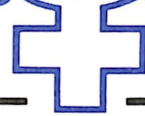


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Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, Nova Scotia



Mount Faculty Being Realistic In Response to Changing Needs

Diminishing resources for funding universities has become the topic uppermost in the minds of university presidents whenever they meet in this difficult period. The month of October was no exception, with no less than three important meetings taking place where this subject was discussed in depth.

Mount President Dr. E. Margaret Fulton attended all three. The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada met in Fredericton, N.B., on October 6; the Atlantic Association of Universities held their regional meeting at Acadia University on October 18; and a Council of Ministers of Education Conference took place in Toronto on October 22, which was also attended by Assistant to the President, Mary Moore Uhl.

In addition, Nova Scotia university presidents met with Planning Board members of the Provincial Cabinet early in November, when the Minister of Education announced that university faculty and staff would come under the 6 and 5 per cent salary increase formula.

Dr. Fulton subsequently met with members of the Mount faculty to bring them up to date on the discussions which had taken place.

DECISION DEPLORED

To touch on a few highlights — the AAC passed a resolution deploring the manner in which the Government of Nova Scotia terminated the funding of the Atlantic Institute of Education, saying that "the decision was reached without a proper evaluation of the academic merits of the educational and research programs of the Institute," and without consideration of the very serious effects on staff and students, or even a realistic examination of the extent of cost savings that might be effected.

The AUCC called on the federal and provincial governments to live up to their public commitments to maintain the vitality and strength of Canadian post secondary institutions. It was pointed out that universities are prepared to do their share, but the ability to further curtail costs is limited after 10 years of severe financial restraints.

At the CMEC Conference held in Toronto, the closing address was given by the Hon. Bette Stephenson, Ontario Minister of Education, who asked that a commitment be made to the real equality of accessibility to post-secondary education for (Continued on page 4)



Dollar Campaign

Close to \$12,000 has now come in for the Mount's Dollar Campaign and according to Lynne Theriault, Development Officer, "we're beginning to see results from the flyers sent out to women's organizations across Canada. We're getting responses from groups and individual members and there's more and more evidence of media coverage."

Letters continue to come in every mail with very personal and encouraging comments. People are very supportive of the campaign and frequently voice their ap- (Continued on page 4)



The Mount Debating Team took on the Royal Military College on the burning issue "A Man's Place is in the Home." The arguments became so confused that it was impossible to decide on a clear winner, so the RMC won on the quality of the debate! L to R: (Standing) Bob Lawson RMC, National President of the Canadian University Society for Intercollegiate Debating Wendy Lillico, MSVU; (sitting) Brian Robertson, President of the Dalhousie University Debating Society (who stood in for a missing RMC member) and Jim Wentzell, MSVU.

alumnae update

It may be early days to mention this, but a career exploration week will be coming up in a couple of months at the Mount with some very interesting themes.

The three day event, which will be held on January 25, 26 and 28, will explore interests, strengths and skills; explore what's out there; and explore ways to get there.

With this in mind, The Connection contacted alumna Elspeth McLean, who was very active in careers week last January and who has made something of a name for herself by deciding just what career would suit her best and going after it.

She took time to send along a letter explaining just how she set about getting the job she wanted.

McLean graduated from the Mount with a Bachelor of Home Economics degree, completing a double major in Consumer Studies and Home Economics Education and a minor in Economics.

She says: "I was fortunate enough to secure my job in January 1979 even though I did not graduate until the Spring. I started as Public Relations Fieldworker for the Scotsburn — Brookfield Dairy Group in May '79."

McLean says she was looking for something non-traditional in the field of home economics. "Although I felt this position required someone with experience, I felt I had nothing to lose in talking with company management. I never regretted taking a risk and mustering my courage."

Listing her own interests, skills, talents and experience first, she then identified a company to match the list. "I acquired some knowledge and understanding of the company," she explains, "and then developed a list of activities I could undertake within the company. I met with company executives and outlined my ideas, and then submitted a prepared job proposal based on the discussion. In my case, the proposal was accepted and we subsequently met to discuss salary."

