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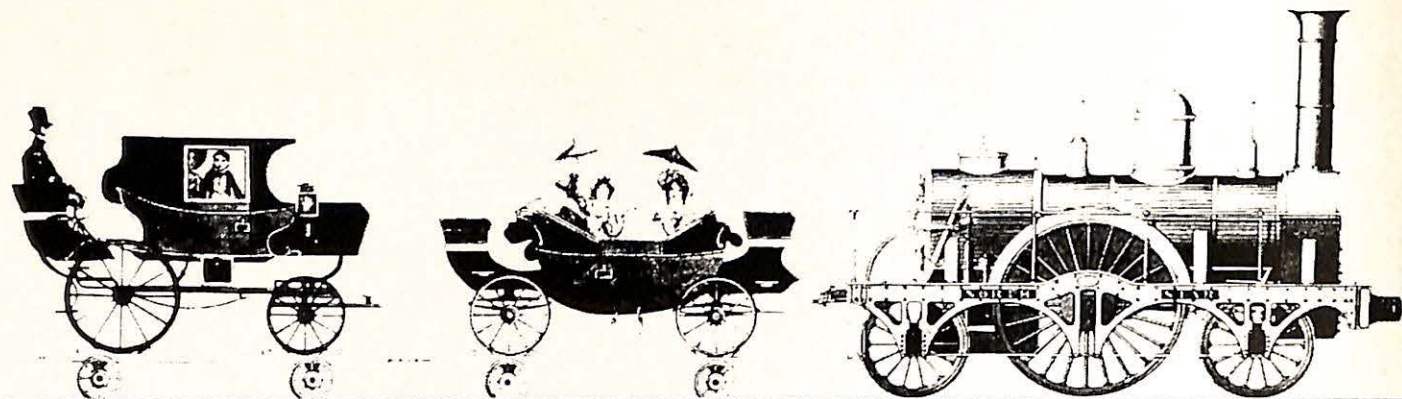
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Keeping in Touch

This issue of Insight Plus represents a delayed renewal of communication with your academy, college and university friends. My appointment last summer as Alumnae Officer follows a period of restructuring and reorganization (which still goes on) brought on by the growth of alumnae ranks (you are a widely dispersed lot) and shrinking budgets. The loss of Michal (Rankin) Crowe '77 who served as your alumnae officer for almost five years, didn't help much either. Many of the good things now accepted as routine, were initiated during her time with the university and alumnae association.

In any case, we hope that your appetite for Mount news has become keen from privation.

The economic climate of the day has curtailed many Canadian university publications and alumnae undertakings. We are sorry to report that we must limit our mass mailing from the alumnae office to four a year. However, we hope to take up as much informational slack as we can by upgrading and expanding Insight Plus. Your continued support and printed contributions are vital and will serve as a source of inspiration to the alumnae office's efforts to keep you in touch with your alma mater and association activities.

On a personal note, I am very grateful to be able to step into a position where so much good will and co-operation have been forthcoming from the entire Mount community. Working with Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association president Barbara Watt and her executive has been a pleasure and the enthusiasm displayed at recent alumnae functions has been most rewarding.

Dilly MacFarlane

LETTER FROM ALUMNAE PRESIDENT



Dear Mount alumnae:

As your president this year, I have set out a number of ambitious goals for our association. I wish to share these with you:

1. Add a new dimension to the association by attracting more professional women into alumnae activities;
2. Direct the association to sponsor, in conjunction with Mount resources, seminars, special lectures, and other events, on current issues;
3. Promote association interest and active participation in Project I: Futures for Women;
4. Organize a committee structure by which the association's executive will be better informed of alumnae activities. This structure will also enable association counsellors to participate and to interact with members of the executive;
5. Establish a mechanism whereby academy graduates play a more visible role with the association;
6. Set out a procedure by which there is an efficient flow of communication from the association executive to the alumnae office;
7. Promote chapter's growth and activities; and
8. Ensure the visibility of the alumnae association on and off campus.

I feel these goals are timely and necessary. Association Executive members are currently addressing each one of them. We are in the planning stages, along with Dr. Mairi MacDonald of the Mount's Continuing Education Centre, to co-sponsor such public education sessions as "Women on Boards and Commissions; Women in Technology; Alzheimer's — An Insidious Killer Of The Elderly," etc.

Our university is making a number of thrusts in the areas of education and research for women. President Margaret Fulton has set out to expand and improve facilities and programs at the Mount and your association's executive will continue to ask that you give your moral and monetary support to Project One: Futures for Women which will make these objectives possible and ensure that the Mount's students receive high quality training to prepare them for the challenges in a progressive technological society. I would not only encourage you to support the president in her activities but to assist me to respond to the efforts being undertaken so the Mount can continue as an institution of excellence.

Without your help our objectives will not be realized. I look forward to meeting you.

Barbara Watt, '81
Association President

What Will You Be Doing In 2033 A.D.?

by Michal Crowe

Did you ever wonder what the members of other Mount graduating classes have accomplished over the years and where they have gone since leaving the Academy, the College and the University?

Our alumnae have travelled the globe, studied at every major university in North America and abroad, and are in the positions of administration at every level of government, industry and private enterprise.

Enterprise is the perfect word to describe their accomplishments for they have set a precedent for excellence and a standard of accomplishment to which every Mount grad can aspire. They have brought honor to themselves, to their society, and to their alma mater and in times of economic uncertainty and high unemployment have created their own jobs and gone into business for themselves — people like Barbara (Rogers) Potvin BSc '58, who designs and markets playground equipment; Susan (Harlow) Kersley '63, who operates her own riding school and stables; Mary Lou (Brown) Comerford Dip. Sec.Sc. '59, who is a commercial pilot and runs her own aeronautical supply shop; and Margaret (Penny) Lake BSecSc. '50, President of John Penny & Sons fish business in Newfoundland and Vice-President of Caribou Fisheries in Massachusetts.

