace* by Bernard Malamud, *The Burning Book* by Maggie Gee, *Hiroshima* by John Hersey and *Warday* by Kuneta and Streiber.

*Planning and Budgeting*, from pg. 1 along with other provincial universities.

Other major environmental forces which impact on the university were also assessed including the economy, student population trends, bilingualism, the status of women.

External assessment sub-committee members have been asked to keep abreast of the various areas for which they were assigned responsibility during their study so that the report could be updated quickly, said Ingalls.

He said he hoped to see the work of the internal assessment sub-committee pulled together by year's end.

Once this happened "we can review and consider all the data and hopefully pull together and match up the findings so we can get on with the mandate of planning for the Mount's future," he said.

## Spring Grad?

Anyone planning to graduate in May 1986 is reminded that formal application is necessary, by filling out an "Intent to Graduate" form at the Registrar's Office, Rosaria Centre. February 1 is the deadline, so it should be done NOW.

## On the Move

Carlene Polak, secretary with the Registrar's Office, has left the Mount to join her husband in their joint business venture.

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President E. Margaret Fulton gave a talk at the Halifax Public Library on October 31 on Technology and Tools — The Effects of Technology on Women

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Catherine MacLean, of the Office Administration Department, recently attended the annual conference of the Canadian Micrographics Society and has been appointed president of its Atlantic Provinces Chapter.

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Barbara Casey, also of the Office Administration Department, recently conducted a workshop for receptionists and switchboard operators at the Mount Saint Vincent Motherhouse of the Sisters of Charity.

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Dr. Marilyn McDowell of the Department of Home Economics will present a paper on Family Oriented Research in Native Communities at the upcoming annual meeting of the Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women (CRIAOW) held this year at the University of Saskatchewan.

Keynote speaker for the two-day event will be Dr. E. Margaret Fulton who plans an address — "Women: Social and Physical Isolation."

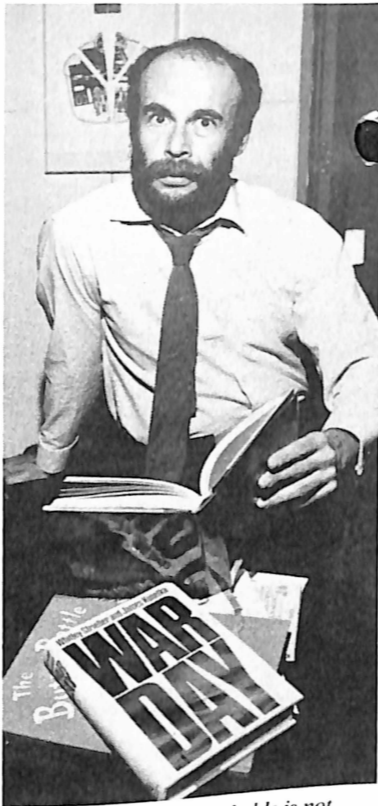
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Mount conference officer, Frances Cody, chaired a planning committee which set the program for the recent Annual General Meeting of the Canadian University and College Conference Officers Association held in Halifax. Fifty-two delegates from across the country attended the three day conference, during which Cody stepped down as Atlantic Regional Director (a post she has held for three years) and was elected president of the national association.

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Dr. Janina Konczacki, of the Mount's History Department, has given several papers recently, including one on "Poland in the Twentieth Century: Society, Politics and Economics" at a Symposium on Central and Eastern Europe held in Toronto; and "Educational Reform in the Late Eighteenth Century Poland: Intellectual Revolution in a Recalcitrant Society" at the Canadian Eighteenth Century Studies Association Conference in Guelph. At the Guelph conference, she also chaired a session on "New Economic Ideas for an Old Crumbling World."

Dr. Konczacki has also been elected to the editorial board of the *Journal of*



*Writing about the unthinkable is not so unthinkable any more, according to Dr. Peter Schwenger of the English Department. He gave a lecture on the literature of the nuclear holocaust during the Art Gallery's exhibit Women and Peace.*

*the Comparative Study of Civilizations* and re-elected to a three-year term on the executive committee of the Canadian Eighteenth Century Studies Association.

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Glen Flemming of the Office Administration Department, has just completed a six-week course in Communications for the Professional Secretaries International.

