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Miller (left) and Swift to talk about sexism in language.

Who's in Charge of the English Language?

Casey Miller and Kate Swift, co-authors of *Words and Women* and *The Handbook of Nonsexist Writing*, will be on campus October 21 to talk about "Who's in Charge of the English Language?" Both freelance writers and editors, their interest in language has grown out of editorial work in a wide range of fields including science, religion, history and the arts.

Since 1970, when they formed a free-lance partnership, Miller and Swift have written and edited publications for a variety of clients, mainly in the field of education. They began writing about sexism in the English language and their articles on the subject have appeared in *New York* magazine, *MS.*, and the *New York Times Magazine*.

Their talk is the second in this year's Public Lecture Series and will take place at 7:30 p.m. October 21 in Seton Academic Centre, Auditorium D. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Our Future Depends On Co-Operation

The future of higher education in Nova Scotia depends to a large extent on how well the province's universities co-operate — if not all of them, at least some of them.

This is the view of three of Nova Scotia's university presidents — Dr. E. Margaret Fulton, of Mount Saint Vincent, Dr. Kenneth L. Ozmon, of Saint Mary's, and Dr. W. Andrew MacKay, of Dalhousie.

For almost a year now, the presidential trio has held regular meetings to discuss potential areas of co-operation in addition to reviewing those areas where there is co-operation already.

There are many examples of co-operation on the academic side. Among them: A philosophy professor at Saint Mary's and one at Dalhousie teach a single course that is cross-listed at the two institutions. Two Saint Mary's sociology professors sit regularly on graduate thesis committees at Dalhousie. A business administration professor at Mount Saint Vincent has taught a course at Saint Mary's. A Saint Mary's chemistry professor is an honorary adjunct professor at Dalhousie, while two Mount Saint Vincent biology professors hold similar positions at Dalhousie.

Saint Mary's and Dalhousie co-ordinate some summer school offerings, and Mount Saint Vincent and Dalhousie have worked together for many years to offer co-ordinated summer school sessions. The three universities jointly administer the national high school examinations of the Chemical Institute of Canada, and the libraries of the three universities have reciprocal borrowing arrangements.

In a letter last spring to faculty and

staff at their respective institutions, Drs. Fulton, Ozmon and MacKay noted that the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission, the body that advises the three Maritime provinces' governments on higher education programs and the level of financial support for the universities, and the Nova Scotia Minister of Education, was committed to the concept of co-operation among Maritime universities. This was to try to cut rising costs and at the same time ensure the development of quality academic programs.

"With unpredictable enrolments across the region, it would be unwise for universities to get into open competition with each other for students, programs or grant monies. A far more reasonable solution to any of our current difficulties is to co-operate openly and at all levels," the presidents' letter said.

"In recent years there has been an increasing number of instances of genuine co-operation among metropolitan Halifax universities. These should be strengthened and extended to other areas where co-operation is not only possible but desirable."

The presidents of other higher education institutions in the Halifax area had in-

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Co-op Education Notices

Application deadline for second year and transfer B.A., B.H.E., and B.P.R. students and third year B.Sc.H.E. students is October 7.

General meeting October 16, 3-4 p.m. business sessions for all students going out on winter work term placement and 4-5:30 p.m. a social gathering for all co-op students current and future

alumnae update

More than 80 students took the "Alumnae Special" for a bus tour of Halifax during Orientation Week.

It could not have been a more beautiful day. The sun was shining and the bus drivers were in good humour. It was a toss-up whether the students learned more about Halifax or how to tell a good joke.

The Alumnae Association is eager to provide a support system for new students so that they can get to know each other, the campus and the city of Halifax and begin to feel comfortable in their new surroundings. Alumnae want each student to know that she/he is part of a network of current, recent and older former students of the Mount who form a support organization for alumnae from 1981 to 1914 and earlier. Alumnae are prepared to help students on campus by providing social activities for their entertainment and enjoyment, such as the orientation bus tour and graduation party, as well as providing resource people to attend their classes and give seminars on what life is like in the work world.

When students graduate, alumnae try to provide help in job-hunting as well as a support system of other alumnae in cities across Canada. Alumnae chapters meet on a regular basis providing a social aspect of the organization, but they are also available to provide information about housing, marketing and job possibilities in these centres.

For a young woman or man away from home for the first time, Edmonton or London, England can be a very big, lonely place and alumnae are pleased to be able to help.

