# Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, Nova Scotia



Dr. E. Margaret Fulton shares a meal with students at the President's Dinner during Orientation Week.

# President Urges "Let's Become A Truly Planetary People"

"My efforts as the senior administrator have borne a remarkable similarity to that as a

With these words, Mount president Dr. E. Margaret Fulton expressed some of the frustration she had felt in trying to enhance the original aims and objectives of Mount Saint Vincent University as established by the Sisters of Charity.

In her Faculty Day address Dr. Fulton said; "When I accepted the presidency in 1978 I was given very clear instructions in three central areas (by the Board of Governors). The first was to build Rosaria Centre; the second was to launch a major fund raising campaign; and the third was to maintain and enhance the original aims and objectives of the university.

The first two aims, she said, had largely been met-Rosaria Centre was completed and fulfilled its function admirably; the fund-raising campaign had reached the \$3 million mark towards a \$3.5 million objective. But, "achieving the third part of my original mandate has been by far the most difficult for both you and me.

After taking office, Dr. Fulton said she was "stunned" to discover how far behind the Mount was in respect to other universities in its program for women's studies. 'Surely, this university of any in the country should have been leading in the field. But we have made significant progress in this area, because you, the faculty, have

been willing, and most certainly able, to direct our programs toward an understanding of women and their contribution to society.

Dr. Fulton said she realised that this was an area that touched on the sensibilities of some faculty. "As I was trying to define the role of the university and bring into the everyday life of the institution the founding ideas of the Sisters, I am sure I have been guilty of over-stating the case . . . I simply went about as vigorously as I could the implementation of what I mistakenly thought was a shared vision. I have learned somewhat painfully that my single-mindedness of effort was perceived by many of you as going off in all directions at once, and therefore, there was no direction.

Dr. Fulton continued: "I can only hope that you know I do have the best interests of the university at heart. I wonder, as you do, how and to what extent one small university can make the impact which ideally we

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## New Centre In The Offing For The Mount?

The Mount has applied to the Government of Canada for funding for a new Communications Centre dedicated to making the best application of the new technologies.

The centre would be a model facility in which to train individuals, and women in particular, to use and manage communications technologies productively. It would combine state-of-the-art telecommunications technology with research, demonstration and media production facilities, in an integrated environment of university and community services.

The heart of the new structure would be a greatly expanded computer centre, to house the hardware, teaching facilities, terminal rooms and office space needed. The proposed new building, which would be situated between Seton Academic Centre and Rosaria Centre, would also contain a library, teaching departments most closely related to communications, a 150-seat theatre and an expanded DUET department.

As a national and regional resource, the Communications Centre would be a model institution for the application of technology and a specialized centre to train women young women as well as those already in the work force) for positions of authority in the fields of telecommunications and information services.

It would be a service centre to the business community and a research centre addressing the social, human and pedagogical issues which are raised by telecommunications technology

The centre would also provide a distribution facility available to the entire Maritime region and a cultural centre dedicated to the preservation of a regional identity for both language groups.

It would, in short, constitute a rich amalgam of technologies and creative ef-

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# alumnae update

Now here's the opportunity that you've all been waiting for! The Student Union and the Alumnae have flung down the gauntlet to determine who among the many and diverse (not to mention illustrious) members of our university community can come up with the best team to win the ALUMNAE-STUDENT UNION TRIVIAL PURSUIT CHALLENGE.

Beginning in mid-October, a series of six tournaments will be hosted on campus, culminating in the grand championship tournament in March. Total point accumulation will determine the winning team.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE? Everyone on campus: the Sisters of Charity, the President and Board of Governors, Senate, Administration, Faculty and Staff, Student Union and Student Societies and of course the Alumnae.

HOW AND WHERE DO WE SIGN UP? You can notify the president of your favorite society or your department head that you want to participate, or simply inquire at the Alumnae Office or the Student Union Offices. Teams will be limited to six members selected at the discretion of the society president or department head, SO, SIGN UP BEFORE THE OCTOBER 1ST DEADLINE. Tournament rules, regulations and procedures will be published in the October 3rd issue of the PICARO.

In hopes of encouraging the true diehard fanatics, each team will be required to pay an entry fee in token of their cutthroat desire to win, and spectators will also be charged a nominal fee for a seat in the peanut gallery. Who said that bread and circuses are necessarily a bad thing? But don't delay. Sign up and start practicing. Proceeds will be used to establish an Alumnae-Student Union Leadership Bursary.

