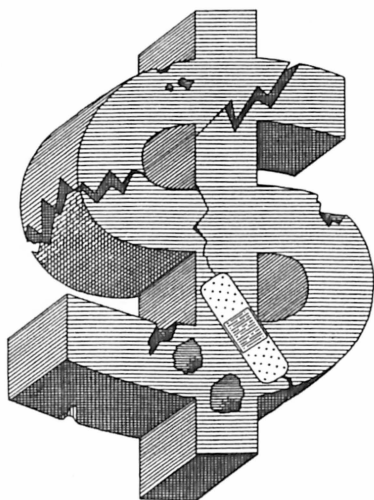


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MPHEC should make a fresh start -- Adlington



The Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC) should make a one-time equalization adjustment in funding for Maritime universities and consider it "a fresh start", according to Alan Adlington, a consultant hired to review the MPHEC funding formula.

In his report submitted last month, Adlington proposes a one-time grant to equalize funding among the institutions. He calls on MPHEC to "redefine equalization and to articulate the criteria underlying its judgement."

The MPHEC's definition of equity could have a significant impact on the Mount. "Each institution has its own idea

about what constitutes equity," says Mount president Dr. Naomi Hersom. "This university has been penalized for years, because of the opportunities we have made available to women, many of whom study part-time."

The current equalization program has not enabled the Mount to achieve parity with the other institutions, she explains. "To us, a fresh start means starting all institutions on a 'level playing field' and we hope that the Adlington report will create the opportunity for the Mount to achieve parity."

The Adlington report also calls for a new basic operating grant. In response to this, Dr. Hersom cautions that "it is extremely important that the new grant reflect the realities of today and that it not ignore or perpetuate the deficiencies we see in the formula currently in place."

Along with a new basic operating grant, Adlington recommends that MPHEC create a limited number of "policy envelopes" to deal with matters such as accessibility, plant renovation and renewal, special needs and research costs. "We are not opposed to this concept," says Dr. Hersom, "as long as the establishment and maintenance of an equitable basic operating grant for all institutions is the Commission's first priority."

Adlington goes on to recommend that institutions prepare three- to five-year plans

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Events planned to celebrate Caritas Day, Feb. 1

The campus ministry will help students to integrate faith and social issues on Caritas Day, Wednesday, Feb. 1, by repeating last year's successful Adventure in Social Awareness. As chaplain Sr. Lorraine d'Entremont explains, students are invited to spend a morning of community service at Hope Cottage for transient men, and AdSum House, a temporary home for transient women. Afterwards, students will participate in an afternoon of theological reflection at St. Patrick's Convent on Brunswick Street.

"For many people there is not much connection between faith and the social justice dimension of life," says Sr. Lorraine. "This is an opportunity to take a step toward integrating them."

Events like Adventure in Social Awareness are a reminder that Caritas Day is more than just a day when classes are cancelled. As its name suggests - Caritas is the Latin word for caring or charity - it has been set aside as a day when the Mount community makes a charitable contribution to the larger community.

Caritas Day was established by Senate in 1984 to "provide an opportunity for the Mount to contribute to the greater civic community; increase university spirit; unite students, faculty, staff and administrators of the university in a common effort; increase awareness of the Mount, its philosophy and objectives; and to retain historical ties with

the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity."

In the past, Caritas Day activities have included such things as a Beggar's Day Banquet of soup and bread, with proceeds to the food bank, and the writing of peace messages on the Communications Centre construction fence.

The athletics/recreation office has been actively involved in Caritas Day, and this year's event, The Tin Minute Workout, will give a new twist to the regular fitness classes offered Feb. 1. Classes, held at 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., 12 noon - 1 p.m. and 4:45 - 5:30 p.m. in the Rosaria Gym, will be open to everyone, and admission is a couple of cans of food which will be donated to the Metro Food Bank. The cans will also be put to good use for resistance exercises during the classes.

Fitness co-ordinator Lisa Boudreau notes, "If you can't make it to the classes, please feel free to make a contribution to the food bank by dropping off your donation at the athletics/recreation office in Rosaria Centre."

For more information on The Tin Minute Workout, call Boudreau at ext. 445.

