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Mount Saint Vincent University

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Mount launches \$10-million capital campaign

The Honourable Flora MacDonald was in Halifax March 28 to officially launch the Mount's capital campaign. MacDonald was recently named national chair of the campaign, called "Learning and Leading".

With an \$8-million minimum goal and a \$10-million challenge goal, the campaign will support teaching, research and construction initiatives including funding for the E. Margaret Fulton Communications Centre, nearing completion.

"For generations, women have been coming to Mount Saint Vincent University in search of knowledge and support for their ambitions," said MacDonald at the official launch. "The Learning and Leading campaign will enable the Mount to carry its fine tradition into the 21st century."

The majority of key solicitations -- to corporations, foundations, government, the Mount family and friends -- will be completed by December. The campaign has a pledge period of three to five years.

MacDonald said that to date, a total of \$1,454,000 had been raised toward the campaign. "I would like to thank the provincial government for its challenge grant, Nancy Jackman for her most generous gift to endow the Chair for Women's Studies, the Windsor Foundation, Maritime Tel and Tel, and many others whose interest and financial support exemplify a commitment to the Mount, to higher education, to women and to Atlantic Canada."



The Honourable Flora MacDonald

Other members of the capital campaign leadership committee include: Isabel Bassett, broadcaster and journalist; Kathryn Bindon, Mount Vice President (Academic); Sr. Louise Bray, Mount Chancellor and General Superior, Sisters of

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Governor General Sauvé at the Mount April 7

Her Excellency The Right Honourable Jeanne Sauvé, Governor General of Canada, will be visiting the Mount on Friday, April 7. All university employees are encouraged to attend her address, at 11 a.m. in Auditoriums B and C of the Seton Academic Centre. The audience must be in

place before 11 a.m.

Her Excellency will also unveil a plaque in the lobby of the E. Margaret Fulton Communications Centre, following her address. The ceremony will probably be completed by 12:15 p.m.

Mount art gallery: new exhibits and a major project grant

Uncommon wrappings -- traditional Japanese packages and photographs of winter wrappings for plants -- are the subjects of two upcoming exhibitions at the Mount art gallery.

The Art of Japanese Packages, circulated by the National Museums of Canada's International Programme, highlights "tsutsumu", the traditional Japanese folk-art of elaborate packaging. Although it has played a role in the daily lives of the Japanese, tsutsumu is rapidly disappearing in Japanese society. The 250 items exhibited include straw egg containers, ceramic wine jars secured with reed and hemp rope, silk and cotton book bags, folded paper fans and laquered medicine boxes.

A corresponding exhibition, Winter Wraps, highlights 55 photographs by Nova

Scotia artist Charlotte Lindgren, best-known for her three-dimensional textile creations. The photographs are of plants wrapped against the winter elements and are, in Lindgren's words, "objects in their own right ... outdoor sculpture."

Lindgren will talk about her work following the official opening of both exhibitions by Commodore Bruce Oland, Honorary Japanese Consul, on Sunday, April 9 at 3 p.m.

A demonstration on the traditional art of Japanese flower arrangement will also be offered by members of the Japanese Canadian Association on Sunday, April 23, from 2 to 4 p.m.

For more information contact the Mount art gallery at ext. 160.

The federal department of communications has approved a \$90,000 grant under its Museum Assistance Program as second-stage funding for The Spirit of Africville, a travelling exhibition proposed by the Mount art gallery. The exhibition will feature photographs, artifacts, memorabilia and audiovisual material related to the Africville area of Halifax which was demolished in the late 60s in the name of urban renewal. It will also provide a forum for music, drama and poetry arising from the Africville experience.

Irvine Carvery, president of the Africville Genealogy Society, comments,

"Africville is still alive today and we want it to stay alive. I want my children to know what Africville was like, who lived there, who the families were. I tell my children 'You're from Africville.' What can we pass on to them? The sense of community and the sense of family. We have to look into our past to see where we are now as we step into the future. This is a process of regeneration."

The Spirit of Africville opens Friday, Oct. 19 at the Mount art gallery, where it continues to Nov. 19. A national tour of work selected from the Mount exhibition will follow.

What if there's a strike?