Many of our alumnae are in positions of authority. Rochelle (Ruland) Smith BA '72, Executive Director of the YWCA in Cambridge, Ontario; Beverley Ramsay BA '74, Chief Administrator of Fundy National Park; Celine Comtois BSecSc '62, District Sales Manager with Air Canada in Montreal; and Mary Alice (Condon) Mullaly BA '68, former housekeeper and nanny to Prime Minister Trudeau.

Then there is Anne Y. Burns BScHec '35, Senior Educational Consultant to the Department of National Health and Welfare and author of "Up the Years From One to Six", a child care book in

most Canadian homes. In the nursing field, we have nurses from the Northwest Territories to Australia. In Halifax, Geraldine (Fox) Webber BScN '70 is Director of Nursing at the Nova Scotia Hospital; Frances Merkley BA '80, Director of Occupational Therapy, Camp Hill Hospital; and Jean (Higgins) Magee BScN '74, is a senior citizen recreation specialist in Calgary.

The Mount also has alumnae in the legal profession: Judge Doris Ogilvie BSecSc '38, and D.Hum.L. '80, of the New Brunswick Provincial Court, Commissioner of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women in 1967 and Chair of the Canadian Commission on International Year of the Child in 1978.

Isabel Macneill O.B.E. Academy '26, served in the Womens Royal Canadian Naval Service during the Second World War and was subsequently appointed commanding officer of HMCS Conestago in Galt, Ontario where she was responsible for the basic training of 6,000 new WRENS. In 1944, she was awarded the Order of the British Empire. Following study of correctional systems in Europe, she became superintendent of Kingston Prison for women, a position she held for 16 years where she instituted many reforms and changes in Canada's penal system.

There is Ann Shea BScHec '34, who was with the U.S. Army Medical Corps during the Second World War as a dietitian in military hospitals in France, North Africa and Italy. Following the war she received her Masters of Public Health and served as Chief Executive Dietitian at the Murphy Military Hospital in Waltham, Mass. As a nutritionist with the New York State Department of Public Health she was on President Nixon's "White House Conference on Food Nutrition and Health".

An Academy graduate, Margaret (Clotilde) Macdonald, served as a nurse in the Boer War and was one of the first two nursing sisters to be appointed to Canada's Permanent Army Medical Corps. She mobilized the nursing sisters at the beginning of the First World War, and served as Matron-in-Chief from 1914 to 1917. (Matron Macdonald is the aunt of Dr. Mairi Macdonald, Continuing Education).

Do you recognize Mount grads who have achieved prominence within their own university and in the Sisters of Charity? Janet (Pottie) Murray '56 is Chair of Mount Saint Vincent University's Board of Governors, a position held by another Mount grad, Florence Wall BA '39, from 1972 to 1975. Sister Paule Cantin BScEd '64 and BA '68, was elected Superior General of the Sisters of Charity in 1980 and her first assistant is Sister Anne Harvey, another Mount graduate — BA '67.

In other universities and schools across Canada, Mount graduates are teaching or in administrative positions like Carol Salton, Headmistress of the Halifax Ladies College; and Linda (Jacobs) Currie BScHec '71, Director of Professional Formation at MacDonald College; Dr. Mary L. Morley BScHec '34 & BA '38, was Chair of the Home Economics Department at Mount Saint Vincent University from 1966 to 1978.

In the foreign service Mount grads have also made a career for themselves: Blance Margaret Meagher who attended the Mount for two years and then transferred to Dalhousie was Canada's first woman ambassador serving in Mexico, Sweden, Israel and London. Catherine (Kitty) Kelly, BSec.S. '40 is with the Foreign Service in London and Margaret Chapman B.S.A. '76 is with the Canadian Embassy in Austria.

Although a great number of Mount alumnae are in the work world, there are others who give time to the community, church, school and hospital. One such person is Jane (Thorup) Hannon, Academy '33 and BScHec '36, who did volunteer work for the American Cancer Society, the Red Cross and the Heart Fund.

In 1966 the American Heart Association named her as its outstanding Heart Fund volunteer of the year. She was also honored by the Washington Heart Association for her work in the high school research program. In 1977, Jane received

the papal honor "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" for her many years of service to church and charitable organizations.

Dorothy (Green) Wills BScSS '56, who has worked to further the cause of black people and provide a new sense of pride in their history, was named Black Woman of the Year in 1973 and was featured in Time magazine in 1969 and 1970.

In business, Dennice (Leahy) Walker BA '64, a manager with the Montreal branch of the Royal Bank of Canada, is also national chair of the Multiple Sclerosis Association. Another Mount grad, Helen (Dauphinee) McGinnis Academy '40, is Executive Director for the March of Dimes in California.

For something completely different, Linda (Hayes) O'Brien BSChEc '73 and Gaylene (Mullen) Sabine BA '76, are running hog operations with their husbands in Nova Scotia. Barbara (Grant) Stienworth BScSS '63 is operating a grain and cattle farm in the West.

Nova Scotia potter Alice (Egan) Hagan, Academy 1883 (whose priceless pioneering work is on display in the Rosaria Centre Board Room) spent her lifetime learning about china painting and pottery and sharing her knowledge with others. In 1897 she won a competition to help design a dinner service for Canada's Governor General's House, Ottawa. This set was subsequently given to Lord and Lady Aberdeen as a going away present from the people of Canada and is now on permanent display in the U.K.

After working a number of years in Jamaica she received the Sir Anthony Musgrave bronze medal and the Institute of Jamaica Silver Medal for her contribution to art in the West Indies. On her return to Canada, Alice spent the rest of her life researching the use of local Nova Scotia clays and glazes which she produced in her studio at Mahone Bay.

Further alumnae in the fine and performing arts include: Catherine McKinnon Academy '63, singer; Tela (Monaghan) Purcell Academy '49, popular local painter; Janet Marston BA '70, an artist in Montreal, and Marilyn Weston BA '75, who has her own TV show "AS IT IS" in Montreal. Many don't realize that the popular international singer Anne Murray spent a year at the Mount.

