

# the connection



Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, Nova Scotia



Dr. Felix Antonio Ulloa, University of El Salvador (left) talks to Dr. John Kirk, Dalhousie University and Juanita Watson, secretary of the Mount Student Christian Movement following an address to the Mount community this month.

## University of El Salvador Without Most Basic Resources

### Picture this:

You're sitting in class with your fellow students, listening to a lecture. Without warning, the university is invaded by 800 combat troops. Armoured helicopters hover overhead, assault vehicles and small tanks overrun the campus.

Fifty students are killed in the ensuing chaos. Eighty-two members of the university community are jailed for varying periods in the aftermath. The libraries are burned, safes dynamited, windows and doors broken, furniture, projectors, video equipment, weighing scales, measuring apparatus, drawing tables, telephones, desks, stolen and sold in the streets afterwards. Students' academic records are destroyed, together with computer equipment.

The soldiers, mostly ignorant men, have been told that the books are "communist", the computer room is "where bombs are made" and x-ray equipment in the dental school "used for torture."

The destruction is so complete that the University of El Salvador (for this is where this event actually took place in June, 1980) is without resources. There are buildings, and that's all. Even the

empty buildings are closed by the military and 30,000 students have nowhere to go.

For the past 2-1/2 years classes have been held off campus in lawyers' offices, doctors' clinics, and private homes. In the strange "double-think" that pervades most repressive regimes, the Salvadorean government has allowed faculty members to continue receiving their salaries, and

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## SSHRC Research Grants Up by 110 Per Cent

Six members of the Mount faculty have been awarded nearly \$65,000 in research grants in recent Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council competitions.

Dr. Patricia Canning, of the Child Study section of the Education Department, received \$11,004 to study the effects of preschool education on children and families in Northern Labrador, from the Strategic Grants Division under the Family and Socialization of Children theme.

Dr. Frances Early, of the History Department, was awarded \$3510 for a study entitled, "Enfant pauvre: Memoirs of a French-Canadian Immigrant, 1843-1909" by the Research Grants Division.

Dr. Fred Harrington, of the Psychology Department, was granted \$10,890 to study the evolution of public attitudes toward predators and their prey from the Leave Fellowship Programme.

Dr. Sheva Medjuck, of the Department of Sociology, received \$10,645 to investigate changes in household and occupational structure in Moncton, N.B., 1851-1881, also from the Leave Fellowship Programme.

Dr. David Monaghan, of the English Department, has been awarded \$12,500 for a study of the metaphor of spying in Le Carré's novels, from the Leave Fellowship Programme.

Dr. Margaret O'Brien, from the Education Department, was granted \$17,364 for a pilot project to develop a research strategy for the evaluation of literacy programs, from the Research Grants Division.

The Education Department, through Dr. Andrew Manning, has received a visiting fellowship from the Association of  
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## alumnae update

Many Mount alumnae will remember Freda N. Wales, who died at Camp Hill Hospital last March.

Born and raised in the Province of Quebec, she graduated as a gold medallist from McGill University with a Bachelor of Physical Education, and served in the Canadian Women's Army Corps during World War II.

Her influence was felt in Nova Scotia in many ways since her arrival here in 1947. Her work with the Physical Fitness Office of the Nova Scotia Department of Education kept her in touch with teachers all over the Province.

In earlier years, the Nova Scotia Women's Basketball Association, the Maritime Board of Women's Sports Officials, Red Cross Swimming and Water Safety, the Nova Scotia Ski Association, the Camping Association of Nova Scotia and the Canadian Hostelling Association all benefited greatly from her contribution. Orienteering and cross-country skiing also received her deep commitment and involvement.

Many high school students in the 50s will recall her enthusiasm and encouragement in bicycle trips throughout the Province, while Mount Saint Vincent Academy grads will think of the overseas jaunts which introduced many of them to those special aspects of hostelling which Freda thought so vital. Other people who were young in the 70s will remember their adventures with Freda in outdoor education, canoeing, skiing, orienteering and camping.