As of April 3, members of the Mount Saint Vincent University Faculty Association are in a legal strike position. Although it is hoped that an agreement can be reached without a strike, the university is making every effort to keep students and staff informed during this unsettled time.

If a strike is called procedures regarding examinations will be communicated to students immediately. Meanwhile, students are advised to continue to pursue their course work and to ensure that all assignments are completed and handed in.

Campus facilities and services such as the library, computer centre, residences, student services and

cafeteria will operate as usual, as will all administrative offices.

All employees are expected to report to work as usual. Staff are encouraged to ask questions of their supervisors.

An Information Centre has been set up in Rosaria Centre. Volunteers staffing the centre, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., will have the most up-to-date facts (not rumors) available on the situation as it develops.

A toll-free telephone information line has been installed to provide direct access to the information centre. If you have questions regarding your personal situation, call between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.: 1-800-565-0681.

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Charity; A. Garnet Brown, President, A.G. Brown and Sons; H. George Buckrell, Senior Vice-President, Independent Business, The Royal Bank of Canada; Sister Paule Cantin, Past General Superior, Sisters of Charity; Karen Cramm, Partner, Touche Ross and Co.; J. Dickson Crawford, President and Chief Executive Officer, Maritime Life Assurance Company; Gordon E.M. Cummings, President and Chief Executive Officer, National Sea Products Ltd.; Paul Desmarais, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Power Corporation of Canada; Ivan E.H. Duvar, President and Chief Executive Officer, Maritime Tel & Tel; Lois Dyer Mann, Mount Vice President (Administration); Mary Eberts, Partner, Tory, Tory, Deslauriers & Bennington; E. Margaret Fulton, former Mount President; Dale Godsoe, Chair, Mount Board of Governors; Judith Gold, past Chair, Mount Board of Governors, and Doctor of Psychiatry; Ruth Goldbloom, past Chair, Mount Board of Governors, and community volunteer; Lawrence J. Hayes, past Chair, Mount Board of Governors, and Partner,

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Letter to the editor

The following is an edited version of a recent letter to CAMPUS CONNECTION.

I was glad to see the Campus Connection article (March 20, 1989) on Barbara Morash receiving first prize for her poster presentation at the Atlantic Universities Undergraduate Biology Conference 1989. Barbara, a Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) summer award holder, is a hard-working student and she did good work; she deserved to win.

However, my further comment is a pessimistic one. In the recent competition for NSERC grants the Mount lost several grants, including my own, and new grants were turned down to all except one applicant. This is a dismal state of affairs for a university which, by definition, should not only disseminate knowledge but produce new knowledge as well.

Part of the blame goes to NSERC with its recent policy to decrease the "spread" of funding, at the cost to small universities with high teaching loads. Most of the blame, though, goes to the policy makers of this university. For years, faculty warned that with the competition for NSERC money getting tougher, the loss of grants would be inevitable unless help was provided internally. Despite the high quality of my own research, for example, I do not have the time, under the Mount's present conditions, to produce enough publications.

We appreciate that the Mount has so far provided a bit more space for research and that the new library will make more space for research labs in Evaristus Hall. But what use are research labs without the time to work in them? What use are changes several years down the road if we lose our grants now?

It may be possible to be successful in other fields with only the summer months available for research, but not in the natural sciences. I guess Barbara Morash is

one of the few people at the Mount able to appreciate how long it actually takes to produce even a minor research result.

The only solution to our problem is a reduction of our teaching loads to a level which would allow us to carry on research throughout the year. The reduction must be in the actual number of units we teach. In addition, we need more full-time technicians and instructors to reduce the horrendous amount of time we currently spend preparing for labs. These conditions would bring us to par, or close to par, with conditions at other small universities in the Maritimes, where researchers are able to successfully compete for grants.

Nothing much has happened so far in response to our plea. It seems that our university policy makers suffer from the same lack of respect for women in science that they claim to be fighting by setting up the new Chair for Women in Science. I doubt that our policy-makers understand that my own career as a scientist has been severely set back, and possibly ruined.

NSERC specifies that only NSERC grant holders can accept NSERC summer grant students in their labs, and only NSERC grant holders have the funds to pay for the research done by these students. Therefore, one thing is certain. If the situation at the Mount continues there will be no future Barbara Morashes to do research here nor to become the future women in science.

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