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Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, Nova Scotia



The Alumnae Antiques fought a doughty battle with the youthful Varsity team in an unforgettable evening of volleyball and basketball. "There's many a good tune played on an old fiddle," one was heard to say, and so it proved. More inside!

British Library Reveals Fascinating Canadiana as O'Neill Undertakes Search

Dr. Patrick O'Neill, of Mount Saint Vincent University's Modern Languages Department, is busy looking for Canadian buried treasure in the British Library, London, England.

The treasure is in the form of books, maps, sermons, plays, photographs, sheet music, catalogues and even telephone directories which were published in the years 1895-1924. Canadian copies of this material were either lost or destroyed but copies which were deposited with the British Museum (now the British Library) are virtually intact.

O'Neill, who is on a two year sabbatical in order to carry out the massive search, is now in London and reports that he has, among other things, discovered a play, "Gentlemen, the King", written by Halifax resident Claude Campbell in 1903. This play ran for three performances at the Academy of Music in

Halifax, but went on to greater glory in England with 800 performances.

Another Canadian play written in 1917 by Hugh McNab, entitled "Their Only Son at War" is, according to O'Neill, "the earliest example of expressionism in Canadian theatre."

O'Neill will be making an inventory of 2,000 maps from all over Canada including city maps with sketches of all the buildings, invaluable material for conservationists. And he's turned up 2,500 pieces of sheet music which include such patriotic songs as, Call to Arms, On to Victory, Canada Stand Fast, Good Luck to Johnny Canuck and When You Don the Khaki That's When I'll Marry You!

Another valuable find has been 95 photographs of the Inuit people taken at the turn of the century by the wife of an

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Watch Out for The Grey Wave

There's a grey wave coming, according to Dr. George Gasek of the Mount's Gerontology Program, and by the time we're into the 21st century it's going to be something like a tidal wave of elderly citizens.

Right now 10 per cent of the population in Canada is aged 65 plus, utilizing 34 per cent of the health care dollar. By the year 2020 that figure will rise to about 17 per cent. Combine this with a low birth rate and you have a whole new social structure and a staggering health bill.

The study of aging, which is what gerontology is all about, has suddenly caught on. Little more than a year ago the Mount's gerontology students numbered 16. Today, there are 160 and classes are taking place in Yarmouth, Charlottetown, Sydney and Truro as well as on campus.

The classes are directed at those people who provide services for senior citizens, but Gasek points out that there is a fair number of middle-aged and elderly folk who sign up for their own development. And there's a lot more interest among younger students.

"We're starting to look at old age objectively," Gasek says. "Are old people really sick, or is it a myth? We believe that old age doesn't cause character changes; it's more likely to be the life experiences you've had that make you what you are when you get old.

"It's a surprising fact," he says, "that only a very low percentage, about five or six per cent, of our seniors are in need of special care in nursing homes or hospitals. But there's a terrible image of decrepit old people unable to take care of themselves that seems to be in the minds of the younger generation. In fact," he smiles wryly, "the trouble with old folks is young folks!"

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alumnae update

It was a cold and rainy January night when the steely-eyed determination of the Alumnae Antiques was pitted against the strength and confidence of the varsity volleyball and basketball teams.

The initial confrontation on the court inspired monumental comments from both factions ("Oh, my God!" muttered one intrepid alumna, "They all look like the Bionic Woman!" "Is this your entire team?", one varsity ingenue enquired artlessly.)

The epic battle began in earnest once the Antiques finally sorted out where the court boundaries lay. The Antiques were ready — their cheerleaders had the crowd behind them 100 per cent (they were standing in front of the crowd!)

The Antiques scored point after shining point (with a good deal of help from the referee) as the chant "We've got the team that's on the beam that's really hip to the jive" echoed from the Antiques' cheering section.

The battle wore on until the undaunted Antiques regrouped their forces for the basketball game. The final scores (which have somehow been misplaced....) could not possibly indicate the true victors.

Documented photographs say it all (see photos elsewhere in this issue).

Needless to say, the great grudge match is inevitable. Even now the Antiques contingent is shaping up for the next challenge, re-reading "Thin Thighs in Thirty Days" and doubling their intake of Geritol.

Several awards were presented following the fray:

Mary Moore Uhl — cheerleader with the best legs.

Maureen Coady — most enthusiastic non-Alumna Antique.

Dr. E. Margaret Fulton — most composed, low profile sidelines coach.

Karen Stone — newest sneakers.

Ruth Jeppesen — best dribbler.

Carol Belliveau — first Alumna at the bar.

Brenda Joergensen — second Alumna at the bar.

June O'Brien — cutest outfit.

Jane Blake — most courageous attitude (she showed up didn't she?)

and many more, including all members of both varsity volleyball and basketball teams for being such good sports.



Victors or vanquished? Who could tell? The Varsity team played well and hard and the general collapse at the end of the games was really only in fun!

