

Campus Connection

Mount Saint Vincent University

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Dr. C. Ikoku (right), vice-chancellor of the University of Nigeria was on campus recently. He and President Hersom (left) chatted about the education and women's studies programs, following a campus tour.

Parking plus — 140 new spots available

Just when you braced yourself for another frenzied search for that elusive parking spot on campus. . . suddenly, you found it; not one, but more than 140 brand new parking spots are now available for general parking at the front and south of the new

communications centre.

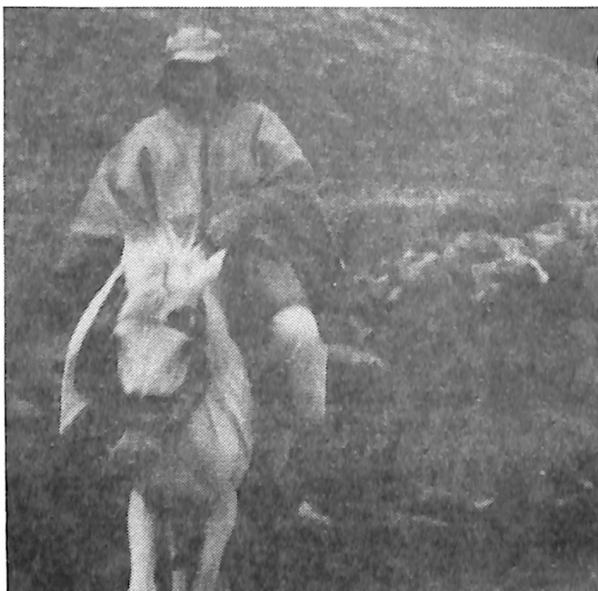
Furthermore, Paul Reyno, physical plant director, says that the good news about parking is getting even better. "In approximately six weeks we'll have close to 300 spots in total around the new building."

Dr. Bindon represents Canada in Peru

Dr. Kathryn Bindon, vice-president (academic), recently attended a workshop in Lima, Peru, sponsored by the World University Service (WUS). She represented World University Service Canada (WUSC), for which she serves as national treasurer. The International Workshop on Women, Labour and Education, held September 2-10, was attended by 90 WUS representatives from more than 50 countries.

While in Peru, Dr. Bindon toured WUSC projects in the Peruvian mountains and in Lima. The projects, funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), involve the supply of water to Andean villages, as well as the installation of potable water and sewage systems in some of the outlying neighbourhoods of Lima. "The need for clean water there is absolutely incredible," Dr. Bindon says, adding that the WUSC projects also include teaching inhabitants how to test and purify the water. She notes that already, "Women in the mountains are finding that their children are far healthier." Another benefit, she adds, is the great pride that inhabitants have taken in the projects.

The international workshop addressed many questions, including policies for refugee students, support networks, vocational and academic training for women in developing countries, and the definition of women's work around the world. "As educators, there is no end to what we can do," says Dr. Bindon. "As a women's university the Mount has an important mandate to respond to these issues, and in fact, we have some tremendously successful programs involving overseas linkages." She adds that the WUSC Local Committee formed at the Mount last year reviews applications from Mount students to take part in WUSC-sponsored summer study programs overseas and hopes to sponsor a refugee student to the Mount.



When in Peru, do as the Peruvians do. . . which includes some unusual modes of travel, as Dr. Bindon discovered.

Awards and fellowships

The Steacie Prize - named in memory of E.W.R. Steacie, a physical chemist and former president of the National Research Council of Canada - is awarded annually to a person under 40 years of age for outstanding scientific work in a Canadian context. This year it consists of a \$7,500 cash award. Nominations can be made by individuals or groups, by Oct. 13.

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) offers a limited number of awards to postdoctoral fellows in the pure and applied sciences (including engineering) for study and research in NATO member countries. The awards are valued at \$24,000 per year and are normally tenable for two years.

For more information on these or other awards, contact Renee Dankner at ext. 350.

