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Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, Nova Scotia



Child Study Program Awarded Grant

Mount Saint Vincent University's Bachelor of Child Study program has been awarded a \$14,000 grant by Employment and Immigration Canada to identify areas of employment in the Maritimes not currently being tapped by its graduates, according to program director Dr. Patricia Canning.

The program, which produces specialists in developing and providing programs for children and families, is in high demand but the university can only accept 50 per cent of the students who apply each year. At present there are approximately 300 students enrolled.

But while the demand is high, says Dr. Canning, the current rate of employment of graduates is not. Services to children and families is not, at present, an employment growth area in Canada in general and in the Atlantic region, in particular.

"Coupled with this is the fact that many women are low-risk takers when it comes to venturing into areas of employment which are not directly related to their field of study," says Dr. Canning.

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Distance Learning

A major study on the application of new technologies to distance education has recently been published by the Educational Research Institute of British Columbia. *Learning at a Distance and the New Technology* describes the delivery of education through communication satellites, videodiscs, videotex and microcomputers. The aim of the publication is to provide educators and others with a comprehensive understanding of these technologies and their potential application to education both at home and in the classroom. Copies available from Educational Research Institute of B.C., Suite 400-515 West 10th Ave., Vancouver, B.C. V5Z 4A8. Price \$10.

What to Do in Case of an Emergency

Mount students met in the English Corner at Seton Academic Centre recently to discuss steps they should take in an emergency, including sexual harassment or assault.

The meeting was prompted by students and others who had heard that a student had been accosted, and while no physical harm had been done, there seemed to be no well-established procedure for reporting the incident or for getting help.

Many were not aware of the Student Services Office, located in Rosaria Centre, or any university security measures in place to handle such emergencies.

President Margaret Fulton, who attended the meeting, said it was important students knew the proper procedure for reporting emergencies. With regard to sexual assault or harassment, she said "the best defense is knowledge", knowing where to get help and how to defend oneself. "Rape is not a problem at the Mount and we want to keep it that way," she said.

Michael Merrigan, executive assistant to the president, said there were guards on duty 'round the clock who were constantly on the move and could be reached by two-way radio anywhere on campus.

Whenever possible, he said, a guard would accompany members of the university community to their cars or bus if requested to do so but students returning to the campus late at night should request their friends or roommates to meet them at the bus stop.

Students attending the meeting felt an awareness program and crisis training should be introduced not only for students but all university staff so that "everyone knows what to do in a time of crisis."

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alumnae update

Canada's North seems to cast a spell over many Canadians, and Kathy Boles is no exception. She was at the Mount recently, with her colleague Carolyn Maybee, to recruit a Mount co-op student to join them in Labrador for three months where they are carrying out a two-year nutrition education project.

Boles graduated from the Mount in 1973 with a Home Economics degree, majoring in Education.

"I never thought I'd be living in Labrador," she said, "But we have a home in North West River right on Lake Melville, and I love it." Boles' husband works on the Indian Fisheries Program.

The nutrition project that she and Maybee are involved in comes under the umbrella of the Labrador Institute of Northern Studies, based in Goose Bay, and became necessary because of health problems among the native people due to changes in their dietary pattern.

"Resettlement programs in the 1950's had serious side effects on the Inuit and Indian people when they were moved away from their traditional hunting grounds and introduced to the white man's diet," Boles explained. "Unfortunately, that means a fair amount of junk food and too much sugar which has resulted in an increase in dental caries, obesity and diabetes."

Native parents were also finding it hard to persuade their children to eat the traditional food which is so much better suited to their metabolism, she said.

A Mount co-op student with a background in nutrition would be an ideal "third body" to help the two-woman team in their work in Labrador. "It would be a wonderful opportunity to get a feel for community nutrition, especially among native peoples," said Boles.

Faculty Travel

Travel grants are available from the Professor Dame Lillian Penson Memorial Fund, to assist recognized scholars of postdoctoral standard who are members of staff of a university.

These grants are for candidates in the United Kingdom who desire to pursue research in any subject in Commonwealth Universities or the University of Khartoum (which was formerly in special relation with the University of London).

Applications for travel during the academic year 1983-84 are due March 1, 1983. Forms are available from the Secretary, Central Research Fund, University of London, Senate House, London WC1E 7HU, England.



Kathy Boles and Carolyn Maybee, who are engaged on a Nutrition Education Project in Labrador, visited the Mount recently to recruit a Home Economics student for a three-month co-op work term in Canada's North. They gave an interesting talk and slide show on Labrador and chatted with Home Economics students about their community nutrition work. Left to right: Student Heather Murdock; Kathy Boles (who is a Mount alumna); student Colleen Hillstry and Carolyn Maybee (a graduate of the University of Guelph).

