

the connection



Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, Nova Scotia



Members of the Association of Canadian University Information Bureaus, Atlantic Region, met at Mount Saint Vincent University for a special reception the evening before their annual meeting in Halifax. L to R: Dr. John Keyston, Executive Director, Association of Atlantic Universities; Anne Houwelling, President, Public Relations Society (a Mount student society); Carol Ann Michael, Acting Director, Information and Public Relations, Saint Mary's University and Gina Wilkins, Information Officer, Dalhousie University. Hosts for the annual meeting were Nova Scotia College of Art and Design and Saint Mary's University.

We Must Help Make Others Safer In Order To Be Safe Ourselves

"Our security lies in the hands of the Russians and their security lies in our hands. We must make others safer to be safer ourselves."

These words were spoken by retired U.S. Rear Admiral Eugene Carrol at the Guelph peace conference last month, and according to Dr. Larry Fisk, who was there, it was the wisest statement made.

Took Advantage

The Mount gave Fisk the opportunity to attend the international gathering on Strategies for Peace and Security in a Nuclear Age and he took full advantage of it.

"I was able to become part of a new network of academics working in this area," he said. "The conference provided workshops where those of us teaching in universities were able to develop new contacts with university personnel, some of whom are already teaching courses on the subject of the conference, while others are well along the way to creating chairs of peace, making twinning arrangements with a sister university in the USSR and fostering exchanges between countries."

Fisk expects to be teaching a course at

the Mount next Fall on the politics of the nuclear arms race, and came back with invaluable and copious notes and a plethora of new ideas.

Both Prime Minister Trudeau, who opened the conference, and Admiral Carrol warned that the time for negotiations could be lost. "The unverifiability of weapons like the cruise missile add almost insurmountable obstacles for future negotiations, and both men called for a reduction in the shrillness and decried the absence of hope and progression so necessary for the young," Fisk said.

The Concern

Three Soviet spokesmen shared the concern for a less aggressive climate and for more international understanding. Yuri

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Christmas Lives At The Mount!

"The Christmas Spirit", that elusive feeling that strikes most of us sometime between October and January, has hit again. There are many variations but in its purest form, this is the spirit of giving—the idea of Santa Claus sneaking in during the dead of night, leaving gifts for everyone and never staying around for the 'thank you'.

If you are one of those people who would like to do something useful and appreciated, there are many alternatives right here on campus:

The Halifax Neighborhood Society has established a shelter for men on Barrington Street, offering overnight accommodation and recreational opportunities (at the Turning Point Activity Centre, just under the MacDonald Bridge) for men aged 35 and over. Last year, between 150 and 200 of these homeless men met at the centre for a Christmas dinner, and many of the regulars received donated gifts.

These are people who have nothing—many of them rehabilitated alcoholics or drug abusers, people living on the edge of existence—so any little gift means a lot.

Ruth Jeppesen, in the Public Relations and Development Office (Evaristus 215, ext. 249) is accepting any and all contributions for the Halifax Neighborhood Society: non-perishable food for the dinner, small gifts such as socks or candy, or even men's clothes. Please notify her before December 9 if you have a donation.

This year, the Mount's Student Services Department has chosen to make **Ad Sum House** its Christmas project:

Ad Sum House is an emergency shelter for homeless and transient women 16 years of age and over. It is located in Halifax at 2421 Brunswick Street, Tel. 429-4443 or 423-4443.

It's underlying philosophy is to address the total needs of women in a caring environment, helping them to feel both needed and worthwhile. They will be afforded an opportunity to stabilize their lives with the

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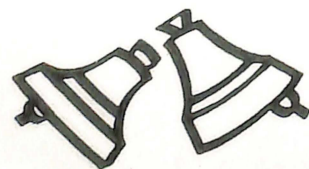
The Alumnae Association would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who contributed to the success of Fall Fair '83. Once again, we are made aware of what can be accomplished by cooperative effort. Proceeds from the fair will be designated to Project One.

