

the connection



Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Women's Studies, A New Network

Dr. Frances Early of the Mount's History Department, has been appointed anglophone co-ordinator for the new Canadian Women's Studies Association, established this summer.

The association will develop and support women's studies as an interdisciplinary field within the academic community and an appeal for interested members is being addressed to high schools, colleges, universities, alternate institutions, government researchers and policy makers. In addition to building a women's studies network across the country, the association hopes to become a Learned Society to help promote the academic profile of women's studies.

CWSA will sponsor a joint session with the Canadian Studies Association in Vancouver in June 1983, and a bi-annual newsletter (October and April) will be published to assist in the dissemination of information regarding women's studies programs across Canada in high schools and post-secondary institutions.

For information on membership contact Dr. Early, local 230.

Senate Condemns Arrests in Poland

At its last meeting, Mount Saint Vincent University Senate condemned the closing of Polish institutions of higher learning and the arrest of many faculty, students and research scholars.

Senate urges the Government of Canada, all Canadian institutions and all individuals who may have occasion to be in contact with the Government of Poland, in any context whatever, to press demands for the immediate release of arrested individuals and the restoration of the essential freedoms in Polish institutions of higher learning.



Len Kelly, of the Mount's Maintenance Department, works on a small bench for the new offices in Seton Annex.

Feeling the Squeeze And Making Haste Slowly to Find More Space

A changing society can cause lots of little waves as well as big ones, and the Mount is endeavouring to ride one of those waves right now in tackling the problem of increased enrollment coupled with lack of space.

Because jobs are scarce, more and more young people are opting for university. At least it gives them a sense of purpose and a goal in their lives which is better than sitting around waiting for employment. But it also presents problems when it comes to accommodating students in residences on campus, and it's made worse by the low vacancy rate in the Metro area.

Michael Merrigan, executive assistant to the President, describes the situation as "almost one step forward and two steps back!"

Accommodation for 19 extra students has been found by converting eleven double rooms into triples in Vincent Hall; establishing extra rooms on the third floor of Evaristus; and converting the small student lounges (quaintly known as dating rooms) on the second and third floors of

Assisi into bedrooms.

All these are temporary measures to help alleviate the immediate problem. But there are still about 75 students on the waiting list for accommodation.

This figure changes daily, Merrigan points out, as students succeed in finding lodgings elsewhere - but it's still indicative of the seriousness of the situation. "Especially," says Merrigan, "when you realize that some parents won't consider sending their daughters here unless they can live on campus."

Several alternatives were discussed for providing more permanent quarters for students and it was finally decided to convert the second floor Assisi Hall lounge into five double bedrooms to take some of the load off the temporary accommodations. The rooms are now furnished and occupied.

"However," Merrigan says, "we'll be back to square one again next year as we'll be losing Marywood, and that will mean finding space for another 16 students!" Marywood belongs to the

continued on page 4

alumnae update

You don't have to look very far to find out where some of our best alumnae are - they're right here at the Mount!

At least ten of the university's administrators are Mount grads and include Sr. Patricia Mullins, B.A. '51, M.S. '63, who is Dean of Humanities and Sciences; Mary Moore Uhl, B.Sc. Secretarial Studies '48 (Assistant to the President, Finance and Planning); Bonnie L. Broderick, B.A. '73 in Business and Economics (Personnel Officer); Lynn Theriault, Secretarial Diploma '69, B.A. in Business and Economics '71 (Development Officer); Dilly MacFarlane, B.A. '81, Honours Certificate in Arts '82 (Alumnae Officer); Susan Tanner, B.A. in Business and Economics '70 (Admissions Officer); Ann David, B.A. '81 (Assistant Admissions Officer); Frances Cody, B.B.A. '81 (Conference Officer); Marie Kelly, Academy '49 (Purchasing Officer) and Mary O'Connor, B.B.A. '76 (Executive Secretary - Business Office).

There are others at the Mount, too, but we'll let you know about them another time.