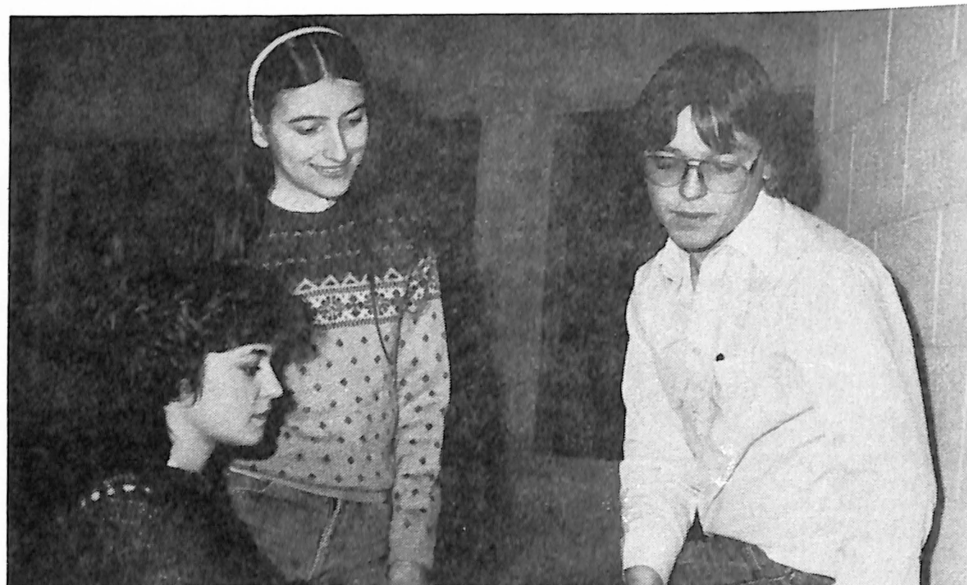
As a tribute to Freda and to her life, two Freda N. Wales Memorial Scholarships of approximately \$300 each, will be offered annually, one each by Acadia University and Dalhousie University.

To be eligible, individuals must have successfully completed two years of college or university and intend to pursue a program specializing in outdoor leadership. Preference will be given to residents of Nova Scotia.

Anyone wishing to honour Freda Wales is invited to make a contribution by personal cheque or money order to:

The Freda N. Wales Memorial  
Scholarship Fund,  
c/o Professor James Hoyle  
School of Physical Education  
Dalhousie University,  
Halifax, N.S. B3H 3J5

Receipts for income tax purposes will be provided and names of all contributors forwarded to Freda Wales' family.



Mount Public Relations students Nancy Moar, Janet MacBeth and Nicholas Hamblin are among those who wrote brochures for non-profit community organizations, putting what they learned in class to practical use.

## Mount Public Relations Students Donate Skills to the Community

Another link between university and community was forged at the Mount last semester when 48 public relations students donated their skills to non-profit agencies in the area. Brochures on pre-school programs, mental health, recreation and counselling services were written and designed by the Mount students.

The project was part of a course in print media writing taught by Assistant Professor Patricia A. Lewis. Students were asked to contact a local agency and ask if an informative or persuasive brochure was needed to promote the agency and its goals.

Sue Drapeau, a senior public relations student, produced a brochure for the Halifax-Dartmouth Volunteer Directors. This brochure urged college students to get involved in the variety of volunteer opportunities available in metro.

Nancy Moar, a second-year student from Saint John, New Brunswick, wrote a pamphlet for the Atlantic Child Guidance Centre. The brochure is being used by the centre in its on-going information sharing with local physicians.

Counselling services were the topic for two brochures written for the Association for Family Life. Valerie McCormick, a graduating student, wrote a specialized brochure on the association's services and directed it towards doctors. Coleen Brown wrote another brochure especially for lawyers.

Mental Health/Halifax, Sackville Recreation Association, the Children's Aid Society and Halifax Department of Recreation also cooperated with public relations students.

Students were responsible for researching the topic, writing the copy and then gaining approval from the cooperating agency. If budget permitted the brochures were produced. Students also suggested

design ideas complete with art and color suggestions.

This semester another section of print media is being taught by Bryan Moore and students will be looking for agencies who would like brochures.

## Marillac à Meteghan

Pleines d'enthousiasme et de curiosité, samedi le 5 février dernier, nous, un groupe de filles de Marillac, sommes allées visiter le pittoresque village acadien de Meteghan.

Nous avons eu la chance de contempler de superbes plages, des églises, des maisons acadiennes ainsi que l'Université Sainte-Anne.