Christmas is fast approaching, and the alumnae are ready to "wrap it up" for you at both Halifax and Dartmouth Simpson's stores. While you're shopping for that special gift, think of how much more special it would appear when beautifully gift wrapped by our alumnae volunteers. The Christmas Gift Wrap Campaign of 1982 resulted in a substantial contribution to Project One, and this year's chairman, Irene Swindells, Acad. '55, is determined to surpass last year's goal. Anyone interested in volunteering for the project (and learning the fine art of gift wrapping at the same time), please contact the Alumnae Office at 443-4450 local 136. Meanwhile, watch for Mount Alumnae when shopping at Simpson's during the second and third weeks of December.

On Sunday, December 4, a Memorial Mass for deceased alumnae will be celebrated at Our Lady of Wisdom Chapel, Evaristus Hall at 6:30 p.m. All alumnae, family and friends are cordially invited to join us as we remember our classmates and friends.

The word is out that the gauntlet is again being flung down by the members of our varsity volleyball and basketball teams, so, Alumnae Antiques, re-group your ranks for the annual alumnae-student challenge, on Tuesday, January 10 at 7:30 p.m. All those interested in testing their mettle against the young whipper-snappers, please notify the Athletics and Recreation Office or the Alumnae Office.

Rumour has it that the intrepid alumnae squad has a few secret weapons in its mighty athletic arsenal, so the challenge should prove interesting to say the least. Fun is the byword for the event, and from all reports, last year's participants had a great time. Watch for further details, and start training, alumnae!



Kelliann Marie Evans (L) and Cynthia Mae MacDonald.

No Tuition Worries For Two Students

At least two Mount students won't be worrying about tuition fees for the 1983/84 academic year.

Kelliann Marie Evans of Dartmouth and Cythia Mae MacDonald of Lyon's Brook, Pictou County have both received prestigious awards through the undergraduate scholarship competitions administered by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada.

Evans' award of \$1,370 was sponsored by Texaco Canada Inc., where her father William Evans is employed.

MacDonald's award of \$1,500 was sponsored by National Sea Products where her father Owen MacDonald is Division Manager at Pictou.

Now doing her second year in the Bachelor of Public Relations degree program, Adams had to maintain an above 70 average through grades 10, 11 and 12 in high school in order to qualify for the scholarship. She was also considered because of her involvement on the assembly committee and with the year book at school. Her scholarship is renewable each year until graduation providing her progress is satisfactory.

MacDonald's award is for one year, and she also required a good all round academic record in order to qualify and her extra-curricula activities such as being Class President and serving on student council, were taken into consideration. She is a first year student with the Mount's Home Economics degree program.

Duet.

Sharing opinions with both on-campus and off-campus students is the best part of taking a course which is offered through DUET say on-campus DUET students.

The off-campus students are in the work force and know more about how businesses really work than do on-campus students, said Tolson Smith, a business administration student.

"At the beginning of the year we were asked to estimate the salary of a person beginning a job after completing a business degree. The actual wage range quoted by the off-campus students was much less than the expectations of the on-campus students," he said.

Learning is a two-way street with information being passed from professor to student, from student to student and from student to professor, so on and off-campus students with their different perspectives could be helpful to each other, he said.

On-campus students may be more familiar with the mathematics involved in the course. Off-campus students broaden the overall class perspective from the usual 18 to 22 age group in most classes.

"It is great to hear from people working in the field," said Tara Lunn, a psychology student.

The technology was helpful in many ways, she said. "I like the desk camera because it enables the professor to show small, colourful diagrams in books to illustrate points which might otherwise remain unclear.

"The DUET class is just like any other class . . . but better," says Lunn.

Maybe watching herself on television improves the professor's style of presentation.

"I like the relaxed, informal atmosphere. If I had a choice I would prefer taking a DUET course over taking a regular course," Smith summed up.

Holiday Schedule

As in past years, the Mount will be closed for the Christmas season with just a few exceptions.

There will be a switchboard operator on duty from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on December 28, 29 and 30, and January 2. Information should be provided to the operator before the holiday begins (December 24 to January 3) and any department heads or others wishing to be contacted at home should leave instructions and their phone number with the operator.

On Monday, January 2, the Computer Centre and the Registrar's Office will both be open.

