

• Campus Connection

Mount Saint Vincent University

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Prominent theologian to speak on moral issues

This year's Elizabeth Seton Lectures, scheduled for Feb. 28 and March 1, will be delivered by one of North America's leading theologians.

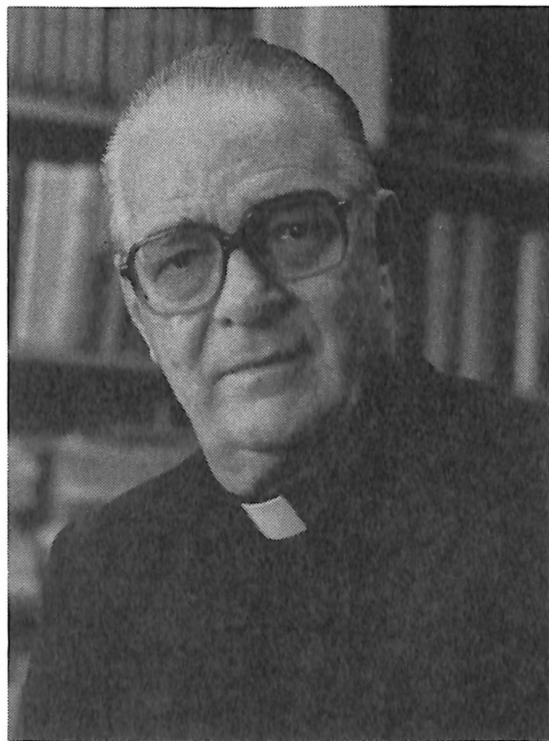
Dr. Richard McCormick -- Jesuit priest, prolific author and an advocate of responsible theological enquiry -- will speak on Contemporary Moral Issues.

Dr. McCormick's many books include Ambiguity and Moral Choice, Health and Medicine in the Catholic Tradition, Readings in Moral Theology, and most recently, The Critical Calling: Moral Dilemmas since Vatican II.

He was granted the Cardinal Spellman Award by the Catholic Theological Society of America as Outstanding Theologian of the Year in 1969, and the Henry Knowles Beecher Award from the Hastings Centre in 1988 for his lifetime contribution to ethics and the life sciences. He has also been awarded nine honorary degrees.

Currently, Dr. McCormick is the John A. O'Brien Professor of Christian Ethics at the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana. From 1974 to 1986, he was the Rose F. Kennedy Professor of Christian Ethics at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics at Georgetown University.

Contemporary Moral Issues and Their Context will be the topic presented Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 8 p.m., in Seton Academic Centre Auditorium B. On Wednesday, March 1, Dr. McCormick will speak about Ambiguity and Moral Choice at



10 a.m., and Bioethical Problems of the 1990s at 2 p.m. Both Wednesday lectures will be held in Seton Auditorium C.

The annual Elizabeth Seton lectures are free of charge and open to the public. The series is sponsored by the Sisters of Charity and organized by the Mount's religious studies department.

Business administration department formulates goals

The Mount's business administration department is taking steps to be as relevant as possible for the 1990s, says department chair Wendy Doyle. Working with students, alumnae and its Business Advisory Board, it has finalized aims and objectives to provide its students with lifelong learning, thinking and communications skills in line with contemporary business philosophy. "The approach we've taken is to determine the attributes and skills that our graduates will need, and then develop the means to achieve these objectives."

Doyle says that the need for clear-cut direction became apparent after the department asked the Business Advisory Board -- consisting of faculty and business community representatives -- for assistance in developing a more relevant curriculum. The Board asked for a statement of the department's goals and objectives, so a departmental Strategic View Committee was formed. The aims and objectives were subsequently approved by the business administration faculty in October, 1988.

"From the outset we very clearly took a business perspective," says committee chair and faculty member Don Shiner. "We wanted to determine what kind of business degree would put graduates in the best position for jobs and graduate school in the 1990s. We surveyed students, alumnae, and

the business community and found that employers want graduates who are creative and have strong learning, leadership and communication skills."

After incorporating these qualities in its aims and objectives, the Committee has asked faculty to review current curriculum to determine where gaps exist. Doyle says the analysis will probably mean "re-structuring and re-ordering what we have, rather than adding courses."

So far, one course has been added, says Doyle. "It is essential that the aims and objectives of the department reflect the Mount's mission statement, and one way we've done that is to develop a new half-unit course on women and management." The 400-level course has been approved by Senate and will be offered beginning this September. It will be open to anyone who has completed 10 full university credits.