The Mount Antiques are issuing a challenge!

The alumnae are challenging the Varsity Basket-Ball and Volley Ball Teams to a "fight to the finish" just before Christmas. The date to be announced later.

Anyone able to stand up and take a place on the court is welcome - but former Varsity team members are being actively recruited to bolster the ranks. There will be resuscitators available on the sidelines!

If you're not up to playing, both sides need cheerleaders.

Beer and pizza will follow in the Pub (goodbye tea and cookies!)

Support Canada's
greatest
natural resource
by supporting
our universities
and colleges!



Dr. Diana Carl (left) the new head for the Mount's DUET program, and special assistant Christine Shelton, unpack one of the TV monitors which will be installed in the DUET classroom.

Dr. Diana Carl Heads Mount DUET Program

Dr. Diana Carl joined the faculty at the Mount this month to head the new DUET program (Distance University Education via Television).

A native of Chicago, Carl has worked in Anchorage, Alaska; the Southern United States; St. John's Newfoundland and most recently in Hamilton, Ontario.

In St. John's she was director of the Educational TV Department at St. Clare's Mercy Hospital - the first in-hospital TV channel for patient education, which eventually expanded into a community health program on cable TV.

Before coming to the Mount, Carl was Director of Development and Training - Continuing Education for Chedoke MacMaster Hospital in Hamilton, where she designed education programs for hospital and management settings and maintained a liaison with the university.

Carl's E.D.D., which she received from the University of Indiana, was the first of its kind - an education doctorate combined with telecommunications.

She sees the DUET program as an opportunity for business to have more direct access to the university in an age where electronics are playing a greater role than ever before. "It's an experimental way of learning," she says, "and the opportunities are limited only by your imagination."

A recent meeting between Carl and local business people brought an enthusiastic endorsement of the DUET program and she is excited by the pioneering

aspect of the project. "I like to see an idea grow," she says.

Carl, who describes herself as "happily single" has managed to find a house to live in right by the ocean at Purcell's Cove. She's a great theatre buff and likes to sing and dance herself. In fact she holds a music degree from the University of South Illinois in voice and violin, although, she admits, "I don't play the violin much any more."

The Mount's musical and theatrical endeavours are obviously going to benefit from Dr. Carl's talents and she's looking forward to becoming involved.

As an afterthought she mentions, "I also play tennis."

Historian to Give Public Lecture

Dr. Frank O'Gorman, senior lecturer in History at the University of Manchester, will be the next speaker at Mount Saint Vincent University's public lecture series.

His topic will be "Political Control and Popular Resistance in Britain (1734-1832)" and will take place in Auditorium B, Seton Academic Centre at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 9.

Dr. O'Gorman, who obtained both his B.A. and Ph.D. at Cambridge University, is the author of a number of books, his most recent being on the same subject as his public lecture.

Well known in England for his broadcasts on the Open University, he has written many articles on such subjects as Edmund Burke and the Idea of Party; The General Election of 1784; Party in the Later Eighteenth Century; and The Problem of Party in Modern British History.

Admission to his lecture is free.



Carol Goodwin-Hatt, who played a leading role in Marie Kelly's play "Don't Stir Me", presents Dr. E. Margaret Fulton with a cheque for \$310, the proceeds from the September 24 performance at Seton Academic center. The Money will go to Project One, specifically earmarked for the Art Gallery.

Look, Listen, and Participate

The Art Gallery has many goodies to offer in October/November. Not only the exhibitions themselves, but also performances, lectures and workshops.

Sable Images, the culmination of artist Anne Meredith Barry's 10 year involvement with the Atlantic coast and the natural environment, opens on October 22. Barry explores the relationships of land, air and water and focuses on the small world of Sable Island through paintings, prints, drawings and photographs.

Accompanying the exhibit is a 20 minute videotape, Shorelines, which the artist put together with media producer Henry Dunsmore, Head of Media Productions for the Art Gallery of Ontario.

