

Campus. Connection

Mount Saint Vincent University

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Mount's Office Automation Centre officially opened

The workplace of the future became a reality at the official opening of the Mount's Office Automation Centre, January 26. Equipped by the Mount and Maritime Tel and Tel, the \$1.5 million centre, located on the fourth floor of Seton Academic Centre, houses the latest examples of technologically advanced office equipment.

Mount students and small-business operators will be the major beneficiaries of the facility. The centre will provide a laboratory-workplace for students, and assist Atlantic business people to upgrade skills and train on new equipment. One-day seminars and demonstrations will give the business community access to several computer systems and the expertise of the centre's personnel.

The centre also functions as a research facility, as Dr. Naomi Hersom explains. "In addition to providing our students and business operators with the latest information, we will be able to conduct research on the newest technology available -- research that will be of direct benefit to business managers across the province."

Some of the equipment demonstrated at the opening included the Meridian DV-1 Voice Data Computer which allows users to share and manipulate on-screen data at the same time; an Octel voice store and forward system which can handle 100 mailboxes and is capable of providing

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Mount president Dr. Naomi Hersom (centre) cuts the "ribbon" - made from telephone cable spliced with a fibre optic strand to signify the old and new technologies - at the official opening of the Office Automation Centre. Also present were (left to right): Ivan Duvar, president, Maritime Tel & Tel; Dale Godsoe, chair of the Mount's Board of Governors; Wynne Potter (far right), vice-president for Nova Scotia, Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA). Just out of camera range was Carol Conrad, executive director of Economic Planning and Technology, N.S. Department of Industry, Trade and Technology. Roberta Robot, foreground, helped with proceedings.

Accreditation for co-op education program in dietetics

The Mount's co-operative education program in dietetics has received approval from the Canadian Dietetic Association (CDA) as an accredited internship. This marks the first time that such a program has received accreditation in Canada, and, adds co-operative education co-ordinator and program director Susan Roberts, "Engineering is the only other profession in this country that follows the co-op internship education model."

The program, an option for students in the Bachelor of Science in Home Economics degree, correlates the foods and nutrition degree program with a co-operative education dietetic internship. It is unique because it includes internship work terms alternating with academic terms. Students graduate with their academic and internship requirements complete, and, thanks to the recent accreditation, are eligible for membership in the CDA.

Roberts, who has actively lobbied for accreditation for several years, says that she is very pleased by the CDA's recent decision. "The association has approved a non-traditional internship and opened opportunities in Atlantic Canada that will benefit not only our students, but the provinces as well."

Professor Alleyne Murphy, home economics department chair, comments, "Universities have been concerned for several years over the limited number of placements in the graduate internship programs in Canada. The Mount has demonstrated that new approaches to the professional preparation of students are possible, with the same high standards."

The program began in 1985, with the first work term placements in the summer of 1986. The internship component consists of four, 16-week internship work terms, when students are placed in hospitals and other health care institutions. The academic component is exactly the same as a regular foods and nutrition

major in the Bachelor of Science in Home Economics program. (The regular program continues to prepare students for the graduate internship program.)

"I'm sold on co-operative education," says Susan Roberts. "It's early reality testing of the theories that students learn in the classroom. It allows students to judge earlier whether or not they enjoy this kind of work - instead of waiting four years for their internship. It encourages a closer liaison between health care and academic institutions. And it provides students with some paid work experience."

The program will graduate its first CDA-eligible dietitians in 1989. A total of 19 students are enrolled, including several from the Université de Moncton, which is using the Mount's expertise in the development of a similar program. "We've also had inquiries from several other universities," says Roberts.

"The program is a real success. The dialogue and interaction in the classroom is phenomenal. And through the work terms the students have had the opportunity to participate in important projects for their placement institutions." For example, students have helped develop policy and procedure manuals, food service disaster plans, nutrition education programs, and orientation videos. The feedback from institutions has been very positive too.

But the program can't rest on its laurels, as Roberts points out. "We're a first, so our reputation is on the line. We've got to do it right, and keep on doing it right."

Alleyne Murphy adds, "Our experience will encourage others to be creative and consider new ways. This has been a tradition at the Mount and we plan to continue."

Call for award nominations from Mount community

The City of Halifax and student councils of the seven universities located in the city are staging a gala celebration on March 10. The purpose of the evening is to highlight and celebrate the economic, social, cultural and educational contributions of the universities to the Halifax community.

A highlight of the event will be the presentation by the mayor of three awards to each university, as follows:

- to a faculty member for her/his research or personal contribution that has impact for the greater Halifax community;

- to a staff member for her/his personal contribution to the Halifax community; and

- to a student or students for her/his/their contribution to the Halifax community.