The ideas didn't develop overnight, McLean explains. "The position is one I had thought a lot about for several years."

It's important to get the "right ears" in the company you approach, she says, and these might not necessarily be the personnel officer's ears. "In my case I met with the President and Chief Executive Officer."

Her final words of advice are, "Be confident but not over confident!"



Inuit teachers Evelyn and Maria play with one of the youngsters attending the new Day Care Centre in Nain, Labrador.

Child Study Above the Tree Line

Catherine Mullin, director of the Mount's Child Study Centre, was a passenger on a Lab Air flight to Goose Bay last month, on the first leg of a journey to Nain, the largest Inuit community in Labrador. Known as the "Red Eye Special", the flight leaves at 1:30 a.m. and guarantees red eyes by the time the journey is over!

Mullin was filling in for Dr. Patricia Canning, director of the Child Study Program who was unable to make a follow-up trip to the community after developing a 10-week training program last Spring in response to a request from the Nain Women's Group for a course in child development techniques

Already familiar with Canada's North, Mullin was right at home above the tree line.

"I learned so much about Labrador in two weeks," she says, "and really enjoyed it. I love the North and find it extraordinarily beautiful."

Nain's spanking new Day Care Centre, which opened last July, "is a lovely building with lots of equipment," according to Mullin. "Everyone is very pleased with it and the 10-week course developed by Dr. Canning really helped them. They needed a lot of ideas because the day care concept is new to them."

Mullin met with great friendliness in Nain. "I think every child in the community knew me by the second day." The weather was very mild, so she was able to walk "for miles and miles over the hills."

She also tried a few new dishes such as partridge stew, caribou roast, arctic char and cod tongues. "But I was really desperate for a salad after two weeks of meat and tired old vegetables," Mullin says. "The only fruit and vegetables you see in the stores are very sad looking apples, turnips and potatoes. All the canned fruit is imported from Australia! And there's no fresh milk."

She was dismayed to find the Inuit are heavy smokers and addicted to junk food. "Consequently their teeth are in terrible shape," she says, "even though a dentist

staff file

Mount Saint Vincent University Staff Association

It's that time of year again — the committee set up to organize our Christmas party has been working hard and has set December 3 as the date. It will be held in the back of Rosaria Dining Hall with drinks after dinner in Vinnie's Pub. This year each member of the Association is entitled to bring one guest.

Two of our association members recently left the university, and we wish them the best in their new positions. Carolyn Ann Lowe has left Secretarial Services to take a position with the Isaak Walton Killam Hospital for Children, and Lora Lee Alders has left Computer Services and is moving to Ottawa.

Any news for staff news? Please call Carol Belliveau — ext. 351 or 364.

flies in once a month to give them treatment."

Many of the houses in the 1000-strong community don't have plumbing, but this will be rectified when the new dam, under construction close by, is finished.

CBC radio and TV are popular, Mullin says, especially the hockey games. The local Nain radio station "is really funny. They play old scratched, warped records and you can hear family conversations going on in the background in the house where they have the studio."

On her way back from Nain, Mullin was grounded in Goose Bay for three days by fog and ice, but this turned into an advantage for a pre-school committee in the town who heard she was stranded. They took the opportunity to meet with her and get advice and ideas on day care equipment and staffing schedules.

Mullin brought back a bag full of Labrador souvenirs for the children at the Mount's Child Study Centre — caribou moss, labradorite, a seal vertebra, scallop shells, caribou antlers and the arctic cotton used for lamp wicks.

She was able to do something special for the Nain community to remember her by. In their craft shop she found a floor loom which had lain in pieces for years because no one knew how to use it. She re-assembled it, sent off for some missing parts and instructions, and hopefully, the loom will be put to work again before long.

Spreading the Word; Debating the Issue

The Mount's fledgling debating team is now spreading its wings with its two charter members, Jim Wentzell and Wendy Lillico recently back from Victoria, B.C. where the Canadian National Championships were held. They placed ninth in the country.

