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Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, Nova Scotia

March 3, 1986

International Women's Week



March 5 to 12

Women: Together Today

International Women's Day Rally
Noon, Friday, March 7
Seton Academic Centre

Speakers: Louise Delude, vice-president, National Action Committee for the Status of Women; Deborah Poff, co-ordinator, Women's Studies at the Mount
Entertainment: Rose Adam — Town Crier, International Women's Week Committee, Metro area; Mary DeWolfe — vocalist

Movies, speakers, coffee house, entertainment

Contact: Martha McGinn
Student Council Office

Cutbacks in Public Relations Office

There will be fewer issues of the Connection and at times, leaner looking ones in the future due to cutbacks in the public relations office budget.

Also, the weekly bulletin and media tip sheet — both services provided by the public relations office — have had to be dropped.

Advertising in all local, regional and national information directories and other "awareness building" publications has also been eliminated along with advertising in special issues of local publications.

The public relations office has always run a tight ship.

This past year it reduced its costs considerably by linking up with Dalhousie University's typesetting facilities and by "contracting" much needed photography assignments. It has always shopped around for the best price in printing and graphics, and prides itself in having been able to continue to reduce unit costs to the university.

The public relations office has lost valuable resources — both human and financial — this past year. And 1986-87 offers little hope. Nonetheless, it will strive to meet the demands placed on it by a growing student, faculty, and alumnae population and the priorities placed on it as articulated by the university.

Dr. Naomi Hersom to be Mount's Seventh President

Dr. Naomi Hersom, Dean of the College of Education at the University of Saskatchewan, an internationally recognized educator and researcher on women's issues, has been appointed Mount Saint Vincent University's seventh president.

The announcement was made recently by Larry Hayes, Q.C., chair of the university's board of governors and chair of the presidential search committee.

Dr. Hersom will succeed Dr. E. Margaret Fulton, appointed president and vice-chancellor in the Fall of 1978, whose second term of office expires this summer.

The Manitoba-born native will visit Mount Saint Vincent to meet with university, board and corporation officials sometime next month. She will take up her offices of president and vice-chancellor at the end of August this year.

For the past five years, Dr. Hersom has served as professor and dean at the Saskatoon-based College of Education, University of Saskatchewan with its more than 2,000 student enrolment. She has been to the Mount on several occasions — the first when her University of Manitoba friend Dr. Fulton was installed as the Mount's sixth president and vice-chancellor. And more recently, when she visited the campus to meet with university officials at the request of the presidential search committee last Fall.

Dr. Hersom has also held major education appointments at the University of British Columbia and the University of Alberta. Prior to that she taught in the Winnipeg, Manitoba school system.

In making the announcement, Mr. Hayes said the board was pleased to attract a scholar and administrator with Dr. Hersom's strengths.

Dr. Hersom is a member of numerous professional and learned societies and has held executive positions with many, including the UNESCO Status of Women Sub-Commission, Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women, Social Science Federation of Canada, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Canadian Commonwealth Visiting Fellowships and Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship of Canada.

She has been the recipient of many research grants and her areas of special

interest include curriculum theory, research, evaluation, teacher education, the role of teachers in curriculum development and women in education.

Help Ernie Walk on March 9



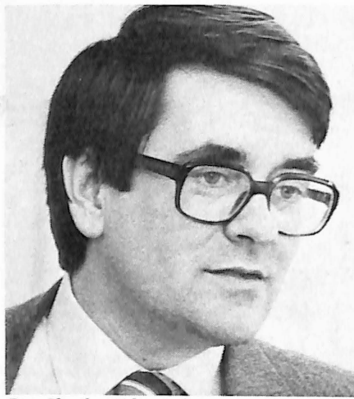
Ernie Forsythe is a seven-year-old boy with cerebral palsy. He is a bright, intelligent child with a ready smile who attends regular school in Bloomfield, New Brunswick.

Ernie cannot walk or talk and has very limited motor control, but he has learned to communicate by using a computer.

He is waiting to have an expensive operation which may well enable him to walk, improve his balance and motor function, head and neck stability, and relieve symptoms of spasticity.

This operation is called spinal cord stimulator surgery and can only be (continued on page 4)

Profile



Dr. Charles Edmunds

When Dr. Charlie Edmunds first came to the Mount 10 years ago the mathematics department had two other faculty members and 160 students. Today, there are eight full-time and six part-time faculty and 1,200 students.