According to statistics, more than 30 percent of Mount alumnae have gone on to obtain further education. Some have returned to the Mount, and others have gone to universities elsewhere. Whatever degree they have obtained, whether it is an M.D. like Dr. Deborah Knight BSc '70 of Dartmouth or a Ph.D. like Marguerite Flinn BSc '56, Professor of Biology at the Mount, they are providing a positive image of Mount Saint Vincent University.

The Psychology of Speeding

Dr. Ron Van Houten



Two Mount professors have taken behavioral science out of the lab and brought it, quite literally, into the streets.

Dr. Ron Van Houten and Dr. Paul Nau have devised new ways to decrease speeding by using their expertise in applied psychology.

One technique they use is called "feedback" and it's ten times more effective than traditional methods used by the police in getting drivers to slow down. The idea is simple — remind drivers to slow down, and they do.

The same philosophy has been used for years in industry. Hydro companies, construction sites, and assembly plants use signs to remind employees that "This company has gone — days without an accident."

One of the worst areas for speeding in any city is where a major highway enters a residential area. Drivers coming off a highway don't always remember to slow down. Several problem areas in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, were chosen by Van Houten and Nau for their research.

After monitoring traffic for several weeks, a large sign was erected at a spot where the speed limit changed from 80km/h to 50km/h. The sign told drivers what percentage of them had not been speeding the week before, and the best record to date.

To test the sign's effectiveness, the researchers sometimes covered it with a tarpauline or removed the numbers. The test also measured speed levels while police cars monitored and ticketed speeders.

Results were quite surprising. With the feedback sign in place, many drivers

slowed down, especially those going at the highest speeds, who reduced speed by 57 per cent. When the sign was covered, or the numbers taken down, speed levels rose again. If a police car was in sight, speeds decreased, but rose again as soon as the patrol car left the scene.

Why is a simple sign more effective in slowing motorists down, than police patrols?

"It's basically a good reminder", says Van Houten. When the numbers on the sign keep changing it piques people's curiosity and they keep noticing it. The changing numbers also imply that the road is being watched constantly by the police, even if drivers can't see them.

Some sort of community spirit is involved as well. Researchers found that drivers would stop to see if the numbers were genuine and people in the neighborhood were pleased to have the sign there.

There's also a chain reaction. If one driver reads the sign and slows down, the brake lights remind the driver behind to reduce speed as well. So one driver can slow down several others.

The benefits are obvious. A sign, once in place, produces results 24 hours a day, something police patrols can't do. It slows down fast drivers considerably, and reminds those who are already observing the speed limit to stay with it. And time doesn't diminish the results. After three years, the signs are still just as effective.

"A lot of people were sceptical that this kind of approach would work," Van Houten remembers. "But I think more were surprised that the signs are effective, than by the fact that ticketing doesn't deter the average driver."

It's an on-going study and the two researchers are continually adding new twists to the project. Now they have devised a leaflet which Dartmouth police hand out, with a warning, to speeders. The leaflets specify the name of the street on which the offender was stopped and point out just why they shouldn't be speeding. Bumper stickers are also handed out with the message "Slow down. Help keep Dartmouth safe."

On Portland Street the sign alone reduced speeding from 11% to 6% of the drivers using that street. When leaflets were also introduced the number fell dramatically to 1%. So, the biggest effect is gained by using signs and leaflets together.

Now Van Houten and Nau are looking at ways of making police ticketing practices more effective and, as they say in the ads, much much more.



Profile by Pat Copeland

Marketing IBM biomedical equipment in Canada isn't a job for the slow-witted or the easily-fatigued, especially when there is only one marketing representative for those products in the country. Barbara Barrett, who used to walk a less

populated Mount Saint Vincent University campus as a student in the sixties, knows all about the pace that is required, and the whirlwind days it takes to stay on top of the competition, and satisfy clients from one end of the country to the other.

Most mornings she awakes at six; is out jogging and back for breakfast by seven; and walks into her office at eight a.m. She rarely leaves work until well after 6 p.m. In the pre-fire days of 21 McGill, Toronto's exclusive club for women executives, she would wind down with some quiet conversation, a dip in the club pool and a sauna. Now she spends fine weather hours at Queen City Yacht Club where she rows a 15 foot Albacore dinghy, or helps crew an Auberg 30. When she is not at the club, chances are she is practicing her swing on the IBM Golf and Country Club in nearby Markham. When it gets really late, she returns home to her Glen Echo upper flat, with its backyard view of the Rosedale Golf and Country Club, Toronto's playground for the very rich.

But she seldom sees the sunrise from her posh Toronto surroundings. Half of the year she is out of town, calling on surgeons, cardiologists, medical internists, oncologists, pediatricians, nursing staff, laboratory technologists and hospital administrators; demonstrating products; consulting on costs; organizing seminars; installing equipment; and checking to make sure people and product are dealing effectively with one another. Anywhere in Canada with a hospital is a possible destination for Barbara Barrett.

She is a saleswoman, but not the stereotyped used-car variety. Her job, she says, is far more involved than that. "You can make sales anything you want." She says she likes to think of her job as socially productive — something which offers life-sustaining equipment to others together with a commitment to provide the right training for optimum operational efficiency and results. That means her contacts and visits to hospital personnel often develop into sustained friendships. Once the training of staff is over and the equipment is installed she does not write them off as satisfied customers; she keeps her clients up-dated on technical changes and applications. "I couldn't go out and sell cars; the product is very important to me."

She sells three products; two of which are used in blood related therapies for cancer and transfusion, and the other is an electrocardiogram with computer analyses capabilities. Besides being involved in marketing, she is also consulted in IBM product development.