Nominations for the three categories should include all relevant details and be sent, before Feb. 17, to Tolson Smith, Student Council Office.

For further information, call 443-4450, extension 123.

Campus ministry notes

Lent is a time when Christians reflect on faith, and with this in mind, the campus ministry offers an Invitation to A Lenten Exploration. An opportunity to share questions and views on faith, it will take place Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. in Our Lady of Wisdom Chapel, Evaristus Hall.

A mass to celebrate Ash Wednesday will be held in the chapel at 4:15 p.m., the same day.

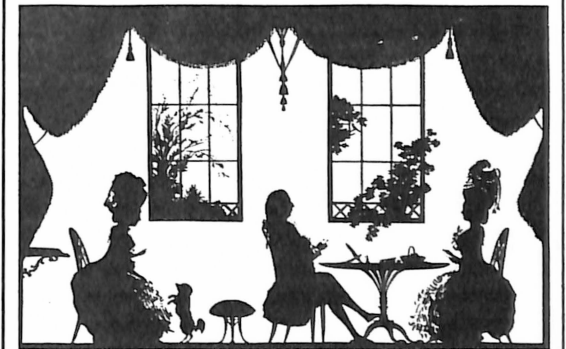
Campus ministry is also planning a Sunday video series, Who Do You Say I Am?, focusing on how Jesus is portrayed in the gospels. The series will be held Feb. 12 and March 5, 12 and 19 at 4 p.m., in the Don MacNeil Room, Rosaria Centre.

Also during Lent, space has been set aside in the chapel for those wishing to view special literature about the Lenten season.

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The campus ministry office is now divided between two locations. Sr. Lorraine d'Entremont retains her office in the student services area, while Rev. Ruth Jefferson and Gail Golding have moved to the office at the end of the small corridor between the pub and the front door of Rosaria.

Rivals at the Mount



Cloaked in the costumes of 18th-century England, players from the Mount's drama society will perform Richard Sheridan's "The Rivals" on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 9, 10, and 11, at 8 p.m. Caitlyn Colquhoun directs this English stage classic, which will be performed in the Multi-purpose Room, Rosaria Centre. Tickets are \$4 for students and \$5 general, and are available at the Mount art gallery and at the door.

Dr. Patrick O'Neill continues his hunt for Canadiana

Dr. Patrick O'Neill, speech and drama department, has resumed his hunt for buried treasure. Funded by a recent \$33,000 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) grant, he is continuing a search begun in 1982, for books, maps, sheet music, photographs and newspapers published in Canada between 1895 and 1924.

According to Dr. O'Neill, it's "another step in a larger project" that has, so far, uncovered and catalogued some 40,000 items of previously-undocumented Canadian material in the British Library - attracting national media attention in the process. Now, his search will take him to the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., where he expects to find 4,000-5,000 unpublished manuscripts of Canadian sheet music dating from 1867 to 1925.

"Until 1924, you couldn't copyright unpublished manuscripts in Canada. Canadians had to use the copyright office in Washington," explains Dr. O'Neill.

Published material, on the other hand, ended up in the British Museum - now the British Library - because until 1924, the Copyright Act of 1895 required that all copyrighted material in Canada be deposited in London. Most Canadian copies were either lost or destroyed in fires in the Parliament Buildings in 1916 and 1953.

O'Neill notes that his job in Washington will be made easier by the fact that, unlike the British Library, the Library of Congress in Washington has catalogued most of its collection.

"I'm particularly interested in music written for theatre, a subject I keep coming back to," says Dr. O'Neill, whose specialty is the history of Canadian theatre from a cultural and social perspective. His London research uncovered over 12,000 pieces of published music, many written for theatre. And he reads every one.

He also discovered a wealth of Canadian plays, including one by the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, Paul Mascarene, whose translation of Molière's "Le Misanthrope" was staged at Annapolis Royal on Jan. 6, 1774 - the first known performance of an English language play in Canada.

In Washington, Dr. O'Neill hopes to find show tunes written by and for The Dumbells, a famous World War I Canadian army entertainment troupe. He says that by and large, though, "I won't know what they've got until I get there."

Collecting Canadiana is a massive undertaking, and while the original find was "very exciting", Dr. O'Neill admits that searching through archives can be tedious. What keeps him motivated is the original idea behind the project.

"Before we can do a study of Canadian drama and music we have to know the corpus of Canadian drama and music - in other words, the raw material, the scripts. Up until now people doing research on Canadian turn-of-the-century music, for example, looked at only about 30 per cent of the pieces. How do we know their assessments are correct until we look at the other 70 per cent?" He hopes, by filling in the blanks, to provide a basis for more comprehensive studies - including a book he is currently researching, on the history of Canadian theatre.