What happened in the years between forms part of why Edmunds likes being at the Mount. "It was really rewarding to build this department," he says. "There was a tremendous need to develop servicing here."

The opportunity to grow in the job was very appealing and he felt the Mount was "the right kind of institution" for him.

Because the math department was so small, he found himself as acting chair a few months after his arrival, and then became chairman the following year, for the next five years.

Edmunds' love of teaching brought him an award for teaching excellence a few years ago, and spills over into his spare time when he teaches Sunday school to grade 7 and 8 children in Timberlea.

He's developed a strong interest both in pedagogy and the history of math and just recently was listed as a consultant in the newly published Houghton Mifflin Mathematics 9. He's also authored achievement tests

for this book, which will be published separately.

Active on many boards and committees, Edmunds has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Mathematical Society, member of Senate, both at the Mount and Dalhousie University; secretary and vice-chairman of the Atlantic Provinces Council of Sciences mathematics committee; member of the faculty fund-raising committee for Project One and is currently on the Mount's computer committee, the DUET advisory committee and the admissions committee.

He has 15 publications to his credit and has lectured widely in Canada and the United States. This year he conducted seminars at the University of New Brunswick, Marquette University, Milwaukee and University of Wisconsin.

Edmunds is something of a renaissance man — his interests are wide and varied. He plays piano and electronic keyboard and has very catholic tastes in music ("from jazz to Bach"). His skills as a carpenter, plumber, and electrician have enabled him to build a sewing room for his wife and he's also interested in fine arts.

"I won a gold medal from the St. Louis Art Directors Association for design of our year book when I was in college," he says, "and I think I could have easily gone into graphic design rather than math."

Born and brought up in the United States, Edmunds obtained a B.A. from Webster College, St. Louis, Missouri in 1968 and an M.A. (in 1971) and Ph.D. (1973) from the University of Manitoba where he stayed on for a further two years as a post-doctoral fellow in mathematics to teach and do research before coming to the Mount.

He and his wife, Jean, live in Timberlea with their two children, Charlie, 8, and Suzanne 3 (who is already something of a computer buff according to her father), three cats and a dog.

Children's Drawings Research Topic

by Robert Moffat

Dr. Chris Moore, Mount Saint Vincent University's newest psychology professor, was recently awarded a \$960 internal research grant.

The grant will permit Moore, 27, to return to his homeland, England, this Spring. There, he will attempt to gather evidence against a theory made by Jean Piaget (1896-1980), the world's most notable cognitive development psychologist, that children are not aware that they have a different view of something from another child's point of view. "One characteristic of that in children is seen in their drawings," says Moore. "Children often draw what they know is there rather than what they see."

Yet, according to Moore, "Children have more mature abilities than they are given credit for. It is perhaps us as

adults who are, in fact, sometimes unable to see things from different perspectives."

In England, he will be working out of the psychology department at Cambridge University — the same institution he graduated from just two years ago.

"I'm returning to Cambridge because I have many helpful contacts there. Also, because elementary state school students stay in until the end of July, I'll have more time to do my research."

The study, entitled "Egocentrism and Children's Drawings," will be completed late this Summer, and Moore hopes that his results will be published in various psychology journals in North America and Europe.



Faculty members and students lined up for the Beggar's Banquet fare of soup and bread in a noon-hour event held in conjunction with Caritas Day. Sponsored by the Student Affairs Committee and aided greatly by the donation of the food by Versa Services, the lunch raised a total of \$620 which was donated to the Metro Food Bank in Halifax.

On the Move

The Mount's chancellor and vice-chancellor both received the prestigious Human Relations Award from the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews at a recent Halifax ceremony.

The chancellor, The Most Reverend James M. Hayes, Archbishop of Halifax, said "I think it (the award) signifies the council is aware persons in the community are sensitive to the need for good relations among people of differing nationalities and religions."

Mount vice-chancellor and president, Dr. E. Margaret Fulton, said of her award that it "indicates a real turning point in terms of the position of women as equal partners as an alternative to the dominant role of the male."

Dr. Joyce Kennedy, Assistant Director of the Centre for Continuing Education and Joyce Hamilton, of the Life Planning and Learning Centre, attended the recent conference, "National Consultation on Vocational Counselling" held in Ottawa.