Fall is in the air again, and the alumnae is on the move. It's Fall Fair time and all are asked to bring forth donations to make this year's fair another howling success. According to Fall Fair '83 Chairman, Marie Hodgson, Ac '65, BA '69, BEd '70, "All kinds of donations are needed—everything from handmade crafts to good used clothing, books, records-you name it!"

So, if you're wondering what you can do with all those items that you just can't throw away-DON'T DO IT! Bring them to the Alumnae Office, Evaristus, or contact Dilly MacFarlane at 443-4450, ext. 136.

Fall Fair is slated for Saturday, October 22nd at 10:00 a.m. Luncheon will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Admission for the fair is 25¢ and luncheon tickets, available at the Alumnae Office, are \$3.00 per person. Look for further details in this column as October 22nd fast approaches!



Make-up artist Natan Nevo of the Mount Playhouse adds a couple of decades to Claudette Sapp for her part as La Sag-

# Welcome, New **Faculty**

Nearly 40 new faculty members have oined the Mount this semester and the position of chair has changed hands in five departments.

Chair for the English Department this year will be Dr. Geraldine Anthony, S.C.; Mathematics Department, Dr. Ilya Blum; Psychology Department, Dr. David Furrow; Religious Studies Department, Professor Barry Wheaton; and for the Sociology/Anthropology Department, Dr. Nanciellen Davis.

Eight new faculty members have joined the Business Administration Department: Musetta Thwaites, and Rod Tilley fulltime and Francis Carr, Joan Dawkins, Michael Hourihan, Glennis Munro, David Seale, and James Trussler all part-time.

The Public Relations Department has three new full-time faculty, Dr. Robert Lake, Ronald Pearson and Marie Riley.

In the Chemistry Department, Jenny DeZoete joins the faculty on a part-time

Dr. Wendy MacLean will be with Economics Department full-time, and Nargess Kayhani, part-time.

Eight faculty join the Education Department: Sandra Bishop, Dr. Allan Neilson, both full-time and Donald Fahie, Dr. Judith Newman, Dr. Bruce Roald, and Ross Stanley, all part-time, with Drs. Carol Hill and Joyce Kennedy also joining the Education Department on a part-time basis. The English Department will have five new part-time faculty: Gisele Baxter, Lesley Choyce, Virginia LaGrand, Mieke

Nyenhuis and Jennifer Wade.

Dr. Walter Shelton, the Mount's former academic vice-president, will be returning to the History faculty.

Dr. Melodie Goosens-Conion and Deborah Norris, will join the Home Economics Department full-time, and Susan Wright, part-time.

Rita DeGrandis joins the Modern Languages Department on a full-time basis, with George Nahrebecky and Annette Thibodeau, part-time. In the Office Administration Department, Colette MacDonald will be full-time and Diane Tinkham, part-time.

Three full-time faculty join the Psychology Department: Dr. Barbara Hodkin and Dr. Paul Nau, with Patricia Conrad moving from Gerontology to Psychology full-time.

# Mount Playhouse "Breaks A Leg"

This summer, the Mount Playhouse broke all its own records and topped even last year's successful season of dinnertheatre-cabaret with sell-out houses and two extra nights to take the overflow.

Only three days after opening night, every single seat had been sold for the entire six-week season, while the waiting list for cancellations grew and grew.

Artistic Director Renate Usmiani says, What we succeeded in doing was to offer the type of theatre and entertainment that s both a communion and a celebration. We had something for the entire community. By some magic we were able to recreate the kind of theatre that people used o enjoy years ago."

Once again there were a number of spinoffs for Playhouse performers. Claudette Sapp, whose characterization of La Sagouine was a highlight of the Friday night shows, was snapped up by the CBC drama department in Halifax to take part in a bilingual radio play. She also recreated La Sagouine for the Mount's Homecoming celebrations and for a convention of Canadian College of Health Record Administrators at the Hotel Nova Scotian.

Piano-bar duo Mary Reynolds and Alan Ley, always popular with Playhouse patrons, were also asked to perform off campus, while Variety Fare enjoyed a weekend gig at Digby Pines and others at the Halifax Board of Trade, Hotel Nova Scotian and for Bowater-Mersey at White Point

Frances Cody, Playhouse administrator, says, "Many patrons came to each of our presentations (there was a change of program three times weekly) and I know of one who came five times!"