Barrett's leap from the relative obscurity

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Homecoming 1982

On July 31st, the Mount was proud to host the Alumnae Association's Homecoming 1982, honouring the graduates of the class of 1932 who celebrated their 50th anniversary, along with celebrants of the class of 1957 on their 25th, and all other alumnae of those years ending with two or seven. There was record attendance this year of some 200 alumnae who travelled from all over Canada and the U.S. to join their classmates in the celebration.

The kickoff to the full day program was an Academy reunion held at the Motherhouse on the evening before, with eighty academy grads in attendance at a wine and cheese reception. Several sisters who are alumnae and former academy teachers were also present. The enthusiasm of the reunited group indicated that the Academy spirit is alive and flourishing.

The day long program began early Saturday morning with a walk/jog with Mount President, Dr. E. Margaret Fulton, and a pancake breakfast attended by 90 alumnae. By mid-morning campus tours and faculty presentations were in full swing.

Rachel (Hagen) Dickinson '22 was present for the official opening of the Alice Egan Hagen Board Room dedicated to the memory of her mother, an alumna of the Academy, class of 1887.

An exhibit in the Art Gallery of old yearbooks, pictures, class rings, diplomas and academic hoods (gleaned from alumnae and the university's archives) proved a big attraction, as did the special photographic collection in Rosaria Centre.

A Patio Punch Reception held on the sunny Rosaria Terrace preceded a Theatre Luncheon at noon attended by 150 alumnae.

The alumnae were then invited to have tea with the Sisters at the

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Golden Jubilee Mount Grads '32

Included are: top (l-r) Sr. Sheila MacSweeney, Bernice (Chisholm) Adamson, Irene (McQuillan) Murphy. Bottom-Jeanne (Chisholm) Dick and Josephine Flemming.





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MacFarlane: It's where I want to be



Mount Saint Vincent University's new alumnae officer is Dorothy (Dilly) MacFarlane whose appointment came a couple of months after she picked up her B.A. Honors English degree at the 1982 Spring Convocation.

Well-known to many on campus, MacFarlane has participated in several of the Mount's theatre productions, including *Godspell* and the Mount Playhouse. She first attended the university back in 1967. She went on to Dalhousie University, where she also worked. She married in 1970.

MacFarlane returned to the Mount as a mature student. She was the first graduate in the Mount's new Honors English degree program and was awarded the Mrs. Angus L. Macdonald Prize for Literary Achievement. Like many at the Mount, she completed her studies while holding down a full-time job and raising two young children.

A native of Halifax who has never lived more than five miles from where she was born, MacFarlane now makes her home in one of the city's North End hydrostone houses.

Any history buff knows that this subdivision was one of the first planned areas in Halifax and replaced homes which were demolished in the 1917 Halifax Explosion. "My grandparents lived in the same house and my father was born there," she says. Family tradition dies hard in the Partridge family (her maiden name). MacFarlane thinks the Mount is an exciting place, "It's where I want to be."

Jones: I Was Ready



Dr. Pauline Jones is the Mount's new Academic Vice-President. Before coming to the Mount, Dr. Jones, a native of Cornerbrook, Newfoundland, was employed as Director of the Institute for Research in Human Abilities and Associate Professor of Psychology at Memorial University where she originally graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in education in 1961.

Following her graduate studies in educational psychology at the University of Alberta in 1965 and 1969, Dr. Jones was a post doctoral research student with the Department of Social Psychology at the London School of Economics.

Prior to her appointment to the faculty of Memorial University, Dr. Jones taught at the University of Alberta and had been a visiting professor in the Psychological Studies Department of Monash University, Melbourne, Australia.

In 1980, Dr. Jones was elected

President of the Association of Newfoundland Psychologists, and for three years was its representative on the National Advisory Council of Provincial Association of Psychologists. In addition to her teaching and numerous academic publications on child development, cognitive development, language and family studies, Dr. Jones has also served on several regional and national boards and committees as president or chairman, continually promoting her concerns in the areas of the humanities, social sciences and academic research.

Of her new position, she says, "I felt honored to have been nominated for the position at the Mount, and knew that it would provide the new challenge I needed and for which I was ready."

Married and the mother of 13 year old Stephen, Dr. Jones cherishes her free time with her family, enjoying outdoor sports like cross-country skiing, canoeing and golf. During her research career, she enjoyed her opportunities to travel to Australia, Hong Kong, Japan and throughout Europe. "But, the two things I enjoy most of all when I have time for myself," she says, "are music and philosophy."

Efforts: Paid Off

Carol Goodwin-Hatt, head gardener at the Mount, starts planning for Convocation when she plants her bulbs in the Fall.

"I have to think about the flowers most likely to bloom around the middle of May," she says, "like daffodils, early tulips, forget-me-nots and chionodoxa."

Spring cleaning takes about six weeks. All the leaves have to be raked up by hand. "We can't do it in the Fall," Carol points out, "because most of our trees are beech or oak and they don't drop their leaves until around January. By the time we rake them up they're all wet and soggy and really heavy to work with. Six or seven of us rake for 12 hours a day for about three weeks." The lawns have to be groomed, too, and all the paths swept.

Carol has been head gardener at the Mount for seven years now. She



came when she was barely 20 after taking Ornamental Horticultural Technology at the Agricultural College in Truro.

"It's hard being a woman in this profession," she says. "It's not only hard, but comparatively rare."

Seeing Carol at work on the campus grounds is like watching a small human dynamo. She never seems to shirk the jobs that require sheer strength, realising that even with all the mechanized help available these days, there are still things that can only be done properly by putting your back into them. Her efforts paid off in the Fall when she was presented with an Honor Award from the Professional Grounds Management Society, based in Maryland, U.S.A.-the second highest award in the university grounds category-a first for a Canadian and a first for a woman.