Dr. Susan Drain, of the Mount's English department, will have an article published in the Spring 1986 issue of *Children's Literature Association Quarterly*. The article is entitled "Community and the Individual in *Anne of Green Gables*."

Mount Saint Vincent Public Relations Director Dulcie Conrad will lead a round table discussion on the impact education via television has on university image building when the Canadian Council for the Advancement of Education meets in Vancouver June 22 to 25.

Conference organizers expect more than 300 university administrators including those involved with public relations, fund raising and alumni work to attend.

Conrad's white paper entitled "University Administrators — Beasts of Burden or Worthy of Sabbatical"

presented at last year's conference has led to a nation-wide study — the results of which will be tabled at the June conference by the executive of the Public Affairs Council for Education.

Eat Well, Live Well

by Kathy Chapman

"Eat well, live well" is this year's theme for Nutrition Month, and Versa Foods on campus has activities planned throughout the month of March. While the emphasis is for meal-card holders, some special events will be of interest to all members of the university community.

For example, the Home Economics 416 class will be preparing a special luncheon for all those eating in the dining hall on Wednesday, March 12, featuring a variety of pasta dishes using whole grain and spinach noodles, cold pasta salads and whole grain desserts. Non-meal card holders are invited to attend for \$3.70.

During the second week of March, there will be a Nutrition Month Bake-Off. Entries are invited from all members of the university community in the following categories: breads, cakes, muffins, cookies/squares and a fifth category called "Decidedly Decadent."

While entries in the first four categories require the use of some form of whole grains, the final section will be for those who just can't incorporate wheat germ into their favorite amaretto cheesecake recipe!

Baked goods accompanied by recipes will be received for the Bake-Off until noon on Friday, March 14 and judging will take place in the afternoon. Prizes will be awarded at the evening meal. Prizes, by the way, have been donated by Bunsmaster Bakery, the French Pastry Shop, Mr Donut, Mary's Breadbasket and Pictures Restaurant so dig out those whole grain recipes!

For any further information, contact Versa Services on campus.

CRSH Accorde Deux Bourses

Le Conseil de recherches en sciences humaines (CRSH) a attribué deux bourses postdoctorales spéciales pour la recherche en sociologie sur la pauvreté urbaine au Canada à Carolyn Gorlick de King's College, University of Western Ontario et à Patricia LeCavalier, des universités McGill et Concordia.

Ces bourses proviennent d'un fonds spécial administré par le CRSH au nom d'un donateur anonyme, et elles doivent être utilisées pour étudier un aspect sociologique de la pauvreté urbaine au Canada. Chaque bourse vaut 23 000 \$ et comporte également une allocation de 2 000 \$ pour frais de voyage et de recherche.

L'étude de Gorlick sur l'évolution de la situation des femmes chefs de familles monoparentales dans les projet d'habitation publiques portera sur les facteurs contribuant à la détérioration de la situation économique des femmes divorcées, séparées ou veuves. Aux fins de cette études, elle rencontrera des femmes chefs de familles monoparentales, leur famille ou leurs ami(e)s et des représentant(e)s des services sociaux et

autres services communautaires. La grande attention que le chercheur accorde aux facteurs socio-psychologique de la transition à la pauvreté aidera à mieux comprendre les problèmes de pauvreté que connaît ce groupe et déterminera les stratégies politiques et interpersonnelles requises pour y remédier.

L'étude de LeCavalier a pour but d'examiner l'effet qu'aura sur la classe urbaine pauvre la tendance actuelle à rénover et à approprier les anciennes maisons des quartiers résidentiels à faible densité dans les centres-villes. Le premier volet de l'étude tentera de déterminer l'ampleur de ce processus d'annoblissement des quartiers au Canada. Le deuxième volet comportera des études qualitatives types des quartiers ainsi qu'un sommaire des stratégies que les pauvres adoptent face à cette menace de déménagement forcé.

Le CRSH est une agence fédérale de soutien à la recherche en sciences humaines. Cette année, le Conseil a accordé quelque 55 millions de dollars en bourses et en subventions.

Museum Studies Course on ASN

A new course, "The Principles of Exhibition and Environmental Interpretation" is currently being aired over the Atlantic Satellite Network as a pilot project to test the delivery system and, as Mount researcher Peggy Fraser puts it, "to make sure we're getting the right stuff to the people who need it."