On October 27, Ellen Pierce will give a performance/lecture in the art Gallery at 12:15 p.m. to interpret the exhibit. On Saturday, October 30, Pierce will hold a workshop for adults, Island Imagery, and on November 3 at 8:30 p.m. will present a documentary sound score, Sable Cycles, together with Steve Tittle.

Artist Anne Meredith Barry will hold a workshop on Saturday, October 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. demonstrating the use of mixed media materials on paper.

Also opening on the 22 October in the Upstairs Gallery, is Indian Legends, the work of Ojibwa artist Allen Angeconeb. He will discuss his work on Sunday, October 24, following a sweet grass burning ceremony by Micmac Indian Noel Knockwood.

Mount Students Gain Skills In Budget Counselling for Consumers

Selected students in the Mount's Consumer Studies program will have a chance to put their skills to work as part of a counselling team for Budget Aid (a non profit counselling clinic in Halifax) which has been set up to provide advice and third party assistance in creditor-debtor disputes.

Margaret Holgate, lecturer in Consumer Studies in the Home Economics Department, recently gave a presentation on Budget Aid as after dinner speaker at a meeting of the Credit Granters Association of Nova Scotia. She told them that lenders must accept their fair share of responsibility for the increase in personal bankruptcies and emphasized the need for creditors to examine lending practices which encourage consumers to take on unreasonable debt loads.

"While there are some debtors who enter into contracts with no intention of meeting their financial obligations," she said, "for the most part it is poor

budgeting and lack of basic financial management skills that lead consumers into trouble."

Often, she pointed out, they simply don't know how to handle the crisis and feel they have no objective party they can turn to.

Budget Aid provides this objective assessment of consumers' financial problems and is also a source of on-going budget counselling. Workshops are provided for the general public, including small businesses and creditors themselves. Holgate feels this is an area where the Mount students will be able to gain expertise that will be invaluable to them when they seek employment after graduating next Spring.

Holgate will also be getting help from members of the C.G.A. (Nova Scotia) who were favourably impressed by her presentation and offered financial support and counselling assistance.

Grants for Foreign Artists

The Canada Council administers, on behalf of the Department of External Affairs, a program of grants to Canadian cultural organizations for visiting foreign artists. The program will provide a stipend of up to \$1,000 per month for a period of two weeks to four months to enable Canadian artistic and cultural organizations to invite distinguished artists from abroad to come to Canada.

The application deadline is December 15, 1982, for announcement of results in March 1983. Further details and application forms are available from the Office of Research and Special Projects, Evaristus 205.



Maureen Coady is the Mount's new Housing Officer, replacing Heather Sutherland who has gone to Dal as Alumni Director. Coady, a good Cape Bretoner, is glad to be back in the Maritimes after a year in Calgary as Manager of Career Planning and Placement Services for Calgary University. Before that, she had spent a year in Ottawa as constituency assistant for Deputy Prime Minister Alan MacEachern, which she describes as "a fascinating experience." Coady's husband, who works for a small oil and gas company, was transferred to Nova Scotia just when the Mount was looking for a new Housing Officer! "It was a stroke of luck," Coady says. Incidentally, she is the grand-neice of the famous Dr. Michael Moses Coady.

Hallow'een Happenings

Students will be able to enjoy a "double-whammy" at Hallow'een on October 29th when Mason Chapman will be entertaining in the Multi Purpose Room and Tony Quinn holding court in the Pub. The madness begins at 9 p.m. and continues until 1 a.m. Admission is \$4.50 in advance \$5 at the door. All welcome.

LONDON THEATRE TRIP \$800

SPRING STUDY BREAK - FEBRUARY 17 - 25, 1983

The English Department of the Mount will again sponsor its annual theatre trip for students, faculty, staff and alumnae.

