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Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, Nova Scotia



Has The Mount A 'Blurred' Image?

What has been referred to as the Mount's 'blurred image' was the main topic under discussion when members of the newly-appointed President's Committee met recently to look at ways of promoting the university and its programs.

It was felt that one had to be sure of 'what the university is and what it stands for' before its programs could be marketed with any conviction. While there was no question that the Mount was a university built by women for women with a Christian tradition, the reality was that many on faculty and staff found this 'image' was a deterrent in selling programs to prospective students.

"There is this whole question with regard to the credibility of a program. And whether we like it or not, we must attract more men to our programs to give them that credibility."

During the past year requests have been made directly or passed on 'third hand' to the university's public relations office to play down the fact that the Mount is predominantly a women's institution.

On the other hand, complaints have also been received that the Mount is not seen to be offering any unique or special programs for women which could not be obtained elsewhere and in greater variety.

Alumnae, students and some faculty members have also observed, as well as members of the greater community, that the "men are seen as having taking over" at the Mount and hold down all the important positions.

During the meeting it was argued that these complaints and observations were

unfair and that there was little that could be done if qualified women did not apply for faculty positions which became vacant.

One of the suggestions made during the meeting was that the "universality" of the Mount should be stressed more in all promotional material and that this would get away from the female-male image.

"The Mount should be seen as training people to be rather than to have, and that it cares about the development of the whole person".

It was suggested that a study should be undertaken to ascertain what the Mount's public image was or even if it had a public image but this idea garnered little support.

The committee will meet again in two weeks with Mount president Dr. E. Margaret Fulton in the chair. All comments and suggestions are to be directed to her office.

Solve Your French Problem

Students interested in a year's study at either Besancon, France or Rimouski, Quebec should attend a meeting on Tuesday, November 24, 12:00 noon in Seton 308.

The year in France or Quebec is normally for French majors but anyone wondering if her/his program can accommodate the French year should contact the head of the specialty department and one of the professors in the Modern Languages department. If interested in the year but unable to attend the meeting, contact Catherine Rubinger in the Modern Languages department, Seton 325.



Bienvenido a los ticos: The Modern Languages Department recently held a reception in the Art Gallery to welcome a group of Costa Ricans to Halifax. These enthusiastic young people are part of Canada World Youth, an international exchange project in which participants work with various community and social service organizations.

alumnae update



Ruby (Roberts) Blois, who completed her B.Sc. in nursing at the Mount in '75 as a part-time student, has just been appointed Director of Nursing at the IWK Children's Hospital in Halifax.

"I went to the Mount under the mature student program," she says, "and I must say they helped to make things easier for me."

As well as her degree from the Mount, Ruby Blois is a graduate of the Children's Hospital School of Nursing, Dalhousie University (Nursing Administration) and University of Saskatchewan School of Hospital Management and Organization.

She has been employed at the hospital for the past 19 years and has been Associate Director of Nursing since 1974. She has served on a number of committees for the Registered Nurses Association of Nova Scotia, and is a member of the Association for the Care of Children's Health, Canadian Council of Health Service Executives and a number of other community programs.

Blois was largely instrumental in setting up the Care by Parents Unit at the IWK Children's Hospital. "We have a lot to learn about allowing families to play their part in hospital treatment," she says. "In our program, which is unique in Canada, parents are totally committed to be with their child the whole time they are in hospital. We provide a homelike environment where the mother or father can sleep in the same room."

Mrs. Blois' appointment becomes effective on December 1, 1981 and she says she is "really looking forward to the challenges."

She and her husband, Eugene, have lived in Dartmouth for the past 15 years and have one daughter, Jennifer.

Cummings Coming

Dr. Larry Cummings, University of Waterloo, will be at the Mount on November 19 and 20 for workshops on "Computers and the Arts".

Dr. Cummings is a former chairman of the English department at the University of Waterloo and in recent years has become interested in computer technology for the Humanities.

On Thursday, November 19 he will discuss "Computers and Research in the Arts" and on Friday, November 20 "Computer Programs for Teaching in the Arts".

Both sessions will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. in Seton 530/531. Members of the university community are welcome.

New Exhibits

Two new exhibits will be opening at the Art Gallery on November 20 — **Points of View: Photographs of Architecture**, courtesy of the National Gallery of Canada including 150 images ranging from the mid-nineteenth century to the present; and **Hooked Rugs and Drawings** by Nancy Edell, of Wolfville. Edell shows views of costumed figures attempting flight, dance and other trickeries above the prairies and in front of Cape Blomidon.



This year's Fall Fair, sponsored by the Alumnae Association, was again a huge success. A taffy apple was just one of the many good buys that brought people from all over the province.

On November 19, at 8:30 p.m. Bruce Barber, of the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, will give a talk on "Performance Problems".