The package was designed by DUET (Distance University Education via Television) co-ordinator Dr. Diana Carl, and Peggy Fraser in conjunction with Stephen Archibald, chief curator of the Nova Scotia Museum; Dr. Harold Pearce, head of art education at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design and Mary Sparling, director of the Mount Art Gallery.

The team produced three videotapes which are being aired on ASN and also being sent to viewers in the Atlantic region together with print material and exercises which take the viewers through the modules. Two audio-conferences on the subject are also available to viewers.

The package, which took three months to complete, has been produced in a draft format so that revisions can be made after feedback has been received from viewers.

Funded by the National Museums of Canada, "The Principles of Exhibition and Environmental Interpretation" will be offered as a credit course if the delivery system proves satisfactory.



THE PEACE BEAT

by Pat Copeland

Nearly a dozen Mount faculty have agreed to participate in a course on peace studies to be held on campus during the summer, in a true example of interdisciplinary cooperation.

This has come about as a result of regular meetings of a Peace Studies Committee, formed some months ago, with about 20 faculty members discussing various ways in which peace studies could be promoted at the Mount.

The course, to be known as Perspectives on Peace and Conflict, will cover a broad range of related subjects, including Dr. Larry Fisk on "Politics, Peace Studies and the Revised Cold War"; Dr. Barnett Richling on "Cross-Cultural Perspectives on War and Sexism"; Dr. Jacques Goulet on "Judeo-Christian Teaching on War and Peace"; Dr. Jaromir Cekota on "The Economics of the Arms Race"; Dr. Joyce Kennedy on "War and Peace in Children's Literature"; Dr. Peter Schwenger on "Writing the Unthinkable"; and Professor Deborah Poff on "Main Stream Ideology and Propagation of Aggression."

Other faculty members taking part, whose subjects have yet to be finalized, are Professor Renate Usmiani, Dr. Joseph Tharamangalam, Dr. William Hunter and Dr. Jane Gordon.

The disciplines involved include political studies, sociology/-anthropology, religious studies, English, economics, education, and women's studies.

Dr. Peter Schwenger, a member of the Peace Studies Committee, says, "What happens when all these disciplines come together? Well, we can expect some new combinations, new insights. It's a consciousness-raising event."

Perspectives on Peace and Conflict will be offered either for credit or non-credit. Classes will be held on campus between 7 and 9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning May 13 and continuing until June 24.

Space Shuttle PR Case Study

A group of the Mount's Public Relations 200 students has chosen the space shuttle disaster as a case study and will prepare a presentation for classmates later this month.

Department of Public Relations chair Jon White says "Our case studies are usually topical as this provides more interest for the students. They'll be looking into how the Challenger disaster was handled and what kinds of lessons can be drawn for public relations purposes."

A short piece in the (Halifax) Daily News on the case study was picked up by the Radio News Wire Service and resulted in a 10-minute interview on CKO, Toronto for White, who has a long-standing interest in communication in crisis. While he was with the Alberta Government Public Relations Bureau, before coming to the Mount, White was involved in research into public attitudes towards disaster planning.

He points out that there is considerable public debate within the public relations community about the use of PR for purposes which could be contrary to the public good. The five Mount students preparing the case study on the Challenger will examine the use of public relations during and after the event.



Omega Bula of Zambia, speaker on world development (centre) was at the Mount recently to give a talk on conditions that face women in her country. She was joined for a chat by Mount students Cornelia Mulenga (left) and Maria MacInnis before addressing a small but interested group. The lecture was sponsored by the Student Christian Movement and the Chaplaincy office.

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performed at St. Barnabas Hospital in New York by Dr. Joseph M. Waltz. The estimated cost of the procedure is \$16,000.

As a special project, the Mount's Child Study Society is raising money to help send Ernie to St. Barnabas Hospital. Raffles, pub nights, and a coat-check concession have so far raised about \$500. The really big effort, however, will take place Sunday March 9 on campus with a Help Ernie Walk march beginning in front of Seton Academic Centre at 1 p.m., going up the hill and twice around the Motherhouse.

The person to take the first step will be Ernie himself, with the help of Liz Brideau and Teresa Carruthers of the Child Study Society. He will cover the rest of the route in his wheelchair, helped by many eager hands.

Brideau and Carruthers, together with Cathy Bushan and Jill Crowell are part of the Ernie Committee which was formed after Carruthers, who knows Ernie and his family, suggested the fund-raising project to the Child Study Society.