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Ivan Blake, Director of Co-operative Education, was keynote speaker at the 19th annual Prince Edward Island Labor — Management Relations Conference in Summerside recently. His topic was "Understanding Technology."

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JoAnn Michels, Assistant Professor in the Department of Office Administration, has been elected president of the Atlantic Word Processing Association, an organization working to enhance recognition and professional status of those engaged in information processing and to foster and develop interest and knowledge in the area.

For further information about the association, which offers monthly programs providing a forum for the exchange of ideas, methods, and procedures, contact JoAnn Michels at extension 194.

## Second Edition Hot Off Press

Hot off the press is the second edition of "Transition Learning" — the Department of Co-operative Education's journal aimed at those assisting individuals in their transition between the classroom and the workplace.

The first edition, published in June, according to its originator Ivan Blake, was well received. "We need a subscription list of 700 to break even and with our first edition and minimal marketing we have almost reached half that target," he said.

The latest edition has two main themes, says Blake, with one focusing on the models of business/education co-operation and the second dealing with "searching questions about what we teach our young people about work."

One "think piece," written by University of Moncton professor R. LeBlanc concerns itself with

"educating people for the jobs which will exist in the year 2000." And another, written by Acadia University professor Lois Stevenson, deals with "teaching entrepreneurship."

Another article, written by G. Jasson, vice-president of Human Resources, for the Security Pacific National Bank, Los Angeles, focuses on the "partnerships initiated by employers with schools to prepare future employees."

This issue also features an editorial written by E.E. Walker, Vice-President of Gulf Canada, on "thoughts of improving the business/education relationship."

Those who are interested in a subscription or further information should contact Transition Learning, Atlantic Association of Co-operative Education, c/o Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, N.S. B3M 2J6.

## Just Part Of Her Job!

If you happen to see the Mount's part-time Speech and Drama Instructor Caitlyn Colquhoun harpoon someone down on the waterfront, don't worry, it's just part of her job.

Colquhoun, who began acting in 1980 with John Neville's Neptune Theatre, plays Oriana, a Russian spy in "The Puracon Factor," a movie being shot mainly in Chester, with a few scenes from the Halifax waterfront and a British Columbia aquarium.

"The plot revolves around a whale who was trained for good purposes, but is now being used by the Russians to obtain a substance called puracon," says Colquhoun. "Puracon is much stronger than silicon, from which computer chips are made, so everyone wants the puracon for defence technology."

Although Colquhoun doesn't speak in the movie, she plays a principal role. "I go around killing everyone," she stated. "I kill one person underwater and the rest on land."

That's what she was doing down by the Maritime Museum at the Halifax waterfront one mid-October night. She harpooned a woman and then tossed her motor scooter into the water. Unfortunately some bystanders thought they'd take a closer look and jumped into the scene.

Laughing, Colquhoun says, "That's not the kind of scene you can do over again. Motor scooters don't usually work after they've been thrown into salt water. But at least we have enough of the scene that we can use."

Colquhoun doesn't expect the filming to finish until early next year. Targeted to a 14-year-old audience, the movie will be shown in Europe, Canada and the U.S. at cinemas, in video and on pay television.

Meanwhile Colquhoun will continue to work on her other projects: writing scripts for a screen play set in Greece, autobiographical stage play, and a radio play for CBC, of which the final draft is due this month. Colquhoun will also be directing the Mount's production, "Playing for Time," after Christmas. She and her husband, Barrie Dunn, have co-directed past Mount productions, including "Touched" and "Top Girls."

## Letter to the Editor

I was recently at your university and had lunch in the cafeteria within the Seton Academic Centre. I was greatly dismayed to discover that all of the plates, cutlery etc. were made of plastic to be thrown away after use.

To use the 'plastic convenience' for certain occasions is one thing but to be used on a daily basis where hundreds of people are being served is another.

The disposal and burning of everyday garbage adds to the pollution of our environment to the point where many people are questioning our lifestyle that attributes to these environmental concerns.

An institution of learning such as Mount Saint Vincent is many faceted, giving its students and teachers an assortment of directions and ideas. Why not make environmental concerns one of those facets and curb the throw-away style of dining.

For the love of the earth and a healthier environment, please do something.

I look forward to hearing your comments on this matter.