By the way, points of interest on the bus tour included the Northwest Arm, all the cemeteries in Halifax (did you know where the bodies of unidentified victims of the Halifax Explosion were buried?), Point Pleasant Park, the Nova Scotia Museum, the Dockyards, and of course the Halifax Citadel.

If there is any way alumnae can help you, please feel free to come to the Alumnae Office, Evaristus 215. Michal Crowe, Alumnae Officer, is there during regular office hours.

If you are the son or daughter of an alumna, the Alumnae Office would like to have your photograph taken. If your parents would be available as well, so much the better. Please identify yourself at the Alumnae Office and indicate the most convenient day.

Looking forward to seeing you.



All aboard for the Alumnae Special.

Women Artists

Women artists in the Atlantic Provinces are being invited to take part in an exhibition "Mirrorings" to be held at Mount Saint Vincent University Art Gallery next fall.

Work by up to 15 artists will be chosen and a year's national tour is planned, subject to funding.

Avis Lang Rosenberg, Vancouver, a highly-respected art historian and critic, will be curating the exhibition and has this to say about Mirrorings: "It will be an exhibition of women seeing, knowing, narrating and describing themselves. It will be concerned with the multiple, personal, physical and social selves that

women project, inhabit and experience." It is hoped that the exhibition will gather together many modes and media, including video and fabric.

The exhibition is limited to women artists with a year's residence in the Atlantic Provinces as of October 31, 1981. Applicants are being asked to submit five to 15 slides of work completed within the past year, together with a short statement, by October 31.

By December 1981, Avis Rosenberg will make an initial selection of artists from slides submitted. In February 1982 she will visit centres in each of the four Atlantic provinces to make final selections of work.

Application forms and further information can be obtained from the Art Gallery.

Canada Employment Notes

*Students intending to graduate this year should contact the Canada Employment Centre, Room 111, Rosaria Centre NOW and inquire about writing resumes, interview preparation and labour market conditions.

*The following employers will be screening/briefing on campus this week:

October 5 - Bank of Montreal, prescreening (candidates' resumes are forwarded to employer prior to selection for interview. Revenue Canada — Taxation; briefing (Rosaria Conference Room A, 2 p.m.)

October 7 - Collins, Barrow — Chartered Accountants (Calgary), Prescreening

October 8 - Thorne, Riddell — Chartered Accountants, Halifax, Prescreening

October 9 - H.R. Doane — Chartered Accountants, Halifax, Prescreening


Contact the Canada Employment Centre, Rosaria 111.

*All graduating students interested in employment with the federal government should inquire BEFORE OCTOBER 14 about procedures for applying in the Careers Program.

Lockjaws

The Counselling Office, Student Services is offering a program this fall to make public speaking a more comfortable experience for students who avoid class discussions or become quite tense and anxious during seminars or oral presentations. The group focuses on relaxation techniques and confidence building through practice and feedback in a friendly atmosphere. Register NOW with Student Services, Rosaria Centre for the seven sessions which will be held Tuesdays, 3:30-4:45 p.m., October 6 to November 17.

Another helpful service to be offered by the Counselling Office this fall will be the G.R.O.P.E. program. G.R.O.P.E. stands for Getting Realistic Occupational Plans Early, and should be of interest to all students. It presents the opportunity for self-assessment of qualities and strengths and the development of decision-making skills. Exploration of non-traditional career options and creative job search strategies will be included. G.R.O.P.E. starts October 28, so register now at Student Services, Rosaria Centre.



THE ELIZABETH SETON LECTURES

Mount Saint Vincent University, through its department of Religious Studies, is pleased to inform the community that Reverend John L. McKenzie will deliver the Elizabeth Seton Lectures on the following dates:

Tuesday, October 6, 1981
8:00 p.m. Seton Auditorium C
Public Lecture
The Church in the Year 2000

Wednesday, October 7, 1981
10:00 a.m. Seton Auditorium C
Public Lecture
Christ and Civilization: The Ultimate Encounter

2:00 p.m. Seton Auditorium C
Public Lecture
Eschatology Revived

This series of free lectures is presented by the Sisters of Charity

Part-Time Increases

An amateur botanist now taking a biology degree; a young mother with babies to care for; a fireman working shifts at night and studying by day — these are the kinds of people who are swelling the ranks of part-time students at Mount Saint Vincent University.