Macdonald: A Nice Turnabout



When Alan Regis Macdonald graduated from the Mount he was following in a family tradition and also setting a new trend. As the only male to be awarded a Bachelor of Secretarial Arts degree from the Mount, he's done a nice turnabout on women's lib. This time it's a man invading an almost totally female environment. Not that it was always that way, of course. Time was when only men were secretaries.

As far as the family tradition is concerned, the Mount is alma mater for his mother, Annemarie Macdonald; his sister Bernadette, who spent 12 years at the academy and then four years at the university before taking a law degree at Dalhousie; and his brother Ronald who graduated in May of 1982 with a Bachelor of Arts.

Both his father, Alan senior, and his mother serve on the Mount's Board of Governors.

The renegade is one other sister, Marie-Paule, who graduated from St. Mary's and Nova Scotia Technical universities as an architect. Just the same, that's quite a family involvement.

Alan has returned to the Mount this fall to further his studies in the classics.

Donnelly: A New Chapter



Sister Francis Dolores Donnelly, Ph.D., retired last summer from the University of Toronto's faculty of library science and is now researching the history of the Sisters of Charity of Halifax.

Sister joined the U of T faculty in 1971 as an associate professor; she became a full professor five years later. Previous to her appointment she had been the Mount's chief librarian. Sister left her Halifax post in 1968 to undertake doctoral studies at the University of Illinois where she was awarded a number of fellowships. She was the first recipient of the prestigious CLA Howard Phalin Graduate Scholarship in Library Science.

During her U of T tenure, Sister taught in the areas of library administration, library research methods, the library in society, and Canadian Studies. She helped first to design and then to teach courses in the doctoral program and served as Chairman of Doctoral Studies for three years.

The author of *The National Library of Canada* published by the Canadian Library Association in 1973, Sister has also contributed numerous articles and chapters of books on the subject of national library trends and services. Her most recent research involved the study of the British Library which took her to the British Isles on sabbatical leave and funded by a grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

Class Notes

Class of 1934

GENEVIEVE R. (O'REILLY) LYONS, ACADEMY, is a semi-retired Food Services Supervisor at Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis. 64 Carriage Drive, Brewster, Mass., U.S.A., 02631

Class of 1936

M. GERALDINE (COMEAU) BLINN, ACADEMY, works part-time for Statistics Canada as a Telephone Interviewer. Geraldine and her husband are living at 6043 Compton Avenue, Halifax, N.S. B3K 1E8.

Class of 1940

M. CATHERINE KELLEY, BScSS, is a Foreign Service Officer for the Department of External Affairs in England. Kitty can be reached at the Canadian High Commission, 1 Grosvenor Square, London, England W1X 0AB

IRENE (HANWAY) TRASK, SSDip. is a secretary for her husband Dr. N.B. Trask. They are living at 127 Crichton Avenue, Dartmouth, N.S. B3A 3R7

Class of 1943

SISTER MONICA NEARING, BA, was also known as Sister Maria Vincentia. She is a semi-retired piano teacher in Sillery. Seton Residence, 1655 St. Louis Road, Sillery, Quebec G1S 1G4

Class of 1947

HELEN CELESTE (CORMIER) KING, became a Registered Nurse in 1950, and is now retired. Her husband John is an accountant for the Auditor-General's Department. Celeste and John are living at 14 Lockwood Avenue, Halifax, N.S. B3R 1S8

FRANCES (SAULNIER) POWER, ACADEMY, is the Office Manager of the Atlantic Federation of Musicians, while her husband Peter is

the President. Frances and Peter are living at 6307 Chebucto Road, Halifax, N.S. B3L 1K9

Class of 1950

MARGARET S. (PENNY) LAKE, BScSS, is the President of John Penny & Sons in Nfld. Her husband Spencer is the President of Caribou Fisheries in Gloucester, Mass. Margaret and Spencer are living at 232 Larch Row, Wenham, Mass., U.S.A.. 01984

SISTER IRENE THERESE WHITE, BScHEC, is Sacristan of Mount Saint Vincent Motherhouse. Mount Marie, Mount Saint Vincent Motherhouse, Halifax, N.S. B3M 3J5

Class of 1951

SHEILA (DUNPHY) HUCK, BA, received her BEd in 1952 also from the Mount. Sheila and her husband Frank are retired and "loving it". 2 Willow Oak Road, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, U.S.A. 29928

Class of 1952

SISTER MARY JOANNA CRAWFEY, BA, teaches at St. Francis of Assisi School in Medford. 51 St. Clare Road, Medford, Mass., U.S.A. 02155

EVA (FEETHAM) EMMERSON, ACADEMY, is pleased to announce that her oldest daughter Mary Ruth graduated with a BComm from St. Mary's and that her daughter Diane graduated from the N.S. Agricultural College in Truro with a degree in horticulture. She keeps in touch with many Mount grads from her year including Rachel Kennedy from Massachusetts. 20 Tremont Drive, Halifax, N.S. B3M 1X7

Class of 1953

JUDITH ANNE (SULLIVAN) KINSELLA, ACADEMY, is the Head Nurse at Saint John Regional Hospital. 317 City Line, Saint John, N.B. E2M 1M3