Women in Fitness

An \$18,000 grant has been awarded to the athletics/recreation office of Mount Saint Vincent University to introduce programs designed to encourage more women to participate in physical fitness activities.

University athletics/recreation coordinator Pat DeMont said the project would include the teaching of sport skills to help broaden activity options available to women. It would also involve the development of a course on the methods of teaching physical recreation to pre-school and elementary school children.

"This course will be offered to the teacher training students at Mount Saint Vincent University," she said.

DeMont said the grant, which was awarded under the federal government's Canada Community Development Projects program, would make it possible to employ three physical education/recreation graduates for a 22-week period.

Their assistance would also make it possible to complete the Halifax Mainland North Recreational Needs Assessment, which was started earlier in the year through the co-operation of the Atlantic Centre for Continuing Education, the Halifax Recreation Department, Grosvenor-Wentworth Community School and the university.

Peace Library

The Student Christian Movement (SCM) has become a more and more active group on the Mount campus in the past few years. Members call it "a movement for social justice" and have been trying to make it more visible and more meaningful. Now the Student Christian Movement is asking for YOUR input.

"The issue of world peace has been dominant in our activities so far this year, as it has been throughout the world," says

Mount SCM secretary Juanita Watson, "but continued effort toward educating ourselves and others on the actions needed to preserve humankind is an absolute must and we are more hopeful that a more permanent educational tool may be available in the near future at the Mount."

The SCM members are hoping to set up a permanent 'peace' resource library and reading room. They also feel that credit courses on the subject of peace should be incorporated into the present curriculum at the Mount.

Anyone interested in either the library or the credit course idea should drop into the SCM office, Seton 519 between 1 a.m. and 12 noon on Mondays or Wednesdays (leave your name and major area of study).

MARILLAC, RESIDENCE FRANÇAISE

"L'11 Janvier 1983, à 20,30 h., les étudiantes de Marillac ont le plaisir de vous inviter à passer une soirée dans leur humble petit salon.

Nous présenterons un film Français intitulé "LA FEMME EN BLEU". C'est l'histoire d'une suicide, une réalisation de Michel De Ville, avec l'interprétation de Michel Piccoli, la bravissima Lea Massari et Michel Aumont.

Les places sont limitées. S'il vous plaît veuillez nous joindre avant le 07 Janvier pour faire vos réservations à 443-9916.

On se fera le plaisir de vous servir le café, gracieusement offert par les étudiantes de Marillac.

En espérant vous rencontrer, bientôt."

Marillac

Stormy Weather Is Ahead

Looking ahead to winter storms, there's always a question of whether classes will be cancelled. According to a memo from the university's Executive Assistant to the President, Michael Merrigan, classes will be cancelled "only as a result of the most adverse weather conditions".

In the case of morning classes, the Executive Assistant will be informed of weather conditions by the security officer by 6 a.m. He will then discuss the situation with the President and the decision will be made on closing. The various radio stations will be informed, so listen between 6:30 and 7:30 a.m. to determine whether classes have been cancelled.

For evening classes, the Academic Vice-President in consultation with the President and the Deans, will make the decision, if necessary, by 4 p.m. Radio stations will then be notified.

If an examination is cancelled due to weather conditions, it will be rescheduled for Saturday, January 15, 1983 (times tba).



Blindness and Children Discussed

Through the cooperation of Mount Saint Vincent University, a special series of three lectures was presented by the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) to some 100 Bachelor of Education students to assist them in acquiring a more positive attitude toward and acceptance of visually impaired children.

The definition of blindness and causes, the frequency of blindness and causes, writing guides and electronic equipment, as well as low vision aids were explained.

Mount students were also interested in learning of the success of the Institute's Child and Youth Department and how parents were becoming more directly involved in working with their children.

Shown above discussing the seminars at the university are: L.R. — C. Keith Dillman, Nova Scotia Provincial Administrator; Dr. Judy Lupart, Special Education, Mount Saint Vincent University; and Dennis McCormack, CNIB District Administrator, Halifax.

Peace
and
Goodwill

To all students, faculty and staff
of Mount Saint Vincent University

E. Margaret Fulton

Dr. E. Margaret Fulton
President

Light Thro' the Murk

What used to be a majority is now a minority it seems!

Time was when space set aside for non-smokers was relatively small, but so many people have given up the weed these days, that the tables have turned.

Michael Merrigan, Executive Assistant to the President, has announced that as a result of suggestions from the students taken from the Idea Centre in the main dining room, VS Services will set aside one quarter of that area for smokers. This will be located at the back of the room and can be partitioned off. The rest of the dining room will be for non-smokers.