Jim Borcoman, curator of photography at the National Gallery of Canada, will talk on November 24 at 8:15 p.m. about "Paper Photography and Painterly Conventions, 1839-1855".

Senate Report

The following is the report from the October 26 Senate meeting:

1. Senate approved the academic calendar for 1982-83.
2. Senate approved an honours programme in Mathematics and two new Mathematics courses: Mathematics 411, Directed Study in Mathematics (1/2 unit) and Mathematics 412, Directed Study in Mathematics (1 unit).
3. Additional curriculum material approved included the following new courses in History:

History 206 - Social History of European Women from the Classical World to the Industrial Revolution (1/2 unit)

History 207 - Social History of European Women from the Industrial Revolution to the Modern Day (1/2 unit)

History 345 - Social and Cultural His-

tory of the U.S. (1 unit)
History 390 - Historiography and the Methods of History I (1/2 unit)

History 391 - Historiography and the Methods of History II (1/2 unit)

4. Senate also approved Academic Appeals Procedures as follows:

It is to be understood that these procedures are introduced to ensure that the University is prepared to deal with possible appeals in an equitable and orderly fashion. Mutually agreeable settlements may be made between the professor and the student informally at any stage.

Problems related to individual pieces of work (mid-term papers, and so forth) as they occur during a course are distinguished from problems related to the final grade.

Interim Appeals

(appeals on marks given prior to the issuance of the final grade)

1. The student must first discuss the situation with the professor.
2. If still dissatisfied after speaking with the professor, the student should then take the problem to the chairperson (or the appropriate dean if the professor is also the chairperson).
3. The chairperson will review the work in question with the professor and will respond to the student.
4. If still dissatisfied, the student may request a review of the case by the appropriate dean.

Final Grade Appeals

Stage One:

Within three weeks of the issuance of grades, the student may request, in writing to the registrar, an analysis of the final grade. The registrar will contact the professor and request an analysis be provided to the student, with a copy to the registrar. Normally, this will be done within two weeks of the request. If, after receiving the analysis, the student is still dissatisfied, he/she may then proceed to Stage Two.

Stage Two:

Within four weeks of the analysis being sent to the student, he/she may request an examination re-read in writing through the registrar. A non-refundable administrative fee of \$10.00 is required before a re-read will be arranged.

1. The registrar will convey the re-read request with a copy of the exam to the chairperson (or to the appropriate dean if the chairperson is the instructor), and will inform the appropriate dean at the same time.
2. The chairperson (or designate) and the professor will re-read the exam inde-

pently.

3. The chairperson will report the results of the re-read in writing and will return the exam to the registrar.
4. The registrar will convey the result to the student and the appropriate dean, and will, if appropriate, amend the student's transcript accordingly.

It is to be understood that a re-read may result in a lowered as well as a raised grade.

Stage Three: Petition to the Committee for Academic Affairs

1. The student will state his/her specific complaints outlining the results of Stage One and/or Stage Two and will explain why he/she is still dissatisfied. This is to be in writing and directed to the registrar.
2. The registrar will corroborate the dates and will forward the results of Stage one and/or Stage Two to the appropriate dean who will present the appeal to the Committee for Academic Affairs, which will make a final decision on the appeal.
3. The vice-president (academic) will report the results of the appeal to the student, professor and registrar.

Notes and Votes

- The IBM photocopier located outside the Games Room in Rosaria Centre can now operate on coins as well as the auditorium — still for 10¢ per copy which must be a bargain in these days of constantly rising prices.

- The MICOM has been relocated to Seton Academic Centre and all requests for its service should be directed to Peggy Stephens, Secretarial Services.

- Information is available from the Financial Aid Office, Student Services, Rosaria Centre, on IODE Scholarships for graduate study in Canada or Overseas and on Commonwealth Scholarships. Deadline for application is December 1.

- The bulletin board is now in place outside the Co-operative Education Office in Rosaria Centre. Co-op students, current and future, are urged to consult the board regularly for deadlines, policy notices, meeting notices and job postings.

- Monday, November 16 is the last day to withdraw from an 'A' course without academic penalty. Contact the Registrar's Office NOW.

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- Votes of thanks this month go to all those who donned various and assorted weird and wonderful costumes and came out to support the staff fundraising dance, on Hallowe'en night.



Guess who!

A Career in Law?

A representative from Dalhousie Law School will be on campus November 19 to meet with students who are considering a career in law. Information concerning application procedures, admissions criteria, Law School Admissions Tests and the program itself will be presented.

The meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday in Seton 526.

Professional Secretaries

The Professional Secretaries international have awarded scholarships to: Deborah Boutilier, Joanne Cosman, and Cheryl Goldsmith. The "Geraldine Gannett, CPS, Memorial Scholarship" is an examinations tuition award which permits the three students to write the Certified Professional Secretary examinations in May 1982.