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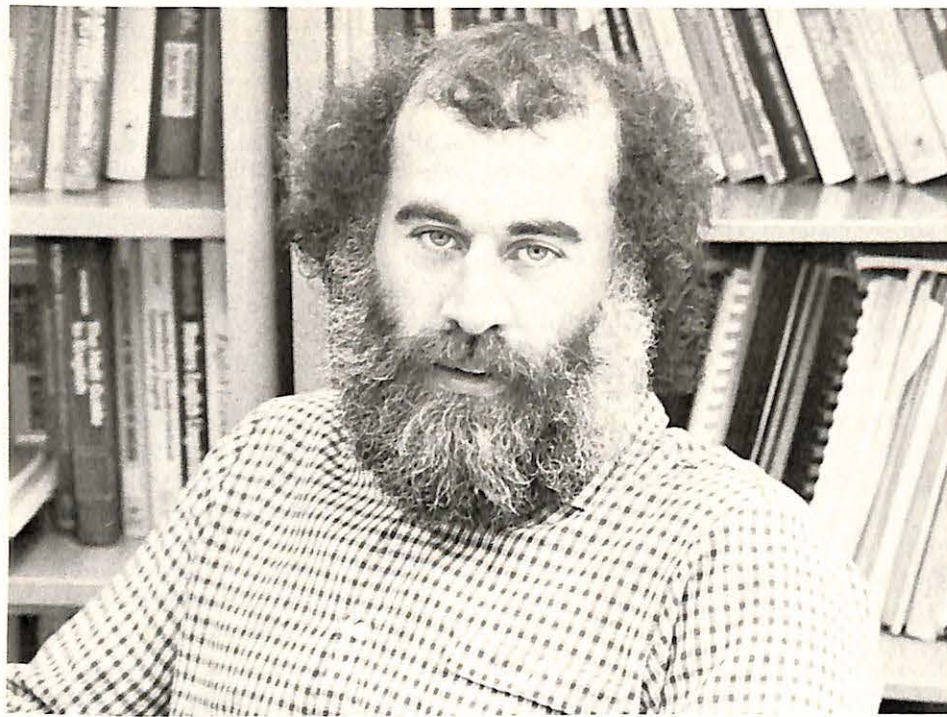
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Plain Talk About Plain Writing

In 1976 U.S. President Jimmy Carter said, "To many citizens who have to deal with it on a regular basis, the federal government has become like a foreign country, complete with its own interests and its own language."

It was around that time that legislation was introduced in the U.S. making the use of plain language mandatory in all executive agencies.

Here in Canada our own Federal Justice Department has become concerned about the very same matter. To put it into very plain language, we're being swamped by government gobbledegook.

Dr. Andrew Manning, Chairman of the Education Department at Mount Saint Vincent University, has completed a pilot study on the readability of government publications dealing with federal laws, and he's come up with some pretty startling results.

Of all the material assessed, only 24 per cent is understandable to the general public. The other 76 per cent is obscure, cumbersome and complex. The poor reader is left wondering, "Am I stupid?" and is ab-

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solutely none the wiser for the so-called information.

That's wasted effort on everyone's part, and that's why the Federal Justice Department, realising that citizens must be aware of their rights and responsibilities, requested the special study.

Using a Grade 9 reading level as a criterion for average reading ability, Dr. Manning arranged to have a computer program set up at the now defunct Atlantic Institute of Education to assess the various publications for readability. When long, involved sentences and words of more than a couple of syllables were used too frequently, he had an indication that the material was too complex for the average reader to understand.

This turned out to be the case in nearly all publications dealing with such vital matters as human rights, citizenship and immigration, senior citizens' rights, unemployment and justice.

What was missing was sensitivity to the reader. It's useless, for instance, for a lawyer to write a government publication as though she were addressing another lawyer. The ordinary Jane and Joe out there

in the everyday world is not familiar with specialized terms. And if the purpose of the exercise is to inform the public, then a lot of rewriting and revamping will have to be done.

Dr. Manning recommends that publications be written more like the spoken language, and less like formalized written language. "Give concrete examples," he advises. "Keep sentences short and uncomplicated." And avoid what he calls "lawyerisms" such as "cease and desist, aforementioned and hereinafter" which are redundant today. This lawyer's gobbledegook came about when the legal language was shifting from French to English and lawyers began using a term from each language to express one term.

"Define technical terms," says Dr. Manning and avoid expressions which contain unnecessary words, such as "for the reason that" instead of "because."

Dr. Manning's study, as a matter of fact, would be useful reading for anyone using the written word to communicate.

Apparently lawyers aren't the only culprits when it comes to obscure language. A recent study found that high school English teachers generally prefer long, complex, grammatically imprecise sentences and the armed forces have come up with some dandies.

Take, for instance, the U.S. Defence Department's description of a shovel as "a combat emplacement evacuator." Obviously, they've never heard of calling a spade a spade. And the U.S. Navy can go one better, calling a wave "a climatic disturbance at the air-sea interface." Try singing that to the tune of A Life on the Ocean Wave!

It's good for a laugh, but it's also a very serious matter for consumers, senior citizens, new immigrants and the unemployed, to be handed publications which have been written expressly to help them but which turn out to be unreadable. It's to be hoped that the pilot study will be taken to heart. Copies of it have been forwarded to the relevant government agencies by the Federal Justice Department. Dr. Manning has been contacted by one of them, the Department of Immigration, since the study was published and says he believes work is underway to rewrite its publications.

That's good news and no doubt a big sigh of relief will go up from the general public once all the departments concerned start using plain language. Gobbledegook is, after all, often just a smoke-screen to hide the writer's own limitations. It doesn't have to be that way.

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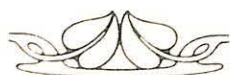
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Thanks so much.

Yours sincerely,

Ivan Blake, Director
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 Mount Saint Vincent University

Here's an amusing letter sent to alumnae by Agnes (O'Donnell) Kelly '39 when she was looking for donations for the plant table at the Fall Fair:

Dear Alumnae:

In spite of my loud protests that I can only grow boys not plants I find I have volunteered (?) to convene the plant table at the Mount's Fall Fair.

The arrangements were made last January but I really thought the plan would fade, blow away, collapse or some government agency would ban plants, fairs, Saturdays or universities. However, THE FAIR MUST GO ON.

Saturday, the 23rd, approaches day by day and I need assistance from-friends, plant lovers, relatives,

neighbors, Mount girls, strangers, whoever.

I tried, I really did. I searched the sideroads for bullrushes which have "blown"; I haunted the flea markets for tubs of parsley which have "drooped" and I have even tried never-fail plants which got knocked over by the dog and chewed by the cat.

So here is my S.O.S. for something GREEN.