Monogamous Wolves: Myth or Reality?

Are wolves dangerous creatures with slaving jaws and fierce yellow eyes, or are they somewhat like oversized dogs that enjoy an almost human love of family and mate for life?

According to Dr. Fred Harrington, Chairman of the Mount's Psychology Department, neither of these concepts is strictly true. Wolves *can* be a danger and they *may* mate for life, but it's circumstances that make them what they are.

Harrington has studied wolves for the past 11 years and can howl with the best of them. Much of his research has been into wolf howling and what it signifies and he's learned to mimic the wolves' language with some success.

But his most recent efforts have been in determining whether the myth of wolves mating for life has any truth in it. He's concluded that they are monogamous only through lack of opportunity to mate with more than one partner, or because of aggressive behaviour on the part of rivals. Perhaps, after all, that makes them rather human!

Harrington became interested in discovering whether wolves are monogamous when he realized that "some people were making very strong statements on the subject. In the popular mind, wolves often appear to be very human, with a nice mommy and daddy in the den and a happy family group — a very rosy picture of the wolf."

In fact, wolves will take more than one mate if circumstances allow. "Female No. 2407, to whom I dedicated my paper, had three mates in ten years," Harrington points out.

His conclusions are that mating activity among wild and captive wolves indicates that monogamy is merely one form that wolves will follow. Monogamy exists only when one adult pair comprises the pack; when intrasexual aggression limits courtship and mating to one partner and when individuals, by choice, limit their courtship and mating to one partner. Real evidence for the last reason does not exist, Harrington feels, and he is convinced that wolves are generally polygamous.

Harrington will be off on a year's sabbatical in 1984 to continue research into wolf howls in Minnesota and to look into the possibilities of using taped howls to scare off other wolves in areas where they are not welcome, such as farmlands which lie close to wolf territory.

The Law of Patients' Rights

An open public symposium which examines a patient's legal right to standards of care and other related matters, presented by the husband and wife team Lorne and Fay Rozovsky.

An evening of lectures, question periods and discussions chaired by Dr. George Gasek.

Faculty — come and bring your students. All departments and disciplines invited to participate. Admission is free.

7:30 p.m. Aud. B, Seton Academic Centre, Tuesday, February 8.

MARILLAC — RESIDENCE FRANÇAISE

Le 8 février à 20,30 h., les étudiants de Marillac ont le plaisir de vous inviter à passer une soirée dans leur humble petit salon.

Elles présenteront *Lola*, film d'amour et d'humour mené sur un rythme de ballet et mettant en vedette la belle Anouk Aimé.

Les places sont limitées et gratuites. Réservez en appelant le 443-9916.

On the Move

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.

Professor Renate Usmiani attended the Modern Language Association Conference in Los Angeles last December where she gave a paper entitled "The Playwright as Mythmaker: Emerging Archetypes in English Canadian and Quebecois Drama."

Jon White, who is on sabbatical in England studying for his Ph.D. at the London School of Economics, attended the National Conference of the British Institute of Public Relations in London last Fall. In early December he made a presentation to the British group of the International Public Relations Association on professional development to raise the qualifications of public relations people to a higher level.

Dulcie Conrad, Director of Public Relations, Alumnae and Development at the Mount, presented two workshops on communications for some 150 delegates to the Nova Scotia School Boards Association's conference in January, at the Chateau Halifax.

Host Family Program Lets Foreign Students Meet with Local Families

Before Marion Dyer even arrived at Mount Saint Vincent University from her home in Bermuda last fall, she had received a letter introducing her to the Host Family Program.

"I thought it looked interesting," Marion says, "and followed up on it after I arrived in Halifax."

Now, in addition to her own family in Sandy's Parish, Bermuda, she has another family here in Halifax — one she can drop in on any time and always feel welcome.

The Host Family Program arose from a concern that the large international student body in this area, close to 1,500, was not having sufficient or meaningful contact with the Canadian community. Foreign students often tend to be isolated on campus from the life of the general

community and it's been the case, in the past, that some of them left Halifax after completing their formal education without ever having been invited into a Canadian home.

This unhappy state of affairs was a real loss for both the students and for local families, who were deprived of the rich cultural experiences that come through interaction with people from other countries.

A steering committee was formed last year consisting of staff representatives from Halifax universities, community organizations, international students reps and an independent member of the community, Lenore Menscher, and is now busy developing the program and

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Marion Dyer at home with the Menscher family. L to R; Marion, Erika Menscher, David Olie and Mrs. Lenore Menscher.

Women's Program

The Secretary of State's Women's Program is encouraging full participation of women in Canadian society and offers assistance in several ways.

Grants and other resources are available to women's groups to develop projects that will contribute to community education and action around status of women issues.

National program staff and regional officers are available as resource persons on organizational development and women's issues.

The program develops and distributes print resources, including a national listing of women's groups, a quarterly resource bulletin and educational packages.