Last spring faculty organized a national symposium on women and management research which, Doyle says, also reflected the department's commitment to the Mount's mission statement.

Doyle says that the process has involved "a grassroots approach. We've received input from faculty, alumnae, students and the advisory board. The support from faculty is reflected in their commitment to this process."

Participation in 1989 Speakers' Bureau invited

Community organizations and the media require informed speakers on a myriad of topics. In response, the Mount instituted a Speakers' Bureau in 1984, which operates through the public relations office.

The bureau comprises a list of interested faculty, staff and administrators, and their areas of expertise and interest. As outside inquiries are received, the public relations office channels them to appropriate speakers. Names are not given out without

permission and speakers are under no obligation to accept a particular engagement. Arrangements are completed by the speaker and interested organization or media person.

The 1989 Speakers' Bureau list is now being compiled. Anyone wanting to participate should fill out the Speakers' Bureau questionnaire recently sent by campus mail, and return it to the public relations office. For more information call the public relations office, ext. 249.



Four Mount students in the Bachelor of Science degree program were awarded the Canada Scholars Award recently. The federal government-sponsored scholarships, initiated this year, are awarded for high academic achievement to 2,500 high school students across Canada wishing to pursue university programs in science, engineering or related degrees, and provide up to \$8,000 over four years.

Award recipients Donna Lee Massey (left), Tracey Lynn Dunn and Cynthia Rose Coffil (far right) are shown with Alan Cobb, director general of the Universities and Research Councils Branch of Industry, Science and Technology Canada. Tamara Linklater was the fourth award winner.

Senate approves additional Convocation ceremony

A third ceremony has been approved for this year's Spring Convocation. All Education and master's degrees will be awarded at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, May 11. Other undergraduate degrees, diplomas and certificates will be split between ceremonies at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., May 12.

The additional ceremony was recommended by the Convocations Committee and approved at the Jan. 30 Senate meeting, to alleviate the seating problem for graduates' guests. Each graduate will be allotted at least three guest tickets this year. Rehearsals for all ceremonies will be Thursday morning, May

11. The traditional Baccalaureate Mass, for graduates and their families, will be at 4 p.m. Thursday. The Chancellor's dinner for honorary degree recipients has been moved to Friday evening, May 12.

Sr. Louise Bray will be welcomed as university chancellor, at all three Convocation ceremonies. Under the revised university charter approved by the Nova Scotia Legislature in July, 1988, the General Superior of the Sisters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul, Halifax, became the university chancellor. Sr. Bray was named Superior General of the Sisters of Charity earlier the same month.

Student services offers new career planning program

The Mount's student services and counselling office has a new computerized career planning program. SIGI PLUS

(System of Interactive and Guidance Information), developed by Educational Testing Service, covers major aspects of career decision-making, from personal exploration of interests, values and activities to occupational guidance and tips on career preparation.

Users begin with a self-assessment that helps them clarify their work-related values, interests and skills. The program searches its library and provides a list of appropriate occupations with information ranging from job descriptions to detailed discussions of required education and skills. SIGI PLUS then helps users evaluate their options and suggests specific action to prepare for their goals. Finally, users are provided with computer printouts of results, which they review and discuss with counsellors.

"One of the biggest strengths of SIGI PLUS is its flexibility," says Ann Wetmore, assistant director of counselling with student services. "For instance, it allows us to add locally relevant information, and it provides information in as much or as little detail as desired." In addition, says Wetmore, SIGI PLUS keeps track of input information as the user proceeds through the program, providing feedback on any inconsistencies and how to correct them.

The program, available in the Career Resource Room, Rosaria 116, is open to Mount students and employees. Contact student services at ext. 359, for an appointment.

Break Time

The Mount's athletics/recreation office is offering a March Break Day Camp for children from grades primary to five, Monday to Thursday, March 20-23, at the Mount. The camp will offer games, arts and crafts, music, movies, outdoor activities and off-campus field trips, and will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

Registration is \$35 for the week or \$10 per day, and takes place until March 17 at the athletics/recreation office, Rosaria Centre. For more information call 443-4450, ext. 152.

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February getting you down? The athletics/recreation office is planning a Beat the Blues Employee Barbeque, Thursday, Feb. 23 at Vinnie's Pub, combining summertime food and beach party tunes. Why not don your summer togs?

There'll be two sittings, 12 noon - 1 p.m. and 1 - 2 p.m. Tickets are \$3.50, and are available at the athletics/recreation office, Rosaria Centre, or at the door. Athletics/recreation office staff will also be selling tickets door to door to campus offices.

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