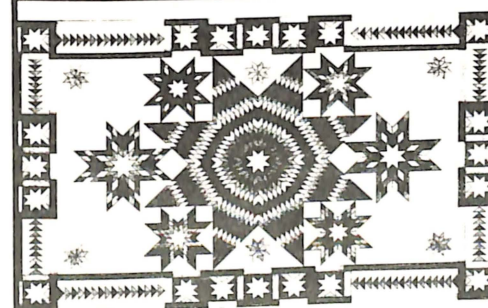
Dr. Fulton Stresses Importance of PR

The Inside Canada Public Relations Group presented a \$3,000 scholarship to Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, at the Group's 33rd annual meeting in Montreal recently. In accepting the award, University president Dr. Margaret Fulton, said "down the road I can visualize that public relations can become as important in society as the legal profession."

"Many problems in society today," she said, "are caused by lack of understanding and recognition of the importance of communication. From our schools we must send out people well informed and well equipped in the need for integrity in communication."

Dr. Fulton said that 90 candidates had been accepted from among 170 applicants and 300 are presently enrolled in the course at Mount Saint Vincent. By next year she expected that a graduate certificate or degree in public relations management would be introduced.

First Call for the University Community Show



Don't hide your light under a bushel! Bring out those works of art, paintings, needlework, handcrafts, home-made jams, anything, everything that you have created with your very own hands.

The 10th Annual Community Art, Craft, Baking, Hobby and Talent Show is the place where you can let the rest of the university community see just how talented you are. It's open to all at the Mount and/or their partners—deadline for registering your entry is mid-January.

Dr. Pauline Jones will officially open the show at the Art Gallery, 12:15 on February 2—and there will be lunch-time performances throughout the following week plus a scene from "Top Girls" the Mount's next stage production.



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The Christmas Amaryllis symbolizes the process of human life. It expresses great joy and affirmation during the season of renewal. May the year ahead bring you "glad tidings."

*L. Margaret Fulton
Mount Saint Vincent University*

Amaryllis No. 2 Cutout by Charlotte Wilson Hammond

Mount Learning Centre Now Offers Remedial Courses in Math

In the five years since Mount Saint Vincent University's Reading and Language Centre (now known as the Learning Centre) opened, children and young adults have been able to take advantage of specialized tutoring on one-to-one basis, outside regular school hours, to improve their reading skills.

Its popularity has grown from year to year, and now the facilities have been extended to include mathematics clinical services for young learners.

Difficulty

The Learning Centre, under director Dr. Margaret O'Brien, now has Sr. Yvonne Pothier busy organizing remedial courses for children in the upper elementary grades who are successful at other subjects but have difficulty with math.

While the Centre has been of great benefit to the young people selected to take part in the program, its primary aim was to provide practicum experience for students enrolled in the Mount's graduate level courses in clinical diagnosis and remediation for math and reading, said Dr. O'Brien.

This sometimes leads to misunderstanding on the part of parents who feel that children with the "worst" problems should have the precedence over others, she said. "But in order to give our graduate students, who are mostly teachers, the widest possible experience, the children we select must represent a cross section of ages and types of learning problems, from the simplest to the most severe," she said.

According to O'Brien the very personal,

one-to-one tutoring children receive has been extremely successful. "We focus on discovering the child's mode of learning and build on that."

Sr. Pothier said, "Young children often have difficulty understanding math on paper, so we use pictures and models to help them. We don't teach rules or skills, but we do teach understanding."

Parents of children in the remedial courses were enthusiastic about the results, saying that the youngsters' attitudes toward math and reading quickly became much more positive, she said.

At the moment there are about 40 enrolled in reading classes, with 20 expected to take part in the new math classes.

Choice of candidates for the remedial courses is made in conjunction with school principals who answer questionnaires, with parents' permission, to assist the Mount Learning Centre to make assessments.

There is no tutoring fee for the service and parents are asked only to provide \$25 for cost of materials for each semester.

OPINION

One of the saddest news stories I read over the Remembrance Day weekend was a CP item out of Montreal.

The story went like this: An unidentified woman, clad in black, laid a wreath at the Cenotaph in Dominion Square and dedicated it to wartime victims of rape. As she placed her wreath among many others, she said, "This is a statement against the violence done to all those victims who are never thought of and talked about during wars."

An organizer told the woman she could not leave the wreath on the Cenotaph. The woman replied, "I'm sorry, it's going to stay here and I'm going to stay with it."