C'est avec joie que nous vous invitons dimanche, le 6 mars à 19:30, pour en discuter et regarder des photos et des diapositives que nous avons prises.

Pour de plus amples renseignements veuillez téléphoner au 443-9916. Merci.

Nicole Coderre

## On the Move

The fame of last summer's Mount Playhouse is spreading far and wide. Professor Renate Usmiani, director of the successful six-week theatre season, has been invited to attend a colloquium on The Sociology of Theatre in France and Canada, at Bordeaux, France. The topic she has been asked to speak on is "Audience Expectation Today: Report on an Experiment at the Playhouse of Mount Saint Vincent University in Halifax." The event takes place next May at the Theatre Research Centre and Centre for Canadian Studies.

Dr. E. Margaret Fulton spoke on the findings of the Labour Canada Task Force on Micro-Electronics at the Humber College 1983 Professional Conference for Secretaries and Administrative Assistants held at the Toronto Harbour Castle Hilton on February 21.

At the annual meeting of the Canadian Federation of Deans of Management and Administrative Studies, Dr. Erdener Kaynak was selected as a member of a six person delegation to participate in a two week visit to British business schools from February 14-28. He went as representative from the Atlantic Provinces, reflecting the viewpoints of an undergraduate program in Business Administration. While in the U.K. Dr. Kaynak visited Scotland, Manchester, Birmingham, Coventry, Oxford, Bath and London.

Dr. Frances Early was guest of the Acadia History Department on February 2 when she gave a public lecture on The Emigrant Experience: The Life and Times of Felix Albert (1843-1924). She also gave a seminar presentation on Social Change and Family History to the History Department's Honours/M.A. Special Problems in History class.

The Mount's Centre for Reading and Language Education, in association with various Nova Scotia educational agencies, is sponsoring a series of invitational workshops on language and learning. These workshops are intended for curriculum supervisors who have responsibility for the development of the language arts curriculum for Nova Scotia School Boards and will cover topics that are emerging as significant new developments in this area.

Each District School Board in the Province will be invited to send one participant to each workshop.



Brian Robertson (left), President of the Dalhousie Debating Society, Jim Wentzell and Nancy Chan of the Mount and Brian Casey, Dalhousie, met for an exhibition debate in the PUB on February 16, to worry away at the resolution "Sex is an outdated mode of communication." To loud applause the government resolution (Dalhousie) was defeated. How could anyone ever hope to win an argument like that?

## This and That

The Hon. Iona Campagnolo, President of the Liberal Party of Canada, will speak on the topic "New World Gentlewoman?" on Thursday, March 3 at 8:30 p.m. in the Atlantic Room, Hotel Nova Scotian.

The event is sponsored by the Halifax Women's Network. All welcome.

Fitness testing at the Mount is the "in" thing.

The Athletics Department is having trouble keeping up with all the requests from faculty, staff and students who want to find out if they're over the hill or still able to go twice around the Motherhouse without having a heart attack!

Devised by Pat Demont and her team Joanne Burns, Julie Nolan and Jan Jebson who are at the Mount on a Community Development grant, the fitness tests were solidly booked, not only for the initial week, but for part of a second week.

Owing to the success of the project, fitness tests will take place for the next while every Tuesday. A small fee will be charged. Contact the Athletics Department for an appointment.

The Native Council of Canada newsletter on the subject of aboriginal rights is available at the Public Relations Office, Evaristus 215, for those interested in becoming informed on the matter.

With the First Ministers' Conference coming up in March, it might provide some useful information for individuals who are concerned about native rights in this country.

## Public Lecture

Dr. Hanna Papanek of Boston University will speak on Women in Asia: Education, Employment and Income Distribution, on Monday, March 7 at 8 p.m. in Auditorium A, Seton Academic Centre.

Dr. Papanek will be stressing the relatedness of the problems faced by Asian women to those we face ourselves.

The author of many books and articles on Asia, Dr. Papanek graduated with a B.A. magna cum laude from the City University of New York in 1948. She obtained her M.A. (1951) and Ph.D. (1962) from Harvard University.

She has taken part in conferences, mainly on the subject of women, in Denmark, Lisbon, Bulgaria, Sweden, Bangladesh, Mexico, as well as the USA, and lived a total of 6 years in South Asia and 4 years in Indonesia.