A plant is very difficult to mail but a green dollar or two would add to those I have already collected and would be most appreciated by me and the Fall Fair Committee.

(Editor's note: Needless to say, Agnes' plea resulted in a variety of plants and financial contributions. Who could resist?)

Dear Alumnae:

I just wanted to share some good news with the members of the Mount alumnae. I knew many of them back in the mid-twenties. I cherish all my Mount memories!

I celebrated my Golden Jubilee (April 25, 1982) as a Maryknoll Missionary Sister. It has been a very happy life and I want to share the joy of the occasion with all my associates at the Mount.

It was the splendid training and education begun at the Mount that laid a solid foundation for all that followed. Among my unforgettable teachers were Sister DeChantal, Mother Evaristus, Mother Berchmans, and Sisters Agnes Camilla, Maria Agnes, Rose Celestine, Francis de Sales to mention only a few of those tremendous educators!

Incidentally, two of the Halifax Sisters from Wantaugh, Long Island, were present at Maryknoll on my Golden Day: Sisters Alfred and Carmen F. My dear departed sister, Mrs. Mary M. O'Leary, once known as Mary Marsland, also attended the Mount for several years. We could both never sufficiently express our love and appreciation for the Mount Sisters, and the students with whom we associated. A Jubilee snap is enclosed.

With loving gratitude, your devoted alumna **Sister M. Francis De Sales Marsland** or Ida Marsland
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Homecoming 1982

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Motherhouse. This event was popular with all, and very well attended, as was the Memorial Mass in remembrance of deceased classmates which followed at the Motherhouse Chapel.

The Lobster Banquet that evening completed the day's activities. As the 200 alumnae and guests steeped in the nostalgia of "A Tribute to the Big Band Era" by the John Alphonse Big Band, they could recall the events of this day at the Mount as a time for nostalgic reacquaintance which also provided a good deal of insight into futures for women here at the Mount.

Homecoming 1982 chairperson, Dr. Irene McQuillan Murphy '32, her crew of volunteers and staff of the Public Relations, Alumnae and Development Offices worked long and hard to ensure the success of the event. Plans are already underway for Homecoming 1983, which will again be held during the summer due to enthusiastic response from alumnae who are more free to travel at this time, and to the better availability of campus accommodations.

The committee is now being formed, and the association is anxious to hear from those whose classes (ending in threes and eights) will be honoured at Homecoming 1983. Your help is essential in contacting your classmates, inviting them to share in the celebrations. Contact the Alumnae Office, Mount Saint Vincent University, 166 Bedford Highway, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3M 2J6, for further information.

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Moser: And Friends



Left to right: Yvonne (Teede) Melanson '72, Michal Crowe '77, Dr. Mosher, Dr. Sheva Medjuck; faculty

A scholarship has been established at the Mount to honour Professor Marial Moser who retired in May, 1982, after teaching at the university for the past 13 years. As Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology, she worked hard and selflessly and many students benefited from her special concern and attention.

Prof. Moser was guest of honour at a retirement tea held at Rosaria Centre, when her retirement gift-the scholarship-was presented. Many members of the university community, friends and alumnae were on hand to make it a memorable occasion.

Of the event, Prof. Moser later wrote: "Please convey my thanks to the alumnae and my best wishes for continued success in the valuable support given to the university. The scholarship will be a cherished link with my years as a full-time member of the faculty of the Mount."

It should be noted that Prof. Moser continues as a part-time faculty member (Canadian Studies) and an active participant in university theatre productions.

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ty of student-life to the higher echelons of multinational sales operations was by a circuitous route that began in 1966 when a Bachelor of Science Degree, was conferred on her by the Mount. Indeed Barrett attributes much of her ease of movement among her male-dominated clientele to her years of study in an all women's institution. "At the time I didn't think there was anything unique about going to a woman's university, but I do today. It made me confident and successful at what I do." If women can be comfortable among themselves, she says, they can be at ease with men.

Being at ease is important in her job, for she is the only woman in Canada who holds a national marketing representative job in her area of biomedical products.

During summers as a university student, Barrett worked in the cytology department of the Pathology Laboratory in Halifax and after graduating from the Mount assisted the director to set up the first school of cytotechnology east of Montreal. At the end of her stay at the Pathology Laboratory she had earned her registration as a certified technologist. In those days anyone with a degree in science could obtain certification after a year, but Barrett chose to sit the exams in addition to putting in the required laboratory time.

In 1966 she decided to give up her Halifax job and go to the cytology department at the Toronto General Hospital. A year later she was in Europe doing what she had always wanted to do — travel. Her journey took her to Israel where she worked on Kibutz Zikim, 12 kilometers south of Tel Aviv. She arrived shortly after the end of the Six Day War and spent about a year in manual labor in the fields before returning to Ontario to assist in the laboratories of Queen's University Medical School.

About that time she had her choice of entering medical school either at Dalhousie University in Halifax or Haddassh University at Tel Aviv, but she decided her inability to disassociate herself from the sufferings of patients would be her undoing, so after the year at Kingston she tried law school in 1969. She discovered after a year she really preferred science and she couldn't be dispassionate about people where the law was concerned either.

Determined to find a new niche in science, she returned to Toronto and decided to enter business, first with Technicon Instruments Corporation, which she

joined in New York in 1971. The company was providing the majority of instruments in hospital laboratories at the time and she was trained to educate users of blood analyzers. Three years later she was promoted to company headquarters in New York as product manager in the chemistry division, and then spent a year overseas in the company's international division in Australia and South East Asia. In 1977 she joined IBM in Princeton, New Jersey and was asked to return to Canada to be the national marketing representative for biomedical products. Her responsibilities include drafting marketing plans, selling, installing equipment and training medical personnel to operate it.

She says her success has been based upon confidence and the initiative to seize opportunities when they were presented.

The Mount, she says, did much toward inculcating the necessary attributes for travel, so necessary to her job now. At the Mount, she says, she was constantly in an international milieu with students from all over the world. "I always took it for granted that I could go anywhere in the world and I'd be perfectly at home."