Her advice to anyone wanting to see the 1984 season is "to call the Conference Office at the Mount sometime next April to be sure of getting seats. We shall probably sell out even before opening night at this rate!' This year, the Playhouse was seen by

nearly 2,000 people.

## Come see what's going on at your local university.

It's more than academic!

Take a look at the rich cultural life, the exciting sports events - and at the special activities scheduled during National Universities Week.

We'll intrigue you - we'll probably surprise you. Because we're more than academic.

October 2nd - 8th

Sunday, October 2

2:00 p.m.

Kick-off Walkathon, sponsored by Mount Saint Vincent University faculty. Monies raised to top off faculty pledge to Project One: Futures for Women. Start off North Common (near Robie Street), seven km to Mount campus for refreshments, Multi-Purpose Room, Rosaria Centre.

7:30 p.m.

Group Dynamics Night, co-sponsored by Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae and Student Council. Moderator Mary Clancy. Speaker Sr. Evelyn Williams. Vinnie's Pub, Rosaria Centre. (See overleaf for details).

Monday, October 3

9:00 a.m.

Fitness Open House (all week). Personal Fitness Challenge. Rosaria Centre.

10:05 a.m.

Dr. Berit As, "A Vision of a Feminist University", co-sponsored by The Centre for Continuing Education and CAPUS. Seton Academic Centre, Auditorium B. (See overleaf for details).

1:00 p.m.

Official opening by the President, Dr. E. Margaret Fulton, of display of faculty/alumnae publications (open all week). MacDonald Room, Library, Evaristus Hall.

8:00 p.m.

Public Lecture Series, "Five Halifax Women: Feminism and the First World War", Dr. Ernest Forbes, U.N.B. Seton Academic Centre, Auditorium A.

Tuesday, October 4

12:00 noon

8:30 p.m.

Unveiling of Mother Seton plaque. Seton Academic Centre.

Presidents' Panel, "The Significance of the Cultural Interaction between Halifax Universities and the Community". Sponsored by the Art Gallery. (See overleaf for details).

Wednesday, October 5

11:30 a.m.

Presidents' Assembly. (See overleaf for details).

2:00 p.m.

Meeting of Halifax City Council. Open to the public. Seton Academic Centre, Auditoriums B & C.

6:00 p.m.

First meeting of the year, Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association. Alice Egan Hagen Board

Room, Rosaria Centre.

6:30 p.m.

Volunteer of the Year citation to Mount board member Ruth Goldbloom. Presented during the National Volunteer Recognition Dinner by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) held at Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C., U.S.A. (Goldbloom was selected from

130 entries from the United States and Canada). Ecumenical Evensong Service. Open to public, with special guests. Mount Saint Vincent Universi-

7:00 p.m.

ty Choir, with Isabel Fougere, Evaristus Chapel. Meeting of alumnae association representatives from Dalhousie, Kings, Saint Mary's universities,

7:30 p.m.

Technical University of Nova Scotia, Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, and the Mount. Alice Egan Hagen Board Room, Rosaria Centre.

Thursday, October 6

12:00 noon

Career Planning Workshop "How to Market Your Degree", sponsored by Student Services. Seton Academic Centre, Auditorium A.

2:30 p.m.

"Universities and the Business World: A Collaborative Relationship?". Vinnie's Pub. (See overleaf

8:00 p.m.

Dr. Berit Ås, "War and Peace: How Men and Women Differ in Perceptions", sponsored by the Institute for the Study of Women. Don MacNeil Room, Rosaria Centre.

# Highlights From National Universities Week Program

# Group Dynamics Night, Sunday, Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m. The Pub, Rosaria Centre

Sponsored jointly by the Student Union and the Alumnae, the session is planned to be of use to all those on campus who consider themselves as leaders or potential leaders, such as presidents of societies, Alumnae Board of Directors, alumnae committee chairpersons, Picaro and year book staff, residence assistants and others. Everyone is welcome. The aim is to analyse group behaviour which will lead to improvement in leadership skills.

#### "A Vision of a Feminist University", Monday, Oct. 3, 10:05 a.m. SAC Auditorium B

The distinguished Norwegian Professor Berit Ås, peaceworker and champion of women's rights, who is here at the Mount for three months to work with the Womens' Studies Department, will speak on this issue.