Certified Professional Secretary is the rating achieved by successfully completing the two-day examination involving areas of secretarial knowledge, developed and administered by the Institute for Certifying Secretaries, a department of Professional Secretaries international.

Miss Kathy Wolfe, a senior in the Secretarial Administration Department, who wrote the examinations in May 1981 has been successful. She ranked with the 7

percent of those writing for the first time who passed all six parts of the examination.

Students from the Secretarial Administration Department were recent guests of Seaman-Cross Limited for a three-hour evening tour of their facilities. It covered all aspects of their office planning: design, equipment, furnishings, etc.

A large number of students attended the tour along with members of the faculty. Students were enthusiastic in their comments, feeling that it had been an enjoyable learning experience.

The students were impressed with the willingness of their hosts to spend time with them, their obvious enjoyment of their work, and the behind-the-scenes look at how business operates.

Discussion Session

Tom Kent, chairman of the Royal Commission on Newspapers, will be at Mount Saint Vincent University on November 19 to take part in a question and answer session with students from the Mount's public relations degree program. Other members of the university community and the media will also be welcome.

Mr. Kent is Dean of the Faculty of Administrative Studies of Dalhousie University, and editor of *Policy Options* Politics, the public affairs magazine published by the Institute for Research on Public Policy. He is an Officer of the Order of Canada, and, among other things a Governor of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council and a director of the Cape Breton Development Corporation.

The question and answer session will be held in the Special Activities Room, Rosaria Centre, at noon on Thursday, November 19.

Higher Profile Needed For C.E. Office

Mount faculty members are being urged to encourage their students to seek out the services provided by the Canada Employment Office on campus.

Bruna Caracristi, manager of the Mount's C.E. office, told a meeting of the Career Planning and Placement Committee that many of the Mount's students

wait until the last minute to seek out job opportunities and very few of them take advantage of the services provided in the way of helping them complete resumes and improving their interview techniques.

Dr. Carol Hill, Director of Student Services, told the same meeting that it was of great concern to her staff that the Mount's students didn't make use of all the assistance provided for them by the university's own staff, in seeking employment. "Many seem to put it off until late in their graduation year and are not aggressive about seeking help."

It was pointed out that students involved in the public relations degree program and those in the co-operative education program seemed to be more aware of the services available to them and actively pursued information and assistance.

Caracristi said many business interests arranged interviews for students on campus during the Fall semester but students were reluctant to take advantage of such opportunities. "We have to promote these services more and one way will be to seek out faculty support," said committee chairman Dr. E. Margaret Fulton.

Summer employment opportunities coming up: Briefing, November 19 — College Pro Painters Limited; November 21 is the deadline for applying to the National Research Council; November 30 for Atomic Energy of Canada.

Just Passing Through

A chance "Just passing through?" exchange between Mount president Dr. E. Margaret Fulton and a faculty member prompted the former to address a gathering of the faculty recently. She said it was an indication of her "progressively worsening state of paranoia" when a pleasant exchange on campus could get her thinking about the need for sharing information.

Dr. Fulton said she wanted to assure faculty members that when she was away from campus "it's because I'm on official business" and not enjoying the sun, the sea and total relaxation.

She followed up her remarks with briefings on the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) and Association of Atlantic Universities (AAU) meetings held with other university presidents in Winnipeg and Moncton respectively.

In the first instance, she said, university presidents met with Canada's Manpower

and Immigration Minister Lloyd Axworthy. Forecasts for manpower "are dismal and if colleges and universities do not provide the trained manpower needed there is little doubt that government subsidize companies to train people".

"Only those universities in Canada which move with a changing society and its needs will be the survivors," she said.

Dr. Fulton said it was felt most universities had been very lax in interpreting themselves and their objectives to the public. She felt, however, that the Mount was "a little ahead of the pack" because of its strong emphasis on continuing education programs, its co-operative education options and now its thrust into distance learning, which will bring the lecture class right into the heart of the business community.

She said one thing the Mount had going for it was that it had always operated on a "shoe string" and that "restraints" and "accountability" had always been important words in the university's vocabulary. "And this hasn't gone unnoticed by government and others out there in the community."

Dr. Fulton said there was no question that many Ontario and Quebec universities were in trouble. They built great universities during the affluent sixties and seventies but now with inflation the way it was they found themselves with magnificent buildings but no money to provide the equipment to keep pace with modern technology.

She said local universities understood the significance of trying to work together in a co-operative way and that the meetings which resulted in the Mount, Dalhousie and Saint Mary's Universities establishing a joint purchasing agent were continuing. "We feel efficiencies can be effected in many other areas as well."

Dr. Fulton told the faculty that while she was away at such meetings she also meets with alumnae and high school counsellors and calls upon prominent businessmen in an effort to promote the university and solicit financial support.

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