She says she still has fond memories of former teachers such as Sister Mary Lua Gavin who retired in 1981, and Dr. Lillian Wainwright, who still teaches biology at the Mount. Her closest friends remain classmates of her undergraduate years. Barbara (Roy) Carroll, formerly of Halifax and now of Hamilton, Ont.; Teresa (Milne) Tait, of Kingston, Ont.; Suellen (Gorman) Tremblay, formerly of New Glasgow and now of Miami, Florida; and Mary Jane (Stevens) Woods, formerly of New York and now of Van Nuys, California. One of the good things about Barrett's frequent cross-country travelling is that she has been able to stay in touch with friends.

Through the Mount and her family who remain in Halifax, she also retains a strong Nova Scotian identity which has weathered many trips to foreign destinations. Her bright brown eyes and trim five-foot-one and one-half inch frame may be very attuned to the bright lights and challenges of Toronto's Bay Street but she still has time to visit her alma mater when she is in Halifax and is enough of a Nova Scotian to worry about the lack of ocean frontage in Toronto and say: "Thank God, the lake and Toronto Island are there" as she thinks about enduring another year on the Upper Canadian landscape.

Pat Copeland is Information Officer at the Mount

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Drama '82 — A Hard Act to Follow

by Dilly MacFarlane

It all started in the fall of 1981 — the Mount's marvelous string of dramatic successes, that is.

Beginning with the student production of *Godspell* in February and March, and continuing through the smash hit Mount Playhouse season and alumna Marie Kelly's nostalgic *Don't 'Stir Me* (performed during Homecoming 1982), the dramatic scene continues to promise success in the Mount Choir's proposed production of *Evangeline: The Musical*, slated for the spring of 1983.

In October of 1981, Dr. Patrick O'Neill of the Modern Languages Department began casting the rock musical *Godspell* under the direction of Paul Healy, an education student in his graduating year. Another student, Alan Ley, undertook the musical direction and by early December the dozen dedicated and multi-talented students who comprised the cast were ready for student choreographers Michael Harper and Cathy MacLellan to take over. The result was a one week run of six sold-out performances in February, followed by a "return by popular demand" run in March, again to packed houses. The icing on the cake was an invitation extended by Dalhousie's students to perform on its campus, again to a full house, with some people standing for the entire two-hour performance.

A hard act to follow? You bet. But even as *Godspell* was still the talk of the campus, Prof. Renate Usmiani was laying the groundwork for what was to be toasted as "the most notable cultural event of the season" and "a civilized addition to the theatre scene", *The Mount Playhouse — Dinner Theatre and Cabaret*.

Usmiani's creativity and energetic spirit was quickly communicated to the wholly volunteer cast and crew who represented every facet of the university community. Faculty, students, alumnae, staff and administration all rolled up their sleeves to begin a project that called for hundreds of volunteer hours to construct "the

playhouse" itself — the Pub was truly transformed! Rehearsals for the July 5th opening began late in May and continued above the din of hammering and sawing, painting and prop-hauling until opening night.

Usmiani was determined to make the dinner theatre a culinary success too, planning with the assistance of Clyde Bishop and his VS food services staff, for a sumptuous menu that was a Bill of Fare of its own. The three plays done in repertory corresponded to a different menu for each Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday night of the six week season.

The plays performed were: on Mondays *Trifles* by Susan Glasspell, a contemporary suspense drama with a twist; on Wednesdays *Trickster Tricked, or the Farce of Master Patelin*, a 15th century French farce; and on Saturdays scenes from the Giraudoux boulevard comedy of the 1940's, *The Madwoman of Chaillot*. The main plays were augmented by various skits performed during a cocktail hour before dinner, and included "Request Stop" and "The Interview" by Harold Pinter, George S. Kaufman's "The Still Alarm" and a musical skit "The Good Ship Self-Reliance" by local artist Bob Mariner.

Sister Margaret Young, Mount musical director, took great care in arranging the performances of strolling musicians and cabaret/piano bar to create an ambience that was almost magical — an imaginative blending of good food, good wine and entertainment plus. The conclusion of each evening found cast, crew and audience gathered around the piano bar, joining students Mary Reynolds and Alan Ley in a sing along.

As one theatre critic remarked "You will be royally entertained. Nothing has been forgotten. My only wish is that someone will find a way to continue this venture into the Fall and Winter months." While this has not been possible, the good news is that Usmiani is even

now soliciting material in preparation for next summer. She is most optimistic, and justifiably so with some money in the till, a waiting list of more than one hundred eager patrons, and a now experienced cast and crew anxious to "do it all again!"

All the while, Wardrobe Mistress Marie Kelly (an Academy grad and Purchasing Officer for the University) was putting the finishing touches on more than the Playhouse costumes. A play that she had been working on for some time was ready for production, and the time was right. *Don't 'Stir Me* — a recreation of many of Kelly's own experiences as a student at the Academy — made its debut at the Homecoming 1982 luncheon to an audience of 150 alumnae. It was so well received that two subsequent performances were arranged for September to present it to the public.

Actors, singers and crew were all drawn from the faculty, students and staff at the Mount, many of whom remember the good (bad?) old days at the Academy and could play from the heart. The hilarious moments in the play were counterpointed by many truths about the days when the women's movement was just an angry glimmer in a young girl's eye.

This was Kelly's first play, but not her last. Her second play is in the works now and she plans to have it ready for production by next summer.

The creativity goes on. While anticipating next summer's project, the university is awaiting the Mount Choir's spring production of *Evangeline: The Musical*, based on Longfellow's poem about the young lovers separated by the expulsion of the Acadians from Nova Scotia in the 18th century. Isabel Fougere is taking charge of the musical direction, and Bob Mariner will be dramatic director. So, it looks like another big year ahead for theatre at the Mount.

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