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The Mount Art Gallery will be offering drawing classes for children ages 9 to 12 starting on November 5. Classes will be held Saturday afternoons from 1:30 to 3:30 until December 10. Instructor Peter Kirby will focus on composition, still life and portraits. The \$25 registration fee includes materials, and advance registration is necessary. For more information call the art gallery at extension 160.

The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) is offering a guide to the operations of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), a Crown corporation that supports Canadian

research in the Third World. The International Development Research Centre: A Guide for the Canadian University Research Community is available free of charge, from AUCC Publications, 151 Slater Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 5N1, telephone (613) 563-1236.

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October 3-7 is Choices Week at Student Services in Rosaria, room 116. This year the career computer service will be offered to everyone, including staff and faculty. In addition, demonstrations on job search, employability and life skills will be given each weekday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2 to 4 p.m.

18th century studies conference

Humanitas, Humanity, Humanité, Menschlichkeit, an international conference on 18th century studies to be held Oct. 13 to 16, will feature more than 100 speakers from around the world, including several Mount faculty.

Catherine Rubinger of the modern languages department will speak on the topic, "A Feminist Might Have Been". Dr. Patrick O'Neill of the speech and drama department will speak on "Jacob Bailey, Loyalist Playwright", and Dr. John Morgenstern of the English department will speak on "Development of the Descriptive-Reflective Poem from Denham to Wordsworth." Dianne O'Neill, who has curated several exhibits at the Mount art gallery, will speak on "Female Education in 18th-Century Halifax."

Dr. Janina Konczacki, history department, is one of the conference organizers. She comments, "There will be a good cross-section of presenters. Also, this conference will feature quite a lot about colonial Halifax." For more information, call Dr. Konczacki at ext. 228.



Eighteenth century women suffered in the name of fashion, as binding corsets and starched clothes attest. Dress will be one aspect examined in the upcoming conference on 18th century studies.

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In her nine years with the Mount's public relations office, Ruth Jeppesen has done it all, from designing posters to writing and editing the Campus Connection, to organizing Convocation. Now she adds a new role — that of public relations manager, replacing Glenda Thomson.

Jeppesen's familiarity with the university makes the position of public relations manager a natural progression for her. She points out, however, that her new responsibilities promise to be far from dull. "There's always something new coming up. I'm looking forward to tackling even more challenges."

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Part-time public relations faculty Bill Johnson has illustrated a recently published book for children, dealing with the loss of a baby sister or brother to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). Sam's Story, written by SIDS mother Fiona Chin-Yee, is a sensitive account of the turmoil and sadness experienced by SIDS families, and is meant to foster discussion between children and parents. The book is published by The Halifax/Dartmouth-Metro Chapter of The Canadian Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths, through contributions by the Health Services and Promotion Branch of Health and Welfare Canada.

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Mount Art Gallery director Mary Sparling spoke recently to the Canadian Cultural Programmes, an organization which invites members of the Canadian arts community to make presentations on their work or institutions. She gave an illustrated presentation on the Mount gallery, pointing out the unique emphasis on work by women artists, and on emerging regional artists. "It was a marvellous experience," says Sparling, "and an opportunity to really review what we're doing here."

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President Hersom was invited to speak at the 1988 Learning and Leading convention in Regina last week. She spoke on the topic, "Leading to the Future", highlighting issues, trends and opportunities which she believes will be apparent in the last decade of this century.



FOR THE RUN OF IT Sunday, Oct. 16 5 or 10 km. run/jog/walk

The annual *For the Run of It* starts at 10 a.m., at the front entrance, Seton Academic Centre. Registration is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mon. to Fri. in the Athletics/Recreation Office, or 9-9:45 a.m., Oct 16 at the starting point.

The registration fee is \$5 or minimum \$5 sponsorship, with proceeds going to AdSum House, an emergency shelter for homeless and transient women, and to the Mount athletics program.

Registration forms and sponsor sheets are available at the Athletics/Recreation Office or the registration desk at the start line.

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