Sincerely,

Bernadette MacDonald

Mount Saint Vincent University

# LEG WORK FOR TEAM SUPPORT

**Stock up on Whisper pantyhose and support the Mount's athletics teams — a convenient way to shop, too!**

One size . . . fashion colors . . . pantyhose, knee highs . . . textured also available . . . BARGAIN PRICES

## Leg Work — This Week Only!

Here's a chance to do something for yourself, and support the Mount's athletics teams at the same time.

Buy Whisper pantyhose, at drastically reduced prices, and help pay expenses for the athletes.

For the past four years, the Mount's volleyball and badminton teams have gone to the national competitions. Last year, it cost \$3,000 to send 18 athletes to Regina for a week.

And, as Athletics Officer June Lumsden says, "our teams are getting better and better — we're so encouraged by the growth and enthusiasm" that hopefully more teams will be going to the nationals this year. But it costs money, most of which the athletes have raised themselves by selling tickets and holding draws.

This year, Lumsden and her athletes are trying something different. Orders for various colors and types of Whisper pantyhose will be taken during the week of **November 25 to 29**, and the pantyhose will be ready for pick-up January 14-16. A nominal deposit will be required.

Lumsden says, "We'll have team

members circulate on campus, to take orders in the residences and in staff and administrative offices. Faculty members will get copies of the order forms in their mail and a display of samples will be set up in Seton lobby and Rosaria mezzanine, at various times throughout the week."

For pick-up of the orders, the Multi-Purpose Room will be the location during the day, the Seton front lobby during the evening, from January 14 to 16.

"At these prices, we expect people to stock up on a good name brand pantyhose and let's face it — with an 88 per cent female student population and the greatest percentage of staff and faculty being female — the Mount community needs a lot of pantyhose!" Lumsden quips.

She also notes though, that this is serious business in helping the athletics teams cover expenses. "We hope that even more of our teams will make it to the national championships this year so this is a way of supporting them and doing ourselves a favor at the same time."





Dr. Sheilagh Martin (L), Biology Department, and astrophysicist Dr. Werner Israel, this year's CIL Inc. Distinguished Lecturer at the Mount, discussed the Big Bang theory at a reception following his lecture. Dr. Israel, a professor with the Department of Physics at University of Alberta, told his appreciative audience that "hell is reserved for people who ask what happened before the Big Bang!"

## Parking Survey Shows Little Problem

Not being able to find a parking space on campus when you need one in a hurry can be frustrating, and at times it seems that there is no room for even one more car.

However, a parking survey carried out by the Office of the Executive Assistant to the President on an hourly basis from September 30 to October 11, shows that it's a rare occurrence for every parking space to be filled at the same time.

During that period, on only one occasion was this the case, at 11 a.m. on Monday, September 30, and by noon on the same day 74 spaces had become available.

In all, on the Mount campus, there are 531 parking spots and those closest

to Seton Academic Centre are filled first. The busiest time is between 10 a.m. and noon and it's obviously the early and late birds that have the pick of the parking places.

Sometimes it is necessary to walk a short distance from a parking space to your destination on campus, but this hardly constitutes a hardship on a campus as small as the Mount's.

Arriving even 15 minutes earlier than usual would, in many cases, make the difference between getting a parking spot close at hand or having to cruise around campus to find one.

The hours between 10 a.m. and noon are the really crucial ones so it's probably worth the effort to come in a little earlier at those times.

## Western Sunlight at the Gallery

For C.W. Jeffreys, one of Canada's foremost artist-historians, the Canadian prairies were "a visual feast — an amazing land."

His paintings, alive with the brilliant light of the prairies, were the first to depict this region of Canada convincingly.

Western Sunlight, an exhibition of his work, is on display at the Mount Art Gallery until December 8.

Exhibition curator Robert Stacey, (a grandson of the artist) states that Jeffreys' portrayal of the prairies was instrumental in helping Canadians to develop a sense of place and belonging. He had an acute and sensitive eye and was remarkably aware of the delicate qualities of the prairie environment.

Jeffreys who was born in England in 1869, moved with his family to North America in 1879, settling in Toronto two years later and remaining there until his death in 1951.

An exhibit of photogravures by Nova Scotia artist Peter Murphy, is

also on display at the Upstairs Gallery until January 7.

Murphy has chosen to express his visual statements through the 100-year-old process of photogravure in order to free himself from the limitations of commercially available light sensitive papers.