VS Services takes the Idea Centre very seriously. Suggestions are placed in a locked box which is only opened by the District Manager. They have been very happy to respond to this request from users of the dining room. Unfortunately both the coffee shop and the Sacateria in Seton are too small to provide separate areas for smokers and non-smokers.



Join the majority.
Be a non-smoker



More for less — the card catalogue will soon be a thing of the past, as microfiche moves in. One small, thin microfiche card holds more information than a whole drawer of the card catalogue.

More For Less

Lack of space has always been a headache for the Mount Library, but at least part of the problem is being solved by the introduction of a COM (Computer on Microfiche) Catalogue system in the New Year.

In place of the familiar cards which have been used over the years to catalogue library books, microfiche cards and readers have been installed. This will save building at least another bank of card drawers which would have become necessary as the library collection grows. One microfiche card will replace 2,000 regular cards and corrections can be made automatically, a great saving in time and space.

The old card system will be closed on December 31, 1982, with all material on the microfiche updated to that time. The microfiche readers are simple to use and books are cross-indexed under title, author, subject and shelf list.

Four microfiche readers have been installed for the use of students in the library, and one in the Seton Academic Centre. Two additional readers for staff are in place on the upper floor of the library.

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In the meantime, should an emergency arise, the following steps should be followed:

1. Get to the nearest building on campus as soon as possible;
2. Report the incident, either in person or via the nearest phone, to the front desk, giving details of name, place where the incident occurred; and
3. Contact Student Services (Ex. 357) for advice and help.

What Makes a Movie?

There's more to a movie than meets the eye.

This is what students taking the Aesthetics of Film course at the Mount soon discover. One of them, Sheila Pender Wedge, a mature student taking a general B.A., puts it this way: "Film is our most powerful medium of communication. Knowing about the aesthetics of film gives you a wider appreciation of what it can do."

Mary Reynolds, also a mature student, says "People sometimes don't realize how they're being manipulated by film. It's a form of conditioning. This course makes you aware of how you can be swayed by what you see."

Both are high in their praise of the course and wish it could run longer than three months. "It's fascinating," Reynolds says. "We learn how a director uses light, sound and music to create a mood, not just actors and words."

Aesthetics of Film will be presented again by Dr. Josette Déléas in the coming semester starting January 6. Films such as *Birth of a Nation*, *Citizen Kane*, *Potemkin*, *Mon Oncle Antoine*, and *Death in Venice* will be viewed and discussed. The half-credit course is open to everyone and is the only one of its kind in the Metro area.

Registration takes place on January 4, 1983 and there will be three lecture hours a week plus some recommended lab work.

For further details contact Dr. Josette Déléas, extension 173.

A Symphonic Weekend

Inspired by the success of the recent concerts, the Support Committee for Symphony Musicians (i.e. musicians formerly employed by the now-defunct Atlantic Symphony Orchestra) will present a second rally for music entitled "Christmas Symphony Special" featuring international skating superstar Toller Cranston; conductor and musical personality Skitch Henderson and pianist William Tritt. The Christmas Symphony Special will be presented at the Halifax Metro Centre at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, December 10. Tickets are available at all ATS outlets. For information call 429-1664.

On Sunday, December 12, the Mount is sponsoring a concert in the "Sundays at 3:30" series, in the Mount Saint Vincent Motherhouse Chapel. Featured will be Victor Yampolsky, violin; Shimon Walt, cello and David MacDonald on organ. Admission to the Sunday concert is free.

CHILD STUDY (Continued from page 1)

"Although our Child Study students have been trained in a specialized field, they have received a well-rounded education and an excellent grounding in basic intellectual skills which can be applied to a variety of work opportunities," she says.

The grant, which was awarded under the Canada Community Development Projects program, will be used to employ three Child Study graduates to do the necessary research to determine other employment opportunities open to such graduates.

Dr. Canning said this information would be disseminated throughout the region to "ensure that graduates venture into areas not traditionally entered by those with professional degrees in Child Study."

Research Grants Available

Applications for Imperial Oil's 1983 University Research Grants program are due January 15. The grants are made to universities for the use of faculty members in support of research carried out by students under their direction, and range up to \$8,000.

The program is designed to encourage research at Canadian universities in areas of interest to the company. In the past, most applications have dealt with the physical sciences. However, Imperial Oil would like to encourage more submissions in the economic and social sciences as pertaining to the relationships between the company and its employees, customers and the business environment in which it operates.

Last year, of the nearly 200 renewal and new application requests, 89 awards were granted to 26 Canadian universities, for a total of \$676,865.

Details and application forms can be obtained from the office of the Director of Research and Special Projects, Evaristus 205.

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