After some shouting, the wife of a veteran snatched the wreath away, while onlookers yelled obscenities at the woman in black and trampled her flowers in the mud. The woman left.

At this point I think we need one minute of silence to think about that.

The woman in black stood for those who always become victims of the brutalization that goes with loss of respect for life. It was

by Pat Copeland

ironic that she should suffer, at a moment of "peaceful" reflection on the horrors of war, the same cruelty and indignity that so many women endure in wartime. Worst of all, she suffered at the hands of another woman, who treated her symbol as something to be feared and despised.

I could only conclude that a guilty conscience lay behind that reaction. How many veterans' wives feared in their hearts that their own menfolk might have raped women in foreign lands?

It's an ugly story and it frightened me because it showed that compassion, even at a moment of sincere sorrow on Remembrance Day, in one of Canada's largest and most sophisticated cities, is a missing component in so many of us.

And without compassion we cannot aspire to peace.

Just a thought at this season of goodwill.

If you have an opinion you would like to express, please feel free to use the Connection as your sounding-board. Subject, of course, to the editors' discretion!

On the Move

Sr. Martha Westwater's essays on the *St. Martin's Review* and the *Victoria Magazine* have been accepted for publication in *British Literary Magazines (Victorian Age)* and will be published by the Greenwood Press in late 1984. She will also present a paper "British Travellers to the East" at the Modern Language Association Conference, New York on December 28 and recently addressed the Cole Harbour Heritage Society on The Non-Literary Diary.

Sr. Sheilagh Martin, Biology Department, attended the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience in Boston and gave a presentation entitled "The Effect of Centrally Administered Arginine Vasopressin on Blood Pressure in the Rabbit."

Dr. Michael Dilena of the Adelaide College of Advanced Education, South Australia, is visiting professor at the Mount's Education Department for three months, working with Dr. Judith Newman on reviewing literature and software related to the use of computers in the classroom.

Assistant Professor Joan Ryan, Chairperson of the Office Administration Department will be assistant to Dean Susan Clarke for 1983/84 and will be primarily responsible for counselling students in the Division of Human and Professional Development. Ryan also chaired the faculty committee for this year's United Way during the recent campaign.

Shirley Potter of the Office Administration Department was awarded a Master's Degree in Education from Acadia University at its Fall convocation.

Christmas Events

The annual Christmas Ecumenical Celebration will be held at the Evaristus Chapel on Wednesday, December 7 at 4 p.m. followed by carols and a candlelight procession to Christmas dinner in the cafeteria.

Don't miss this lovely Christmas event.



An Advent Celebration of Reconciliation (penitential service) will be held in the Evaristus Chapel on Monday, November 28 at 9:30 p.m. There will be general confession and general absolution—private confession for those who wish.



The staff Christmas Lunch will be held at noon on Friday, December 23 in Vinnie's Pub, Rosaria Centre. See you all there!



Mount Saint Vincent University
Children's Christmas Party

Saturday, Dec. 10, 1983

1:30 - 5 p.m.

Rosaria Cafeteria

(Santa will be there)

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guidance of concerned and skilled staff and volunteers.

The house is scheduled to open in mid-December. Large furniture items have been procured through various sources. Small household items are needed at this time. These items will be the focus for our gift giving: items for bedrooms, bathrooms, kitchen, dining room and lounge rooms.

They are counting on your support. Gifts for **Ad Sum House** may be brought to Student Services—Rosaria Centre. Money donations may be made at the Royal Bank—Rockingham Branch or on campus.

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Ivanov, of the Moscow Institute for the Study of the United States and Canada, said: "We were decimated 40 years ago. We cannot help but care for our defence, but we cannot think about starting a war."

On the question of linking independent French and British weapons to overall weapons reductions, the Soviet researchers declared that France could destroy 21 major Soviet cities. "What difference," they said, "does it make to us which missiles strike us?"

As one of the world's leading authorities on disarmament, Sweden's Inga Thorsson said that the people were not only wiser than their leaders thought they were, also wiser than their leaders! A case in point was the knowledge that the 1,400 missiles reduction announced by NATO defence ministers in Montebello, Quebec, were, in fact, unusable weapons and the decision to remove them was taken several years ago.

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