Jean Hartley, associate registrar at the Mount says "It's the biggest part-time enrolment we've ever had. I remember in 1970 when our part-time students numbered about 200. This fall we're

already up to 1,033 with the largest proportion of part-time students of any university in Halifax."

They include secretaries, businessmen, nurses, members of the armed forces and the police, young mothers, middle-aged housewives and grandparents. The diversity in occupation and age is noteworthy — a mix of young and old from early twenties to sixty-plus. It makes for a fascinating university community and it's working well.

Dr. Mairi Macdonald, Director of the Centre for Continuing Education at the Mount, says "Our part-time students are treated with just as much consideration as our full-time ones. Many of them are now taking credit courses because they had initially been attracted to the university by a non-credit offering."

The part-timers are usually very committed people. A number of them are women with tiny children, sometimes taking three courses.

Registration of full-time students at the Mount this fall has now reached 1,520, up from last year by about 100 students.

Memorial Fund

The Senior Administrative Finance Committee of the university approved a policy in May 1981 regarding the Mount Saint Vincent University Memorial Fund. It is the responsibility of the supervisor in each department to notify the Personnel office if any member of that department's staff has a death in the family. Contributions are made by the university to the Memorial Fund. Contributions from friends of the family are welcome, and should be forwarded to the Development Office, Evaristus 215, Mount Saint Vincent University.

Since this policy has been instated, the following deaths have been recorded: Yvonne Embrett, grandmother of Rick Embrett, mail room; Harry Barnes, husband of Marg Barnes, Secretarial Services; Eugene Weber, father of Dr. Elizabeth Weber, Business Administration Department; Bud Tabor, husband of Faye Tabor, Registrar's Office; A.G. Millar, father of Michal Crowe, Alumnae Officer; Evelyn B. Spruin and James Spruin, aunt and brother of Sr. Evelyn Spruin, Curriculum Library; Mary B. Thompson, sister of Dr. Dorothy Campbell, Home Economics Department.

Approximately \$10,000 has been received by the university since the Memorial Fund was initiated two years ago. In some cases, special memorial scholarships have been established.

Hallowe'en Dance

The University Staff will sponsor a Hallowe'en Costume Dance, open to all members of the University community (staff, faculty, students and administration) on October 31 from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. in the Multi-purpose room, Rosaria Centre. Tickets will be \$10 per couple and admittance will be by costume only.

Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes.

All proceeds will be donated to Project One: Futures for Women, the University's current \$3.5 million fund drive.

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icated an interest in joining the discussions, the letter added. Drs. Fulton, Ozmon and MacKay also appealed to members of their own universities to pursue with their colleagues on other campuses the specific application of the principle of co-operation and to suggest ways in which further co-operative efforts might be followed up at an institutional level.

The three presidents later elaborated on the concept of co-operation. While all three said money was a major reason for their co-operative endeavours, they agreed that the universities should not lose their own distinct identities.

All universities, said Dr. MacKay, had to make sure that the available funds were used in the most effective way. "By that I mean the end results must be the provision of better opportunities for students. If there is co-operation, then the money provided for higher education generally will go farther and will ensure a wider range of quality programs. But we have to work together to avoid or eliminate duplication which, incidentally, I think we at Mount Saint Vincent, Saint Mary's and Dalhousie are doing.

The three universities are also considering other economies. A good example is purchasing. Mount Saint Vincent, Saint Mary's and Dalhousie have established a central purchasing agency, not to replace the individual purchasing departments, but to co-ordinate bulk purchases and advise the universities on matters relating to purchasing and to other services that might be centralized. This should be of benefit when the universities go shopping for commonly used goods and services and in dealing with such agencies as Customs and Excise.

When the three presidents agreed to establish the central agency for at least a two-year period, it was predicted that the savings would be evident within the first year of operations.

This step, said Dr. Ozmon, was the first new measure of co-operation at the administrative-service level. Other common services might also be considered for centralization. Co-ordination of administrative activities and the standardization of some forms and procedures might also reduce costs and improve efficiency.

Dr. Fulton agrees there may be other areas in which the three universities could usefully co-operate. "We could come to some sharing arrangement for athletic and recreational facilities, and the sometimes expensive area of student entertainment. In the major field of graduate studies, we might consider more use of adjunct professors, the sharing of library resources and the specialties of some professors in a number of disciplines."

Dr. Fulton added the caution that while co-operation was a major factor in the universities' goal of putting the available funds to the best use, "we should not lose sight of the differences and the uniqueness of the individual institutions."