His work, according to Ed Porter of the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, "Exhibits a visual discernment that steps beyond documentation . . . quickness of perception is the hallmark of his photographic images. It allows the viewer to see something extraordinary in the ordinary."



## Veggie Chips

If you happen to bump into Home Economics graduate Debbie Shreenan stalking the halls of Evaristus, looking for people to sample her new snack, take the opportunity. You may be tasting a new product on the market.

Veggie chips, as Shreenan calls them, are similar to potato chips except that they're made from vegetables like parsnip, carrot and turnip. They're lower in calories than potato chips, and more nutritious.

It's something different than eating potato chips," explained Shreenan. Most people don't like to eat parsnip for dinner, so we're hoping they'll like parsnip in chips."

Employed by Sea-Agri Tech Limited, a local consulting company involved in research for the fishery and food industries, Shreenan has been working at the Mount's home economics laboratories since April to develop the tastiest, crispiest veggie chip.

A \$30,000 National Research Council grant awarded to Sea-Agri Tech Limited helps fund the project.

"So far the work has been going along well," stated Shreenan. "The people who have tried the chips all liked them, although the parsnip flavor seemed to be the most popular. We'll soon be looking for tasters to sample for a half hour, three days a week."

"We also plan to bake the chips, rather than deep-fat fry them, so that will mean even fewer calories."

Although a part-time assistant is being hired this month, Shreenan doesn't expect the research to be completed until next May.

But what then?

Well, according to Raynald LeBlanc, president of Sea-Agri Tech Limited, "Depending on the market, we may either go into production or sell the concept. Companies like Hostess or Millies might be interested. There is a lot of demand for this type of research."

Who knows? Maybe we'll soon be able to buy vegetable-flavored chips at the corner store.

## Universities Will Need A Hand

Colleges and universities will need "a constructive hand" in continuing their adjustment to rapidly changing needs and circumstances, say provincial education ministers. The comment appears in a 15-page document released in October, the first in a series of statements on postsecondary education which the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada plans to issue every fall.

Education ministers, says CMEC Chairman Jean-Pierre Ouellet, are "determined to help our institutions make the changes required to respond to the new and emerging needs of an increasingly technological society." (continued on page 8)



## Getting in the Christmas Spirit

On a university campus, the mention of Christmas usually brings visions of last-minute term papers, examinations and, for many, a trip home for the big holiday with family and friends.

However, there is a life outside campus — and for many people, Christmas is a time of cold and dreary days when they are reminded they have much less than others.

To help spread the joy of the holiday, there are several projects underway on the Mount campus to help those less fortunate.

Anyone who has new men's gloves, scarves, other gift items or food donations, who would like to contribute to the Christmas party of the Halifax Neighborhood Society, the Halifax Neighbourhood Society, should contact Ruth Jeppesen in the Public Relations Office (ext. 249). This Christmas party will be for approximately 200 of the homeless and transient men in the city who depend on Hope Cottage and night shelters.

Another annual event, to raise money for Bryony House, Nova Scotia's first transition house for battered women and their children, is the Wassail to be held December 1. Hors d'oeuvres and a wassail bowl will be available at the Halifax Sheraton Hotel, from 2 to 4 p.m. and the Chebucto Singers, with director Kaye Pottie, will provide entertainment. Tickets will be sold at the door, at \$4 for adults, and \$1 for children 12 and under.

Are there other Christmas projects that members of the Mount community should know about? The next issue of *The Connection* will be distributed on December 9, with a November 27 deadline. Send any information to the Public Relations Office, Evaristus 215.

## Coming Up

The Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education is sponsoring a conference on "Postsecondary Education: The Cultural Agenda" May 30-June 1, 1986. Information: Alexander Gregor, faculty of graduate studies, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Man. R3T 2N2.

The Canadian Higher Education Research Network plans to focus on international student issues early next year at two regional workshops in Toronto and Vancouver and at a conference to be held Jan. 6, 1986 in Ottawa. Information: Max von Zur-Muehlen, executive director, CHERN, c/o Faculty of Administration, University of Ottawa, 275 Nicholas, Ottawa, Ont. K1N 6N5 (Tel. 613-231-3301).