# Presidents' Panel, Tuesday, Oct. 4, 8:30 p.m. SAC Auditorium A

Presidents from five Halifax universities will take part in a high-powered panel discussion on "The Significance of the Cultural Interaction between Halifax Universities and the Community."

With universities becoming more and more involved with the outside community this is a timely subject which should provoke interesting and stimulating ideas. Moderator is Dr. E. Margaret Fulton, Mount Saint Vincent University; participants are Dr. Andrew MacKay, Dalhousie University; Garry Kennedy, Nova Scotia College of Art and Design; Dr. Ken Ozmon, Saint Mary's University; and Clair Callaghan, Technical University of Nova Scotia.

A reception will be held in the Art Gallery following the panel discussion.

# Presidents' Assembly, Wednesday, Oct. 5, 11:30 a.m. SAC Auditorium

This year's assembly promises to be a grand affair with special guest speaker, futurist Ruben Nelson, the C.F.B. Stadacona Band, and the official opening of the Freda Wales Fitness Trail and the Arboretum. It is hosted by President E. Margaret Fulton, Mike MacLean (Student Council President), Dr. John Morgenstern (Faculty Association President), Debbie Pottie Matheson (Alumnae Association President) and Joan Lownie (Staff Association president). A light lunch follows at Rosaria Centre.

#### Universities and the Business World, Thursday, Oct. 6, 2:30 p.m. Vinnie's Pub, Rosaria Centre

A panel of business leaders, with moderator Robbie Shaw, Vice-President, Administration, Dalhousie University, will discuss the collaborative relationship between universities and the business community.

#### DID YOU KNOW...

- That in 1981-82, 21% of full-time university students (84,400) were over age 24 and that 77% of all part-time students were in the 25 and over age group.
- That 46% of all full-time undergraduates were enrolled in the arts and sciences, 13% in commerce and business administration 11% in education, 11% in engineering and applied sciences and 6% in health professions.
- That there were 27,600 students enrolled in master's programs and 10,400 in PhD programs.
- That Canadian universities awarded degrees to 98,800 undergraduates, 12,900 masters and 1,800 PhDs.
- That there were 33,450 full-time university teachers in Canada.
- That 73% of total university income was derived from government sources, 10% from student fees, 13% from ancillary services and other sources, and 5% from private donations.
- That support of sponsored research accounted for 13% of total university income.
- That government grants to universities totalled \$3.4 billion or 2.5% of all government expenditures.
- That the unemployment rate for university graduates was just 4.9%, well below the nation average of 11%.

# **Everybody Welcome**

# Prof. Berit Ås Here To Work With Women's Studies



Professor Berit Ås has been appointed visiting professor for the Women's Studies program at the Mount for the next three months.

A long-time campaigner for women's rights and a dedicated peace worker, Professor Ås is a native of Norway and, at present, Assistant Professor in the Institute of Psychology, University of Oslo.

She has also been involved in politics in her country since 1967 where, among other things, she was the first elected leader of a new party, the Socialist Left, and a member of the Committee for Foreign Affairs in the Norwegian Government.

While at the Mount she will be conducting an international study on women in politics and has contacted women in nearly 40 countries to answer questionnaires on the subject.

Five areas will be covered: the electoral laws for general elections; by-laws for nominations; what quotas exist in various countries around the world for women in government; studies on women in politics from other countries; and the effect that women have when they are elected to political office.

Professor As will also be giving a series of public lectures during the next three months on the Feminist Perspective in Social Psychology (times and place to be

announced later).

"The myth is that conditions for women are getting better, while the reality is that women are worse off now in almost every country in the world," Professor Ås says.

"The gap between men and women, in almost every field of endeavour, is widen-

ing, and women must really work together if there is to be any improvement."

She says that women have been conditioned to be loyal to father, husband, family and institution, but have been "set against each other." However, she feels that within the past year there have been some signs that women are at last learning to co-operate with one another.

She emphasises the tremendous importance for all people to be able to have some faith in the future, in spite of the terrible risks facing the world with the threat of nuclear war. "Psychologically, it's a sickness not to be able to look towards the future," she says. "Those who do not believe they have a future are already dying."

Her interest in coming to the Mount lies partly in the fact that she hopes to see a women's university established in Norway. "Plans have been in the making for three years now," she says, "and while I'm here at the Mount I would like to set up a discussion group on the concept of a university based on feminist principles."