This **EIGHT DAY** trip to London includes:

1. Round-trip air fare to London, England.
2. Bus transportation to and from the airport in London.
3. Seven nights at the Tavistock Hotel on Tavistock Square in twin-bedded rooms with bath. (Single rooms are available at a higher rate).
4. All baggage handling and hotel taxes.
5. Theatre tickets to two major performances.
6. Breakfast each morning at the Tavistock Hotel.

Tour Guide in London: Dr. Olga Broomfield
Tour Coordinator: Sister Geraldine Anthony

DEADLINE FOR PAYMENTS: NOVEMBER 15, 1982

Kindly make payment of \$800. to either:

Sister Geraldine Anthony - Seton Academic Center, Room 513
443-4450 Ext. 220, or

Mrs. Jean Frost, Secretary - Seton Academic Center, Room 303
443-4450 Ext. 346

(Checks are acceptable)

continued from page 1

Motherhouse and will be needed to house some of the sisters. They have space problems, too!

Not only students, but faculty, have been feeling the pinch. Some of our faculty have been working out of "offices" which are little better than large closets, and that's why Seton Annex came into being this summer.

This new building, which was put up in record time by the university's own work crew under Art Landry, now provides 18 faculty offices; a faculty lounge and kitchenette; a TV studio and classroom for the DUET project; a student lounge, and a seminar room for 18 people.

"The cost for this building, doing the work ourselves, was estimated at \$150,000." Merrigan says, "but we actually brought it in at under cost for \$145,000."

Landry and his crew have not only completed a whole building and done major conversions on campus, but have also built all the bedroom furniture for the extra student residences.

"We saved money," Merrigan says, "but, in the case of the Seton Annex in particular, it meant that everything else on campus had to wait. The building went up in three months, which was remarkable, but having to do the work in such a rush puts a strain on our crew."

On the Move

Dr. Erdener Kaynak and Professors John Plinius and Mallika Das, all of the Business Administration Department, will present papers at the 1982 Atlantic Schools of Business Conference to be held at Mount Allison University this month. Kaynak's paper deals with customer-orientated export marketing strategy for Nova Scotia manufacturers — an assessment of future directions; Plinius will discuss SPEC planning, the Euro-Canadian interface; and Das will talk about the role of general and marketer-dominated information sources in the choice of university.

The Mount's public relations, alumnae and development director Dulcie Conrad held a morning "communications" seminar for St. John Ambulance Association executive directors and volunteers from the four Atlantic Provinces meeting in Moncton, N.B., recently.

Assistant Professor Jean Mills, of the Office Administration Department, has been appointed to a second three-year term to the Institute for Certifying Secretaries. The Institute is composed of six members

from top-level business management, six from the business education field and six from Professional Secretaries International.

Three of the Mount's faculty are now regular radio broadcasters. Mary Sparling, director of the Art Gallery, and Dr. Erdener Kaynak, chairman of the Business Administration Department, both have regular spots on CHNS. Kathryn Logan, of the Life Planning and Learning Centre has a weekly spot on C100. It's a great way to get the Mount's message into the community.

Sr. Agnes Martha Westwater's book *Six Victorian Women: A Biographical Study of the Walson Sisters*, was accepted for publication by the Ohio University Press in the Spring.

The Mount is hosting a meeting of directors of physical plants from all Maritime universities on October 28 and 29. A social evening will be held in the Don McNeil Room on the evening of the 28th, while the 29th will be devoted to an all day formal meeting.

Dr. Ron Vanhouten was one of four Halifax university professors to receive a 1982 Imperial Oil research grant last month. VanHouten received his grant to continue work on a project that has succeeded in reducing driver speeding through the use of a public information feedback system.

Renate Usmiani attended the 10th Congress of the International Comparative Literature Association at New York University in August, where she presented a paper on Theory and Practice of Collective Creation in the Two Canadas.

the connection

The Connection is published bi-weekly through the office of Public Relations, Alumnae and Development, Mount Saint Vincent University, 166 Bedford Highway, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3M 2J6.

Copy should be submitted to Evaristus Rm. 215, 12 days prior to publication.

Editor: Pat Copeland