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Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, Nova Scotia



Apple Pies Link Students with Hope Cottage

It's hard to imagine, when you're driving around some of the gracious, tree-lined avenues in the South End, or along the shores of the North-West Arm, that there are at least one hundred homeless men living in the Halifax area.

They make their homes on the streets, taking shelter where they can. They have no work, few prospects, and if it were not for Hope Cottage, would probably be going without food much of the time.

Hope Cottage, on Brunswick Street, is a haven for these men. It's been operating for 13 years, financed by the St. Vincent de Paul Society, providing two meals a day for an average of 75-100 homeless men.

Meals are prepared by volunteers from all over the city, and among them are a group of Mount Saint Vincent University students who go on "pie patrol" once every two weeks to provide pies for 30 of the homeless, hungry people.

The Mount's two Catholic chaplains, Sr. Evelyn Williams and Sr. Lorraine d'Entremont, started the project about three months ago and it's really caught on.

From three to five students (or as many as can work in the kitchen without getting in each other's way) gather at the chaplains' house on campus every fortnight and bake apple pies, lemon meringue pies, cherry pies, pies and more pies. Some of them are really good pastry cooks according to Sr. Evelyn. Others make themselves useful "cracking eggs!"

But whatever job they do, they all learn how it feels to give their talents and their time with love and enthusiasm. And they also learn about another side of life.

Cheryl Gaudet, a psychology student at the Mount, says she got into the project because she "wanted to help contribute to Hope Cottage." She also says that she



Mount students Pat Venedam and Cheryl Gaudet are members of the pie-making team who volunteer their cooking skills to provide dessert for homeless men at Hope Cottage.

never realized there was such destitution in Halifax. "There's such a contrast between what you see at Hope Cottage and what you have around you in your own home," she says.

It's not a bad thing to be aware of some of the terrible gaps in our care for the less fortunate. In a country as rich as Canada it shouldn't be necessary for volunteer organizations to take care of feeding the homeless — but it often is. But through this project, Mount students may find themselves with more understanding and sympathy for the wants of others. No classroom experience can ever teach them that.

Pat Venedam, a theology student, feels that volunteering in this way is not only fun, but also helps her to become a good cook! There are advantages for everyone.

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Challenge Met

Once again, Mount faculty and staff have risen to the challenge of the current economic crisis. In response to the announcement by the federal government of the availability of \$3 million through the CEIC Summer Canada Student Employment Program for 1982, various members of the university community have developed and submitted proposals which, if approved, would create challenging summer employment for students.

A total of seven applications have been submitted by individuals on staff at the Mount. The proposed projects include: research into the history of Halifax women; improvements to the playground at the Mount's Child Study Centre; experience in theatrical and musical productions at the Mount Summer Playhouse; planning and implementing recreation and leisure time programs for girls, women, and senior citizens; research into existing attitudes toward and the market for distance education; the establishment of an arboretum on campus; and an energy attitude/behaviour survey of residential consumers in Halifax West.

If all seven projects (totalling \$90,911) were approved by the CEIC, 37 jobs would be created, providing a total of 512 work-weeks for students during the summer. Approximately 30 to 35 of the jobs created would employ individuals who have traditionally suffered employment disadvantages (women, native people, physically disabled), a specific target group of the CEIC program.

High Priority Areas

The projects are all intended to create jobs in the areas designated by the government as high priority areas — parks, recreational and day camp services; health and social services; energy conser-

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alumnae update

It's interesting to note that some of our alumnae are making (or have made) reputations for themselves as authors. A special shelf in the Alumnae Office has been put aside to hold the publications which have come out over the years, written by those who attended the Mount.

One of the most moving, because of the tragic death of its young author, is *The Blossoming Bough*, by Mary Burke, who attended the Academy in 1935 and died in that year after a short illness. The little booklet contains some of her poems and a few pictures of the Academy as it was then. Ironically, one of the poems is about the death of an acquaintance in which she says:

For yesterday I did not know
Today would call me to her death.
Her still face, white beneath the
candle glow,
Has made me think.

Mary Burke herself died of septicaemia after being ill only 24 hours, at the age of 16.

On a more cheerful note we have *Slicing, Hooking and Cooking: Gourmet Recipes for Golfers*, written by Jackie Eddy, who graduated from the Academy in 1949.

Sr. Geraldine Anthony (B.A. '51) has five books on Canadian drama to her credit, while Heather Watts (a current student at the Mount) has written two histories, one a local history of Williams Lake and the other a history of the house at 5500 Inglis Street, Halifax.

Another history, on the historic buildings of Mount Uniacke, has been written by Mary Kennickell (B.Ed. '59) and Sr. Marianna O'Gallagher, S.C.H. (B.A. cum laude, '63) is the author of a history of Saint Patrick's Church in Quebec City.