And for more information on An Adventure in Social Awareness, contact the campus ministry office at ext. 349 or 446. The event is limited to ten students, with a registration fee of \$10.

More parking spaces for physically handicapped



Eight new parking spaces are available to handicapped persons, on the south side of the front entrance of Seton Academic Centre. Anyone with a valid Mount parking permit, and a university services parking sticker or a provincial license plate or sticker for handicapped persons, may park here. The area is clearly marked. Unauthorized vehicles will be issued a parking violation ticket by the City of Halifax.



Photographs and memorabilia from the class of 1939 (including the above) will be featured at the 15th Annual University Community Art, Craft, Baking, Hobby and Talent Show, opening at the Art Gallery on Thursday, Feb. 9 at 12 noon. Another highlight of the show will be a preview from the drama society's production of *The Rivals*, an 18th century comedy by Richard Sheridan, directed by Caitlyn Colquhoun. The preview will be presented during the opening reception.

Community show entries must be submitted to the gallery between Jan. 24 and Feb. 3. All members of the university community are invited to submit up to five items each.

Dr. Pat Canning named faculty advisor to WUSC seminar

Dr. Pat Canning, child study department, has been chosen by the World University Service of Canada (WUSC) as one of three Canadian university faculty advisors to the WUSC seminar in the Leeward and Windward Islands next summer.

Of the role she will play in helping to manage and facilitate research projects by 30 participating Canadian university students, Dr. Canning comments, "I'm looking forward to working with students from a wide variety of disciplines, particularly since they're really keen on learning about other countries and about themselves."

Her involvement in projects to train pre-school teachers in the West Indies and in community development projects for parents and children in the Dominican Republic is good preparation for exploring Third World development issues at the upcoming WUSC seminar. "I'm interested in international development projects because, after all, the world is smaller today. And we can't continue having big gaps between the 'haves' in this part of the world and the 'have nots' in the Third World." Dr. Canning adds that working with other cultures provides a broader research

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There are still openings for the London Theatre Trip, sponsored by the English department and planned for spring study break, Feb. 15-23. The \$690 cost includes round-trip air fare, Halifax to London, bus transportation to and from the airport in London, accommodations with continental breakfast, baggage handling and hotel taxes, and theatre tickets. For information contact Jean Frost, Seton 303, ext. 346.

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Choices: the Spiritual Journey in Young Adult Years is a retreat planned by the campus ministry office for 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 27 to 7 p.m. to Saturday, Jan. 28 in the John Paul Centre, Mount Saint Vincent Motherhouse. The cost is \$30. Register at the campus ministry office, Rosaria Centre, or call ext. 446 for details.

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The Seton Cantata Choir, a mixed adult choir sponsored by the Centre for Continuing Education, invites new members to a new Spring season. Tenors and basses

are especially welcome. If you're interested, meet with director Ray Grant on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 6:30-7:00 p.m. in the Mount art gallery. Regular rehearsals are held Wednesday evenings, 7-9.

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The athletics/recreation office offers cross-country ski clinics on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 11 and 12, weather and snow conditions permitting. Saturday's clinic, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., is for beginners, and Sunday's is intermediate-level. The fee for each is \$2. The group will meet in the Rosaria Gym. Bring your own equipment or call the athletics/recreation office at ext. 152 about equipment rentals.

Remember, T'ai Chi classes begin Jan. 24, with 20 classes offered Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:10-6:00 p.m., until Mar. 30. Registration is \$20.

The back care program, offered by the athletics/recreation office, takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:15-12:45 p.m. (not from 12:15-1:15 as reported in the Jan. 9 Campus Connection).

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to set priorities and define operating and capital funding needs.

The universities are currently studying the Adlington report and preparing

their formal responses for submission to MPHEC. MPHEC is expected to make its recommendations to the Council of Maritime Premiers in March.

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perspective.

On Dr. Canning's selection, Dr. Katy Bindon, vice-president (academic) and WUSC national treasurer, comments, "I can't think of anyone more suited in so many ways." Dr. Bindon says of the WUSC seminars, "WUSC recognizes the need to discuss how we can actually expose young people to Third World issues, where the cadre of future workers will come from, and how to involve Canadians in

development. This seminar is seen as the best way to do that."

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