"I worked with Ernie at a summer camp for handicapped children a couple of years ago," Carruthers explained, "and when his mother told me about the operation, I thought it would be a wonderful idea for us to help."

The operation involves incorporating four electrodes into a thin catheter assembly which is inserted through a fine epidural needle into the narrow space just above the spinal cord. The electrodes are connected to a computerized receiver and transmitter, with the transmitter unit being carried externally. The transmitter sends signals to the receiver, which converts them into electrical impulses that "speak" to the brain so the messages sent to the muscles are clear and correct.

The success rate for the operation is high and Ernie's parents feel that it will be worthwhile even if it only gives him the ability to crawl.

"Ernie is mentally normal," Carruthers says, "and so he's also very frustrated at being confined to a wheelchair. Even limited mobility would make a tremendous difference to his life."

The Mount community and the general public is being asked to come in force to the Help Ernie Walk or to sponsor someone for the \$5 registration fee. Sponsor sheets are available at the Athletics/Recreation department or the Child Study board, 4th floor, Seton Academic Centre.



Supply and Demand of Teachers Almost Equal, says Manning

Concern that there appears to be a misunderstanding on the part of the general public regarding the number of teaching vacancies available in the province's schools has been expressed by Dr. Andrew Manning, chairman of Nova Scotia Deans and Heads of Education.

Manning, who is also chair of the Department of Education at the Mount, said, "There is a perception that we're turning out far too many teachers for the number of jobs available — but the reality is that supply and demand are almost equal."

Last year, Manning said, less than 400 teachers applied for certification, but more than that number were hired by the school boards.

"More than 10 years ago," he said, "we used to have up to 1,000 new teaching graduates a year in Nova Scotia, but in 1985 we had only 500. However," he added, "Nova Scotia Deans and Heads of Education are concerned as a body about the lack of applications for teacher training in science, math and French programs. There is a definite shortage in these areas at this particular time."

Education departments in the province's universities have increased their in-service education of teachers in recent years, Manning said. "In the Halifax area alone we deliberately switched about 50 per cent of our resources into the continuing education of teachers, rather than

training new ones," he explained.

In addition, a policy of deferred salaries implemented by the Nova Scotia Teachers' Union, where teachers take 75 per cent of their salary for three years and use the balance for a 12-month sabbatical, has been "hugely successful" according to Manning. "This policy is creating many positions for our new teachers who fill in for those away on sabbatical," he said.

Manning also pointed out that graduate teachers do not all go into the school system. "Many of them are hired by business and industry so we can't just stop at training enough teachers to fill positions in schools. There is a demand for them in other areas, too."

Board Looking at South Africa Links

Mount Saint Vincent University's Board of Governors is awaiting a report from its investment committee, headed by Dean Salsman, to see if any of the Mount's holdings are linked to South Africa.

There will likely be a draft proposal submitted for Board consideration sometime in March.

McGill was the first Canadian university to totally divest itself of all South African linked holdings in November and since then a number of other universities have adopted or pushed for similar action.

The University of Toronto's Governing Council has opted for a policy of selective divestment.

March Break Day Camp

A special March Break Day Camp for children in grades primary to six, is once again being offered by the Athletics/Recreation Department at the Mount.

Running from March 17-21, the camp will offer organized and co-operative games, movement education, arts and crafts, movies and cartoons, outdoor activities and two off-campus field trips.

Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the fee for the entire five days is \$45 or a daily fee of \$10.

Registration starts on March 4 and will be ongoing until the first day of camp or until all spaces are filled.

For further information call 443-4450 extension 420.



Artist Rebecca Burke tests the muscles on one of her own creations in her current exhibit at the Mount Art Gallery — Musclemen.

The Mount Opens its Doors to High Schools

Maritime Provinces high school students will have an opportunity to experience Mount Saint Vincent University's unique environment during its Open Campus Days to be held March 18 to 20.

Each morning the workshop, "The Value of an Impractical Education" will explore the pros and cons of a general arts and science degree. A panel comprised of students, administrators and faculty members will follow, to answer questions of concern such as financial aid, health plans and housing.

After lunch, separate tours of labs and classrooms will introduce students to their preferred fields of study.

Accommodation will be available on request for out-of-town female students and entertainment plans include a Saint Patrick's Day pub night, scavenger hunt and athletic events.

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