Finally, we have a booklet entitled *Artist for God: Mother Mary Fidelis Eustace*, written by Sr. Eileen Ryan (B.Sec.Sc. '30), a biography of "a woman of prayer and faith who would sacrifice anything for a principle".

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vation; renewable resources and environment; tourism development; artistic and cultural development (including historical research). In fact, some projects touch on two or more of these fields. At the same time, the projects would provide valuable career-related work experience for the project employees. Some projects would require the student to develop skills which are related to a specific occupation, while others would permit the development of skills in communication, the organization and analysis of data, and co-operation in the workplace, which are

essential to success in any career. If any or all of these projects are approved, students would be hired through the campus Canada Employment Centre.

For six Mount students, obtaining summer employment is no longer just a hope, but a reality. Through the initiative of faculty members in several science disciplines, students were encouraged to apply to the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council in its competition for

Undergraduate Summer Research Awards. This program, introduced by NSERC several years ago, is designed to provide undergraduate students registered in an honours program in natural sciences or engineering exposure to research and/or innovation related activities.

Home Economics students Karen Allan and Bonita Nowe will research the effect
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Gym Made the Difference

Mount Saint Vincent University's volleyball team is off today to represent Nova Scotia in the Canadian Colleges Athletic Conference being held at Calgary, Alberta. Its members, who won the provincial title earlier this month, will be meeting teams from all across Canada.

"This is the first time we have ever participated in a national conference like this and we are very keen to do the very best we can," says volleyball coach Helen Folker who is just completing her first year as athletics officer.

Folker says she thinks the new gym in Rosaria Centre has made a big improvement in the athletic/recreation programs offered to students and that it is beginning to show up in the calibre of athlete participating in sports activities.

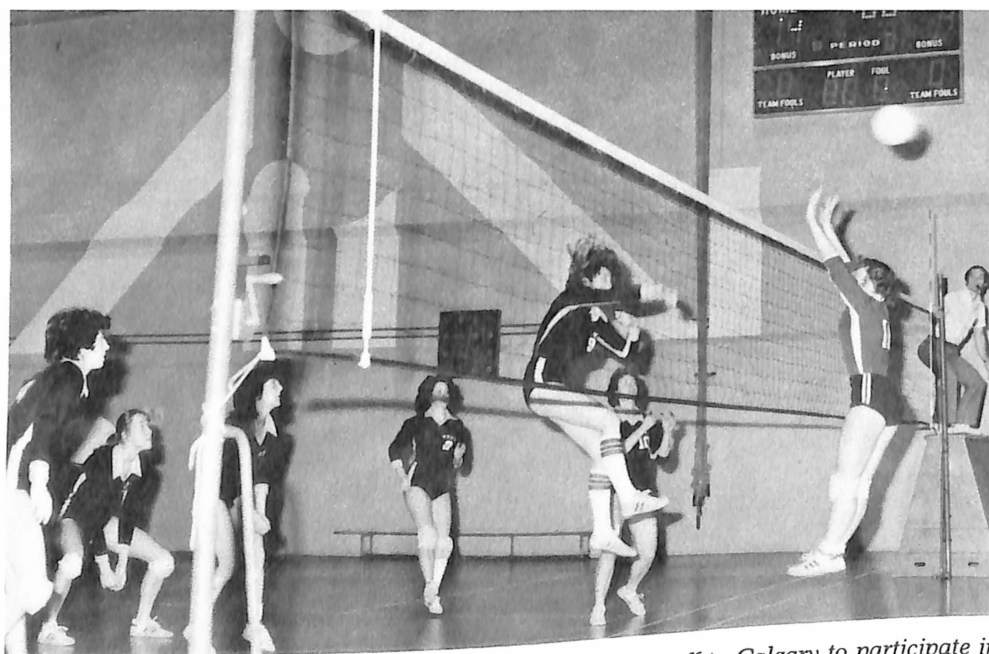
She backs this up by pointing out the advantages of having a "weight room" off the gym and the awareness programs related to fitness and nutrition. "The

weight room means team members work out on the weights at least three times a week. Apart from improving their overall fitness, this activity also improves their vertical jumps."

Folker says she was tremendously encouraged by the "magnificent" support given to the team's efforts during the provincial finals. "The bleachers were just about full and I think it helped our players to have that kind of turnout."

To win the provincial title, the Mount had to play teams from the Nova Scotia Teachers' College and King's College.

According to Picaro staffer Patricia Gillis, there was a power failure during the tournament which delayed the games about 20 minutes. She also reported that King's had a unique cheerleading squad comprised of four men who wore skirts and had newspaper pom-poms and pink ribbons in their hair.



VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS — The Mount's volleyball team is off to Calgary to participate in the national finals of the Canadian College Athletic Conference. Team members include Gerry George, Susan Miller, Dyanne Shaw, Betty MacDonnell, Maria Jacobs, Margaret Glover, Jackie Coyle, Jacquie Melanson, Lynn Frolic and Nanette Elsinga plus coach Helen Folker and team manager Kerry Morehead.

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Sr. Lorraine d'Entremont leaves Hope Cottage after she and her students had delivered enough pies to feed 30 people.

it seems.

The volunteers are drawn from a group of about 50 students who form the Sunday Liturgy group. "But we'd like to have volunteers from all over the campus," Sr. Lorraine says.

With the warm smell of apple pie making everyone's nose twitch, as the students pull yet another luscious offering out of the oven, you could almost envy the recipients at Hope Cottage until you realise that this may be the only manifestation of care and concern that these men will encounter in their life on the streets.

It's good to know that the Mount is reaching out in yet another way — not only to those in the community who already have so much, but to others who have so little.

Faculty on the Move

Dr. Frances Early, Assistant Professor in the Mount's History Department, recently spoke in the University of New Brunswick's public lecture series. Her talk was entitled "The French-Canadian Family Economy in Transition: Earning a Living in Late Nineteenth-Century Lowell, Massachusetts". The lecture was sponsored by that university's Visiting Speakers Committee and History Department, and Dr. Early's lecture will be published in *The Journal of Family History* this spring.

While at U.N.B., Dr. Early also took part in a seminar on the history of women. Her presentation was "Beyond Karl Marx and E.P. Thompson: Women's History and the Making of the American Working Class".

On the same theme, she is presently researching and editing an autobiography

A Mad Hatter's Tea Party

Ever tried pouring tea from a Rubik's Cube?

If you want to find how it's done, visit the lighthearted exhibition "All Fired Up" which just opened at the Mount Saint Vincent University Art Gallery.

The idea for the exhibition was dreamed up by the gallery's exhibitions officer, Beth Campbell, who offered a challenge to Nova Scotia ceramic artists to find new and innovative forms for the humble teapot, cup and saucer.

The old "Brown Betty" is put in the shade by the 20 works, which range from an imaginative entry from a 6-year-old boy to pieces created by professionals in the field.

In keeping with the spirit of the show, a Mad Hatter's Tea Party will be featured on the closing day, Sunday, April 18. This also ties in with the 150th anniversary of the birth of Lewis Carroll, the creator of Alice in Wonderland.

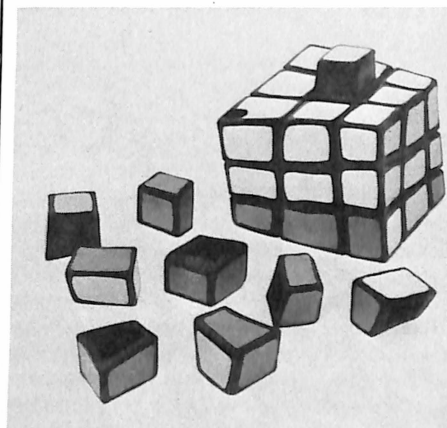
Beth Campbell will also be offering a slide lecture on "The Development of Contemporary Sculptural Ceramics" at 12:15 and 8:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23.

"All Fired Up" is being sponsored by the Nova Scotia Department of Culture, Recreation and Fitness.

In the downstairs gallery, also until April 18, is an exhibit of 94 works by Sybil

Andrews, of Campbell River, B.C. This exhibit includes more than 60 of her dynamic colour linocuts; examples of poster art she made in collaboration with Cyril Power for the London Underground in the 1930's; and examples of linocuts by her London, England contemporaries.

The Glenbow Museum in Calgary has arranged this touring exhibit, and Peter White, curator at that museum will give a lecture on the work of Sybil Andrews, 8:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30. After leaving the Mount's Art Gallery, this exhibit will be shown at the Art Gallery of Ontario.



Puzzle Tea-set, by Karen Robinson



Teapot Form, by Deb Kuzyk

Graduating?

Attention all potential Spring graduates: The Convocation schedule for Sunday, May 9 has been set as follows:

Morning — 10:00 a.m.

B.A., B.B.A., B.H.Ec., B.P.R., B.S.A., B.Sc., B.Sc.H.Ec. and all Secretarial diplomas.

Afternoon — 2:30 p.m.

C.D.C., B.C.S., B.A./B.Ed., B.Sc./B.Ed. B.Ed. and all Masters degrees.

Any potential graduate who has not yet received an information pack from the

of a French-Canadian immigrant to Lowell, Massachusetts soon to be published, under the title of *Un histoire d'un enfant pauvre*.