"Our best debate," Lillico says, "was against the University of Victoria. They really left a lot of holes in their argument and we beat them easily!" The subject for debate was "That All Provinces of Canada Become Officially Bilingual."

The biggest laughs came from a debate between the Mount and the Royal Military College on "The Woman's Place is in the Home." The Mount took the affirmative (ironic!) and the all-male RMC team lost the argument. "We got away with it by placing the issue in the 16th century," Lillico explains. "Everyone was laughing, including the judges."

Until this semester, Lillico and Wentzell had been the only representatives for the Mount Debating Team since it was resurrected last year, but now membership has

On the Move

Dr. Marguerite Flinn of the Biology Department, gave a presentation to the Nova Scotia Association of Science Teachers last month on Successional Patterns in the Maritime Lowland Ecoregion, a subject related to extensive research that she has been carrying out in our forests over the past five years.

A group of Mount faculty contributed to the success of the recent Atlantic Provinces Developmental Psychologists' Conference held in Fredericton. Dr. Michael Pratt (psychology) chaired a symposium on moral development in which he spoke about different "styles" of adult moral reasoning. Dr. William Hunter (education) and Mrs. Gail Golding (research associate) also presented at the symposium. Dr. Hunter spoke on the influence of semantics in the measurement of moral reasoning and Mrs. Golding discussed sex differences in moral reasoning. All of the papers were based on research conducted on an SSHRCC grant to Drs. Hunter and Pratt. Dr. Rosemarie Sampson (psychology) and Dr. Kenneth Hill (St. Mary's) served as discussants for the symposium.

Dr. Rudy Kafer (psychology) also presented a paper at the APDP conference. He presented information pertaining to the assessment of attitudes toward aging held by a wide cross-section of both Canadians and Americans.

The Canadian Electrical Association has sponsored the publication of a book by Dr. Ram P. Seth, "Financial Administration of Electric Power Utilities" which is a comparative study of British and Canadian experiences. It is being published by Dalhousie University's Institute of Public Affairs. Dr. Seth has also entered into collaboration with Electricite de France to study the impact of peak/off-load pricing in Canada.

grown to seven. "They all seem to be seriously interested," Lillico says, "and that's really important for us because Jim and I would like to see it carried on after we graduate."

Lillico says the team has had "tremendous support" from the Mount's administration. "Someone always came through with money or advice whenever things were going wrong," she says. "I really can't thank administration enough."

A doctoral grant from the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals of British Universities has gone to Asst. Professor John Pliniusen to help offset summer research expenses while he completes his management Ph.D on strategic planning in Canadian and British universities, through the Technical University of Bath, England.

Dr. Pauline Jones, Academic Vice President, represented the Mount at the installation of Dr. J.R.C. Perkin as President of Acadia University last month.

Dr. E. Margaret Fulton has been named to a public inquiry commission which will study and recommend improvements to provincial legislation currently governing rental accommodations and condominium properties in Nova Scotia. Together with Mr. Justice Thomas Coffin and Donald Blackwood, executive-director of the Cape Breton Tourist Association, Dr. Fulton will also look into the Residential Tenancies Act, the Rental Property Conversion Act and the Condominium Act as they relate to rental policies.

The Faculty Association is going great guns with its fund raising for the university. Since September \$2,000 more has been received in pledges and some faculty chose to increase the pledges they had made in '79 and '80.



TRAINING AWARDS

These awards are funded by the Soroptimist Foundations of Soroptimist International of the Americas and are to promote upward mobility in mature women, assisting them in their efforts toward training and entry, or re-entry into the labour market.

Candidates are preferably heads of households completing undergraduate programs or entering vocational or technical training. Regional and area awards are \$1,500 each.

For more information and application form contact Dr. Nadia Macintosh 428-3416 or Dr. Vanora Haldane 428-2179.

Survey Shows Plenty Of Parking Spaces

If you're still convinced we have a parking problem at the Mount, you're wrong!

An extensive parking survey was conducted from September 15 to October 11, 1982, during the busiest period of the academic year. Day-time checks were done when traffic on campus is heaviest, -10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and a comprehensive check made in the evening hours from 5 to 8 p.m.