## Come to the Black and White Ball!

The Faculty Association is holding its annual Dinner-Dance on Friday, March 11, in Rosaria Multi-Purpose Room.

The event will be a Black and White Ball, modelled on Truman Capote's eccentric and elegant gala, so if you want to be in keeping with the spirit of the Ball, come dressed in black and white.

Music will be provided by a disc-jockey who guarantees a repertoire which includes everything from good old-fashioned foxtrots to rock 'n roll. Requests are welcome!

Dinner will be the high point of the evening, prepared by the senior students of the Home Economics Department. The luscious menu includes quiche, Hawaiian chicken, glazed salmon, salads, parfait and crepes with fruit sauce.

All this for only \$7.00!

Cocktails will be served from 7-8 p.m. and dinner begins at 8 p.m. Tickets for this gala event can be obtained from John Morgenstern, Leslie Brown, Barry Wheaton, Barbara Rao, Margaret Ellison, Peter Glenister, Harold Oxley or Frances Early.

## Open Campus Days Planned for March

The Admissions Office is busily preparing for three Open Campus Days to be held on March 14, 15 and 16.

About 1,500 registration forms have been sent out to high schools and students inviting them to take part in a program which includes workshops on such subjects as Financial Aid; What Can You Do With a B.A. Degree?; Career Planning; The Computer; and Stress Management.

There will be lunch for the guests at the cafeteria, followed by tours of the campus. After that, visiting students can attend classes or labs and female students may also stay overnight if they wish (providing they bring their own bedroll!).

**"Women Rise to the Challenge"  
an International Women's Day  
CELEBRATION RALLY**



sponsored by  
the Student Council  
will be held at Seton on  
Tuesday, March 8, Noon-2 p.m.  
**BE THERE!**

### SSHRC GRANTS (Cont. from page 1)

Universities and Colleges of Canada Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Committee for the visit of Dr. Michael Dilena, of the Centre for Language, Reading and Communication Studies at the South Australian College of Advanced Education, for May, June and July 1983. The award is for \$4500 plus travel and medical expenses.

These grants represent a 110 percent increase over the awards obtained from these programs last year.

## Staff Encouraged to Take DUET Noon Time Classes

Staff members at the Mount are being encouraged to enroll in the non-credit courses offered through the DUET Program and although many of the programs have already begun, there is still time to register for Introduction to Productivity (March 8, 15 and 22); Introduction to Work Analysis and Simplification (March 17, 24 and 31); Public Relations Skills for Managers (April 12, 19 and 26); and Law Applied to Business (April 14, 21 and 28).

Each session in a course lasts for two hours. The University will grant one hour of work time while the staff member will be required to use her/his lunch hour for the second half.

The course applied for must be relevant to the staff member's job and the prior approval of a supervisor is required.

Those interested should contact Bonnie Broderick, Personnel Officer.

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they, in turn, have donated a percentage of this for rental of rooms when this has been required. Students contribute what they can, crowding into whatever space is available, sitting on the floor, or standing, determined to get an education.

Now there is a possibility that the university will be re-opened. But students will be going back to bare rooms with birds nesting on the empty bookshelves. In the Biology Department alone, there are only ten microscopes where there used to be 450. It is almost impossible to visualize the chaotic conditions that must exist in the absence of modern equipment, or even chairs to sit on.

### Desperate Need

A man, dedicated to education and to bringing about a dialogue between the warring factions in El Salvador, is Dr. Felix Antonio Ulloa, a professor of Social Security Law and representative for the University of El Salvador for North America. Dr. Ulloa's father was Rector of the University at the time of the military invasion of the campus. He was assassinated the following October, two weeks before starting a speaking tour in Europe.

His son, here at the Mount on February 11, is asking for help in supplying resources for his university. His meeting with the Mount's faculty and students was the 332nd in less than a month — tremendous and gruelling undertaking involving travel right across Canada.

The University of El Salvador desperately needs books, equipment and money.

In order to help, members of the Mount Student Christian Movement are asking the university community to enroll symbolically in the University of El Salvador for a fee of \$5. This fee can be paid at the SCM office, Room 519 Seton, on Mondays and Wednesdays between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The money will go towards providing resources for the University of El Salvador.

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