Assistant Professor Joan Ryan, Chairman of the Mount's Office Administration Department, was guest speaker at the Department meeting of the Professional Secretaries International. It was the 23rd anniversary of the first meeting of the organization, which has always had close ties with the Mount.

Professor Ryan chose as her topic "Secretarial Education Today", giving particular emphasis to what the university programs have to offer to secretaries preparing for the Certified Professional Secretaries certification.

Registrar's Office should phone extension 117 as soon as possible.

Whether you are planning to receive your degree at the Convocation ceremony or *in absentia*, the \$30 graduation fee is payable by March 31. Any student with outstanding fees, including the graduation fee, will not receive her/his degree until all fees are paid.

Senate Report

To better co-ordinate the Bachelor of Education programs offered by both the Mount and Dalhousie universities, no more students will be accepted in the Mount's sequential secondary program in science, social studies, mathematics and English during the next three years.

This is in keeping with Dalhousie's decision not to accept any students into its sequential elementary B.Ed. program.

At its March meeting, Senate also approved a "linguistics concentration" and agreed the list of electives for the Honours English degree include all 200-level English courses except English 221.

It was also approved that (a) a secretarial diploma may be awarded "with distinction" if an average of 80 per cent and no mark below 70 per cent is obtained in all required courses taken above the 100 level; and (b) the degree of Bachelor of Secretarial Arts may be awarded "with distinction" if an average of 80 per cent and no mark below 70 per cent is obtained in eight units above the 100 level.

Final approval was given to regulations which had previously been approved in principle, governing transfer students and students seeking a second certificate, diploma or degree from Mount Saint Vincent University.

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of microwave cooking on spice blending under the supervision of Professor Alleyne Murphy. Karen Alexander and Kay Hunter will work with Dr. Lillian Wainwright, of the Biology Department, on *in vivo* and *in vitro* levels of folic acid and bipterin in the chick pineal gland. Dr. Marguerite Flinn, also of the Biology Department, will supervise Sharon Fisher's study of biomass and carbohydrate reserves of rhizomes of some forest understory species.

Research into long-distance acoustic communication in peacocks will be done by Susan McIsaac with psychology professor Dr. Fred Harrington.

The NSERC awards will provide each of these students a salary for a 16-week summer period while they carry out the research.

Wednesday, March 31 is
Pre-Registration Day
for 1982-83
10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Seton Academic Centre

Beat the September line-ups

Multiple Murder

"An Anthropology of Multiple Murder" is the title of a lecture to be given at the Mount by Dr. Elliott Leyton, of Memorial University, on Thursday, March 25.

Dr. Leyton is interested in the types of people who would be most likely to commit multiple murders, such as exemplified in the recent British Columbia mass-murder trial involving Clifford Olson.

Among other accomplishments, he has published two books, *The Myth of Delinquency*, in 1979, and *Dying Hard*, an analysis of the effects of industry on people of Newfoundland, in 1975.

The talk will start at 8:00 p.m., in Seton Auditorium A.

Aid Available

The Canada Council Aid to Artists program offers grants to artists who are considered professional by virtue of either having completed basic training or having demonstrated the necessary competence to be so considered. The program consists of various types of long and short-term grants designed to permit artists and arts administrators in the fields of architecture, creative writing, dance, film, music, photography, theatre, video and visual arts to improve their skills, to work on a specific project, or to participate in meetings and competitions at the national and international levels. A descriptive brochure on the Aid to Artists program is available for perusal in the Research Office, Evaristus 205.

The University Women's Club of Saint John, New Brunswick is offering a \$600 scholarship to a female student who will be entering her final undergraduate year in September 1982. Applicants must be graduates of a high school in Saint John or Kings County, New Brunswick.

Applications can be picked up at the Financial Aid Office in Rosaria Centre. Deadline is March 31.

One of Eight

It has been estimated that one of every eight Canadians can expect to be hospitalized for a mental illness at least once during her/his lifetime.

The Canadian Mental Health Association has published an informative brochure including some startling statistics on mental illness.

The brochure states that suicide was the second most frequent cause of death among Canadians between the ages of 15 and 39 (in 1978); and that mental illness was the second leading category in general hospital use among those aged 20 to 44, exceeded only by accidents among men and pregnancy among women.

If you would like to know more about mental illness, or receive a copy of the brochure, contact the Canadian Mental Health Association, 2160 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario M4S 2Z3.

Students Overseas

Students wishing to work in a foreign country may be interested in the International Exchange Programs, administered by the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission. This program permits the exchange of Canadian and foreign post-secondary students and young workers (between the ages of 18 and 30) for temporary employment. Post-secondary students may work from six weeks to four months during the holiday months, while young workers (who must have completed a post-secondary program of study) may work for a period of four to twelve months.

Application forms and additional details are available in the Research Office, Evaristus 205.

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