An international conference on the role and responsibilities of urban universities will be held Sept. 17-19, 1986 in Winnipeg, sponsored by the University of Winnipeg and SUNY-Buffalo. The deadline for submission of proposals for papers is January 31, 1986. Information: Alan Artibise, director, Institute of Urban Studies, University of Winnipeg, 515 Portage Ave. Winnipeg, Man. R3B 2E9 (Tel. 204-786-9211).

"Communications Technology in Higher Education" is the focus of a conference being organized by the Office of Educational Communications of the Association of Atlantic Universities and Université de Moncton. The conference will be held April 30-May 2, 1986 in Moncton and is a follow-up to a symposium sponsored five years ago by the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission on "Telematics and Higher Education." Information: Jocelyne Picot, Director, AAU Office of Educational Communications, Suite 702, 6080 Young St. Halifax, N.S. B3K 5L2 (Tel. 902-453-2775).



Dr. Barbara Roberts (L) peace activist and feminist historian, chats with Art Gallery director Mary Sparling following her talk at the Gallery on Women's Resources for a Peaceful World during the Women and Peace exhibit.

## Secretaries Win Scholarships

The Professional Secretaries International, Halifax-Dartmouth Chapter, has recently announced the winners of the Certified Professional Secretary (CPS) examination tuition scholarships.

This year, both winners are from Mount Saint Vincent University in their senior year of the Office Administration program: Christina Brault and Amy Parker.

One of last year's scholarship winners, Paula McCullough, a student in the Mount's Bachelor of Education program this year, passed all six of the examinations. Generally, only approximately 10 per cent of the 2,000 students writing the examinations pass all six.

## Innovation Through Partnership

The Conference Board of Canada is sponsoring a national conference entitled "Innovation Through Partnership: Moving New Technology, New Products and New Skills from Campus to Workplace," December 3 and 4 at the Westin Hotel, Toronto.

Sessions and workshops include such topics as "The University's Role — a Businessman's View," "Harnessing Campus Research: Ottawa's Role," "Technology for Sale: The High-Tech Supermarket" and "Beyond the Ivory Tower: A Success Story."

Registrations will be accepted until December 3. Contact the Registrar, The Conference Board of Canada, 255 Smyth Road, Ottawa, Ontario, K1H 8M7, or Phone (613) 526-3280.

## SETON CANTATA CHOIR IN CONCERT

Sallie Novinger  
Director



Saturday, December 7, 1985  
8:00 pm.

Historic Saint Patrick's Church  
Brunswick Street, Halifax

featuring "Midnight Mass for Christmas" by Charpentier plus favorite carol, "The Infant Jesus" by Buxtehude.  
Tickets: Available at the door, Lawley's Music Stand, The Centre for Continuing Education at Mount Saint Vincent University (443-4450 ext. 243) or from choir members.

Adults \$5  
Students and Seniors \$3

Wine and cheese reception following.

Sponsored by the  
Centre for Continuing Education, Mount Saint Vincent University

## Mosquitoes Used for Research

Mosquitoes and blackflies are common pests well-known to Canadians who enjoy the great outdoors. At worst, they're usually thought of as mere nuisances — but to Chris Lucarotti, assistant professor in the Mount's Biology Department, they represent a threat to the health of millions of people world-wide.

His current research involves the development of a fungus which infects mosquitoes at the larval stage and kills them. This mould can be used as a biological control over mosquito populations in place of insecticides such as DDT which used to help reduce diseases carried by these insects.

However, since mosquitoes and other disease carrying insects developed resistance to chemical control over the

years, it has become necessary to find alternative methods to help eliminate diseases such as malaria, which kills 500,000 children in Africa every year, and encephalitis, which afflicts livestock in Canada's prairie provinces.

Lucarotti is concentrating his efforts on yellow fever mosquitoes and has about 1,000 of them on hand at any one time under special laboratory conditions. The mould which infects their larvae occurs in nature, and Lucarotti is using the mould in a controlled environment in order to determine its biological control potential on insect pests.

Two Natural Science and Engineering Research Council of Canada grants are helping Lucarotti's research along.





Frank Paznar, president of the Canadian Public Relations Society and senior vice-president of Mediacom, Toronto, visited Jon White's senior public relations management class recently to talk to the students. Some lively discussions took place both during and after class. He's seen here answering student Suzanne McCarron's questions about the world of PR.