"If steps were initiated to amalgamate our smaller institutions into a huge 'multiversity', as is the case in many provinces, we would inevitably lose the great benefits not only of variety but also of providing smaller university communities, which give students a sense of identity."

To Dr. Ozmon, greater co-operation will mean greater service to the public, "because we will all be able to call upon all our collective resources to meet the public's needs and, at a time when increased financial pressures are upon us, this is all the more appropriate."

In order to develop new programs, he adds, all universities find themselves in the position of having to retrench somewhere else. "This is true regardless of the perceived value of the program in question. It may be possible by pooling our resources to develop new programs of benefit to the region which none of us would be able to develop on our own."

Dr. Ozmon's view of co-operation in academic programs coincides with those of Drs. Fulton and MacKay: "Students will have a greater choice, because each of the universities has some programs which are different and, in some cases, a different way of presenting courses. Consequently we should be able to extend our offerings by reducing duplication and by providing students with the possibility of sampling the atmosphere at a different institution."

Endeavours to date have resulted in greater mutual trust, and they are determined to pursue further avenues of working together in the future.

At the Art Gallery

*Until October 4

World Print III selections from an international printmaking competition, courtesy of the Smithsonian Travelling Exhibition Service.

*October 20 - December 8, 7-9 p.m.

Adult Art Classes with instructor Felicity Redgrave, artist, critic and teacher. Class will investigate drawing media and water-colour with emphasis primarily on landscape, including the built environment. Registration is limited to 15. Fee of \$35.00 includes supplies.

*October 17 - November 21,
10 a.m. - 12 noon

Animation Workshop, for age 8 and over. Instructor will be Pat Culp, of Domsday Studios Limited (Halifax film animation and illustration studio). Registration is limited to 15. Fee of \$20.00 includes supplies.

New Faces on Campus

There are a few new faces around campus this Fall. This is by no means a formal introduction, but it may interest you to see who's new.

New full-time faculty members are: Dr. Frank Bennett, Mathematics; Mrs. Jane Blackburn, Education; Paul Budreski, Business Administration; Patricia Conrad, Gerontology; Corinne Duffy, Business Administration; Dr. Frances Early, History; Dr. Margaret Ellison, Home Economics; Dr. Ronald Glasberg, History; James Macaulay, Business Administration; Martha MacDonald, Economics; Dr. Armand Morel, Modern Languages; Dr. Norman Okihiro, Sociology; Linda Phillips-Riggs, Education; Dr. Douglas Thorpe, English; Dr. Norman Uhl, Education; Cheryl Weeks, Secretarial Administration (some of these were part-time last year).

New part-time faculty faces include Donaldson Armstrong, Business Administration; Grace Beazley, Home Economics; Dr. Timothy Brownlow, Education; Jeanne Breckenridge, Chemistry; Scott Cameron, Education; Nancy Cook, Chemistry; Mallika Das,

Peggy Ferguson, Lowell Geddes, John Genik, Howard Gosselin, and Stewart Gray, all Business Administration; Dr. Charles Hayes, Psychology; Dr. Rosemary Holton, Education; Rakesh Jain, John Landry, Rose Ann MacGillvray and Kelvin Nelson, all Business Administration; Pia Pehlta, Biology; Victoria Rosenberg, English; and Dr. JoEllen Welsh, Home Economics.

There have also been some changes over the summer, in administration and staff members. Among those are the Athletics Officer, Helen Folker; Co-operative Education Assistant, Christine Moore; Information Officer Pat Copeland; Geraldine Arsenaault in the Registrar's Office; Elizabeth Campbell in the Art Gallery; and Janet Everest, Co-operative Education.

A warm welcome to all.

Have Fun — Get Fit

Contact the Athletics/Recreation Office, near the gym, for the following programs:

*Drop In For Fitness, each weekday

12:15 - 1:00 p.m. Exercise class (gym)

12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Counselling (weight room)

12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Volleyball (Monday)

Basketball (Wednesday)

Badminton (Thursday)

*Shapedown, a combined exercise and weight reduction program tapered to individual needs. Includes personal nutrition counselling, fitness counselling, group exercise and behaviour modification with the ultimate aim of permanent weight loss and improved physical fitness. Privilege of individual participation but group involvement encouraged. Contact Fran MacKnight, Nutritionist, ext. 152 (Monday and Wednesday afternoons, all day Thursdays).

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