Non-profit voluntary organizations committed to changing the status of women may apply to the Women's Program for project assistance and are encouraged to discuss their proposal with a departmental representative before submitting an application for funding.

For more information contact the local office of the Department of the Secretary of State or the national office of the Women's Program in Ottawa (819) 994-3220.

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RCMP officer stationed in the Hudson's Bay area.

Together with Professor John Ettlinger of Dalhousie University's Library School, O'Neill will be listing this mass of material and where to locate it.

"It depicts the time of Canada's coming of age," he says. "Those were the years when we changed from a colony to an independent country."

The work is being carried out by the two men under a federal government research grant of \$54,000. Next year they will switch roles with O'Neill returning to Halifax to prepare guides for publication and Ettlinger going to England to continue the search at the British Library.

It's no mean task. As O'Neill puts it, "We know there are Canadian telephone directories there, but the British Library could only take me to a whole room full of directories. I'll have to go through them all to find the Canadian ones!"

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transforming it into the Host Family Association.

Student Marion Dyer has the Menscher family as her hosts and is in the same program at the Mount as Mrs. Menscher's daughter, Erika. The two have become good friends.

Marion spends weekends and goes folk dancing with the family and says "It's made me feel a lot less homesick." With a twinkle in her eye she admits, "It's nice to have someone to talk to and it's cheaper than calling home long distance!"

Two members of the Mount faculty who are very active in the Host Family Program are Dr. Joseph Tharamangalam of the Sociology Department, whose yearly Pot Luck Dinner for foreign students has become a tradition, and Mrs. Carole Hartzman of the Department of Modern Languages. They've discovered that the warmth of family life and the feeling someone cares can mean a great deal to a lonely student who may be hundreds or even thousands of miles away from home.



WORLD PREMIERE!

Evangeline: The Musical
Rosaria Centre

February 9 - 12 at 8 p.m.

Advance tickets from the Art
Gallery, \$5 - students and
seniors \$4.

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one of only two diploma programs on this subject to be offered in Eastern Canada. The other, in French, is in Moncton.

Mount faculty members from the Department of Anthropology and Sociology circulate through the various centres where classes are held on a rotating basis. The 12 week semester is condensed into four or five weekends.

Gasek expects interest to climb steadily, especially in ways in which the aged can remain healthy and active.

Free Films for All

A special film series will take place on campus during February and March and the university community is invited to come along during lunch hours. Showings are in Auditorium A, Seton Academic Centre from noon until 1 p.m. and admission is free.

February 2-*Empty Harbours, Empty Dreams* explores how Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and P.E.I. became provinces of Canada.

February 9-*Local Film Makers*: a selection of short subjects from the Atlantic Film-makers Co-op.

March 2- *Island Memories* the life of the artist Millar Brittain, and *12,000 Men*, the Cape Breton miners struggle in the '20's.

March 9- *Waiting for Fidel* Geoff Stirling Newfoundland entrepreneur and millionaire, and Joseph Smallwood interview Castro.

March 16- *Diary for a Place in Time*, the Impact of European and Asian settlers on the Haida culture in the Queen Charlotte Islands, B.C. Also, *If You Lose This Planet* a powerful documentary on nuclear war.

This and That

Spring graduates are reminded that February 15 is the deadline for submitting the "Intent to Graduate" form to the Registrar's Office. Deadline for "B" courses is March 1st.

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The Canada Employment and Immigration Youth Employment Program was designed to provide seasonal employment for students on projects which will offer them a developmental work experience. High priority areas for 1982 were: parks, recreational and day camp services; health and social services; energy conser-

Genes and Dreams Women and Men

Genes and Dreams played to a packed house in the Don McNeil Room January 5 when the Arts and Science Promotion Committee sponsored a panel discussion on female/male intellect and occupation.

Four members of the Mount faculty told the audience not quite all they ever wanted to know about the differences (and similarities) between men and women. It was a taste of a fascinating subject that has applications in all walks of life.

Dr. Rosemarie Sampson opened the show with a fifteen minute discourse on the psychology of sex differences, followed by Dr. Charlie Edmunds who talked about mathematics and the sexes. There's little difference between them in ability, he said, but for some reason women tend to drop out when the subject becomes an elective.

President Margaret Fulton reminded the audience that although intellectual differences between the sexes are very small, the socialization process of the centuries had prevented women from taking part in the sciences.

Professor Claudine Lowry gave some thought-provoking statistics on women's place in the work force, pointing out that while men work for 37 years of their lives, women aren't far behind, with 33 years of working life on average.

Following a pause for refreshments, a short question period took place, and the general comment as everyone was leaving was that "we must do it again".

vation, renewable resources and environment; tourism development; artistic and cultural development; improvement of services to the handicapped. The deadline for submission of applications for 1983 is expected to be approximately mid-February. Interested persons should contact the Research Office.

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