## Experience Unlimited Meeting

"Seniors have a lifetime of personal, domestic, professional, artistic and business skills," says Dr. Mairi Macdonald, Director of the Mount's Centre for Continuing Education, "but some seem to want things done for them and some want to do things for others."

In an effort to find ways of linking these people, Dr. Macdonald says the centre is trying something new — an exploratory meeting called

"Experience Unlimited."

The aim of the meeting, to be held 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 30, in Vinnie's Pub, Rosaria Centre, is to see if there are ways of helping seniors share their skills, knowledge and experience in various fields.

Anyone interested should contact the Centre for Continuing Education as soon as possible, at 443-4450, extension 243/400.

## Position Open for Don — Apply by November 26

The Housing Office is accepting applications for the position of Don, for the remainder of the 1985-86 academic year.

The Don would be responsible to liaise with students in an all-female residence (150 students); advise on residence hall government and interpret policy for staff and students; supervise four undergraduate Resident Assistants and an organized residence hall program.

Qualifications: mature individual with ability to communicate and deal effectively with others; experience on a residence hall staff or related environment are requisites for this position.

Remuneration: a rent-free furnished apartment and a full meal plan (19 meals per week) for the academic year.

Closing date: November 26, 1985.

For further information contact the Housing Office, Student Services, Rosaria Centre, 443-4450, extension 355.

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guaranteed by Nova Scotia Labour Standards Code?

"The market demands more rights than does our legislation," explained Ring. "Many employers wouldn't be able to attract people unless they provided some of these rights."

But she warned that although the employer may agree to provide certain rights, this agreement ran out at the end of the employer-employee contract, which in the case of unions, often ran out every few years; but in the case of non-unionized individuals, ran out after every pay period.

"Our rights come from our contracts, which employers can unilaterally change at the end of every pay period," Ring explained. "So if you're paid every two weeks, and your employer decides to take away your coffee break at the end of your two-week pay period, the employer can do so under Nova Scotia Labour Standards Code."

What could women do to obtain and protect their rights in the workplace?

Ring suggested unionization. "Unfortunately the general public has taken a negative attitude towards

## Women and Moral Madness

Dr. Katherine Morgan of the Philosophy Department, University of Toronto, will be speaking on *Women and Moral Madness* in the Women's Study Lecture Series on Thursday, November 28 from 3-5 p.m. in Room 506, Seton Academic Centre.

unions," she stated, "but from employees' standpoint, unions are often their sole protection."

And whether unionized or not, Ring stressed women should know exactly what benefits they are entitled to when they accept employment.

She also suggested boycotting organizations known to exploit women. Citing large retail outlets as examples of businesses exploiting part-time workers, Ring stated, "As women we can do a lot. We are the buyers in the marketplace, so individual efforts through boycott can be effective."

"Women are the powerhouse behind the nation. We've been the ones able to handle 10 million things at once: jobs, the house, and the kids. If women were to organize and fight for their rights as workers, they could prove a very strong force."

Dawna Ring's presentation was sponsored by the Mount's Life Planning and Learning Centre in cooperation with Public Legal Education of Nova Scotia.

## Women and Words:

### Publications By And About Women

"In the Feminine: Women and Words," conference proceedings 1983 is available, for \$9.50 per copy, from Longspoon Press, c/o Department of English, University of Alberta, Calgary, Alberta T6G 2E5.

Proceedings include "The Social Context for Women's Writing" with essays on violence, class, subversion and women's culture; "Writing Against Double Colonization," essays by Indian, Black and ethnic writers; "Writing and Motherhood"; "Constructing and Deconstructing: Feminist Critical Theory"; "Writing in the Feminine: Language and Form" and "Getting Women's Voices Heard: Collective Action in Publishing and Theatre."

Other publications by and about women are also available at the above address.

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This may include realigning the roles of existing institutions, the statement notes.

Key priorities identified by the ministers include: preserving a strong core of liberal arts and humanities in universities; providing institutions with a stable basis of funding to enable them to address high priority areas; ensuring a solid basis for research and development activities; and integrating new technologies within the postsecondary sector.

Copies of the statement, entitled "Changing Economic Circumstances: The Challenge for Postsecondary Education and Manpower Training" are available free from the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada, 252 Bloor St. W., suite 5-200, Toronto, Ont. M5S 1V5 (Tel. 416-964-2551).

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