In spite of the loss of 7 parking spaces now taken up by the new Seton Annex, the total number of spaces has increased from 440 to 496 mainly due to the addition of 23 spaces on the tennis court and 38 additional spaces on the extended Evaristus North lot.

At no time during the survey were all 496 parking spaces filled. The greatest number of spaces available at one time during the survey was 362; the least was 16. As may be expected, more parking is available away from the main buildings. But the fact remains that there are always spaces available within easy walking distance of any building. And that little bit of exercise is good for you.

Provocative Posters

The Art Gallery will be exhibiting a substantial number of highly acclaimed poster designs from the collection of Hanno Ehse, Design Faculty, Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, until December 12.

"Posters are cultural documents," Ehse says, "that reflect the interests, expectations and tastes of a culture.....some posters express their message in an amusing way, some even offensively. But all are designed to arouse emotional responses.....to turn apathy into action."

The exhibition has been designed and produced by Ehse and some of his students and reproduces a typical street kiosk on which posters are displayed, a familiar sight in all European cities.

At the same time, in the Upstairs Gallery, New World Visions and Mystic Doll Show, a synthesis of 2-D works, mixed media collages and dolls by Paige Kennedy, will be exhibited. The artist describes her show as "a ten year journey amidst the evanescent boundaries of Arts and Crafts."

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groups such as native peoples, part-time students, the handicapped, women, and those who live at a distance from the post-secondary institutions.

She also said that academic independence is now being seriously challenged and a balance must be found. While it is important for analytical skills to be taught, she maintained that the acquisition of specific knowledge will assume a greater share of post-secondary programs.

On the subject of financing, the Ontario Minister of Education said it was time to stop associating improvement with growth and to focus energies on enhancing present activities and creating new ones through re-allocation of resources and increased efficiency.

In reviewing the meetings, Dr. Fulton said, "The net result has been to confirm that the Mount is already doing many of those things being recommended, especially in the administrative structure, continuing education, our outreach programs, co-operative education and emphasis on women's education. Our faculty seem to be very realistic in their responses to the need for change."

Task Force

Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of the report of the Task Force on micro-electronics and employment, chaired by Dr. E. Margaret Fulton, can obtain one by writing to Publications and Distribution, Labour Canada, Ottawa, K1A 0J2 and asking for "In the Chips: Opportunities, People, Partnerships."

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proval of "Canada's only women's university."

A French flyer is now being distributed and advertisements in both English and French will be appearing in national magazines in the near future. Other promotional efforts are also underway.

A sample letter has been distributed to faculty, administration and staff, to send to any of their friends who might wish to contribute, and requests have come in for supplies of flyers "to include with our Christmas cards."

The university community is reminded that if any of its members are attending meetings off campus they should take a supply of flyers with them. These can be obtained from the Public Relations, Alumnae and Development Office at 215 Evaristus, and they're also in all the secretarial offices on campus. Secretaries are asked to keep plenty of flyers on hand and to replenish their stocks by calling Lynne Theriault at 340.



Performance

"Theatre on Theatre", excerpts from contemporary European theatre, will take place in the Art Gallery at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 30. Ellen Pierce, Dr. Peter Schwenger (of the Mount's English Department) and musician Sandy Moore, will be directed by Professor Renate Usmiani (of Mount Playhouse fame). Admission is free — all welcome.

French Without Tears; Another Way to Learn

All students (majors in French and others) who are interested in the possibility of spending an academic year in Besançon (France) or Rimouski (Quebec) as part, or as an extension, of their degree are invited to a meeting on Thursday, December 2nd, at 12 noon, in S308.

Information will be given about costs, academic programs, lodgings, advantages and difficulties of the year in France and Quebec. Based on that information, interested students will be expected to decide by the beginning of January 1983 where they wish to study, and to commit themselves to attendance at the relevant essential counselling sessions from January to April 1983. (1st Tuesday or Thursday of the month, at 12 noon).

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