Dr. O'Neill will be making a preliminary trip to Washington this month, and will begin his research in earnest with the start of his sabbatical in July. He says that a list of these musical works will be available by the end of the SSHRC grant term, in January, 1990. The National Library in Ottawa has already begun to microfilm all of the Canadian material documented by Dr. O'Neill in London that is not already in its collection.

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Dr. Catherine Lazier, renowned expert in estrogen research, will be guest speaker at the 12th annual Atlantic Universities Undergraduate Biology Conference at the Mount, March 10 - 13. Dr. Lazier, of Dalhousie University's biochemistry department, will speak on Mechanisms of Action of Steroid Hormones.

The conference offers undergraduate biology students an opportunity to present their research as oral papers or as posters. While there is no limit to the number of posters submitted, only three oral presentations will be allowed from each university. Each paper will be limited to 15 minutes. Abstracts must be received by the Mount's biology department by Feb. 20.

The \$45 registration fee includes the reception, coffee breaks, lunches and banquet. For more information contact Dr. Chris Lucarotti, biology department, at ext. 251 or Sr. Sheilagh Martin, biology department chair, at ext. 140.

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Friends, students and colleagues of Dr. Mairi St. John Macdonald, recently retired director of the Mount's Centre for Continuing Education, are establishing a bursary in her name. It will be awarded annually on the basis of established financial need to a female student over 30 years of age who has completed at least one full unit of academic credit at the Mount.

Contributions are required to make this

an ongoing award. Donations are tax deductible, and Dr. Macdonald will be informed of the names of all donors. For more information call the development office at ext. 470.

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Each year the Canadian Council of Professional Engineers (CCPE) sponsors national scholarships to encourage advanced studies and research programs in engineering. The CCPE and the North American Life Assurance Company co-sponsor three annual scholarships of \$7,500 each for further study or research in an engineering-related field.

The CCPE, in conjunction with The Optimum Financial Services Limited, parent company of Monnex Insurance Brokers Limited and Encon Insurance Managers Inc., is sponsoring two new scholarships. The Optimum Scholarship Program offers one \$5,500 scholarship annually to an engineer returning to university for further study or research in a field other than engineering. An annual endowment of \$5,000 by Encon Insurance Managers Inc. will be awarded to a professional engineer wishing to pursue studies or research in the area of engineering failure investigation.

The deadline for all applications is May 1, 1989. For more information or application forms, write the National Scholarship Program, Canadian Council of Professional Engineers, 401-116 Albert St., Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5G3.

Flip for Lunch!

Tuesday, Feb. 7 is Pancake Day at the Mount. In the Shrove Tuesday tradition, a pancake lunch with bacon and sausages will be served in Vinnie's Pub. Sittings are at 12 noon - 1 p.m., and 1 - 2 p.m. Tickets are \$2.50 for students, \$3.00 advance and \$3.50 at the door, with proceeds to the Mount's annual fund drive and the Student Alumnae Association. Members of the Student Alumnae Association are selling advance tickets in the Rosaria mezzanine, the Saceteria, and door to door to campus offices.

Heart Foundation plans Valentine's Day luncheon



The Nova Scotia Heart Foundation is sponsoring a St. Valentine's Day luncheon on Tuesday, Feb. 14, at the Halifax Sheraton. The "Affair of the

Heart", 12 noon to 1:30 p.m., will include a heart-healthy lunch, entertainment, heart health information, and a cake auction conducted by Premier John Buchanan.

Tickets for Affair of the Heart are \$35 per person or \$350 for a corporate table, with proceeds to Nova Scotia-based heart research and education programs. For more information contact Sheila MacKay, publicity chairman, at 429-7111, or Eileen Reardon, communications/fund raising co-ordinator, at 423-7530.

Liberal education explored at upcoming conference

The Past and Future of Liberal Education is the theme of a two-day conference at Mount Allison University in Sackville, N.B. on Friday and Saturday, April 28 and 29. Panel discussions and paper presentations will explore various facets of liberal education, including its Maritime roots, the role of women and women's studies,

science, performing and visual arts and library resources.

The deadline for registration - which is \$10, and free for students - is April 20. For more information contact: The Office of Conferences and Summer Programmes, Mount Allison University, Sackville, N.B. E0A 3C0. Tel. (506)364-2251.

Office Automation continued from page 1 information, answering and distribution service; a Premier Key Exchange computerized telephone system which can handle 24 users and has call accounting capability; Facsimile, which uses telephone lines to transmit text and graphics; and the Envoy 100 national text messaging service.

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The university community is invited to the centre's open house Thursday, Feb. 16, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.

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