Professor Ås is married to Dagfinn As, who is engaged in building and environmental research in Norway, and has three sons and a daughter. Some of her family are planning to visit her while she is in Halifax.

### This and That

The issue of faculty unionization at the Mount was resolved at a meeting with the Nova Scotia Labour Relations Board on June 6, 1983. Of the ballots counted by the Board, the majority were against unionization.

Students came to the rescue with a will in mid-September when a faulty sprinkler in Rosaria Centre flooded the dark-room and Student Union offices. Gallons of water flowed over the floors and seeped down into the bookstore and would have caused thousands of dollars damage if students hadn't volunteered to help mop up. Neita Castle, Physical Plant Co-ordinator, was filled with admiration. "I was really impressed," she says. "The students all pitched in and not one of them refused to help in spite of it being a very busy day for them. Some even came back later to ask if they could do anything more." A good way to start the year!

Students at the Mount collected \$132.50 on Terry Fox Car Wash Day. They may have got as much water on themselves as they did on the cars—but the result was well worth it!

# **CIL Lecture**

Dr. Brenda Milner, Professor of Psychology in the Department of Neurology and Neurosurgery at McGill University, will be this year's speaker for the annual C.I.L. Inc. Distinguished Visiting Lectureship in the Sciences series, at Mount Saint Vincent University.

She will present two lectures on Wednesday, October 12—Memory and the Temporal Lobes Revisited, at 11:00 a.m. and The Duality of the Brain, at 8:00 p.m., both in the Seton Academic Centre Auditorium C.

Dr. Milner, who is also Career Investigator for the Medical Research Council of Canada, is a native of Manchester, England. She graduated with a B.A. and an M.A. from Cambridge University. In 1952 she obtained a Ph.D. from McGill University and in 1972 a Sc.D. from Cambridge University.

Her research experience includes the study of behavioral effects of brain lesions in humans, in collaboration with Dr. Wilder Penfield and his associates at the Montreal Neurological Institute.

A Fellow of the American Psychological Association, Dr. Milner is also a member of many learned societies including the American Neurological Association, and has been awarded many honours including the Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Prize by the Canada Council in 1983. She is the author of more than 60 research publications.

The Distinguished Visiting Lectureship in the Sciences was established at the Mount by C.I.L. Inc. It provides an opportunity of bringing distinguished scientists to interact with the Mount community, especially its students and faculty.

The lecture is open to the general public and is free of charge.

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The university's departments of Office Administration, Public Relations, Computer Studies and Film, Video and Theatre Studies would be housed there and it would be used by a large number of students to test computer and office systems software, training programs, manuals, techniques and organizational models.

In its proposal to the Government of Canada, the Mount stated that this university has already made significant advances to keep pace with the changing educational needs of its students and the wider community which it serves. "It is poised to take greater advantage of the opportunities provided by the availability of communication technologies, and through these means to continue to fulfill its primary mission of equipping both young and mature women with all the skills necessary for productive and meaningful participation in society," the proposal states

wish for. We all know from our lecture experiences the frustration of not being able to touch the students and make them open their eyes to see whole new worlds of possibilities... my efforts as the senior administrator have borne a remarkable similarity to that as a professor. Not everyone has caught the vision. And on the issue of new and different administrative patterns I have experienced far greater frustration than I ever knew in the classroom."

Dr. Fulton said she did not think it acceptable for faculty to be able to dictate, to the university, its wants to the exclusion of the concerns of other sectors of the institution. "Nor would it be acceptable for any group in the institution to attempt to do likewise. Exclusive groups, powerful lobbies have no place in an academic setting," she said.

Her view of the university "is that one has to allow and encourage the maximum flow of information and to support all the talk possible . . . I want you to consult widely and with diverse groups in the university. That way we are all forced to consider issues and positions we might not otherwise have thought of."

#### **Grateful to Faculty**

The president admitted that the move to seek certification by some of the faculty last year was "one very real indication that the organizational model I had hoped to put into place at the Mount has not fully succeeded."

She said she was grateful that the majority of the faculty rejected certification as she was not convinced that unionized faculties presented better courses and programs to their students or were more productive in their research.

"If we cannot demonstrate these factors then I am compelled to ask why take the time, energy and money to put a union in place when alternative organizational structures may prove more creative and productive for our university?"

Looking to the future, Dr. Fulton told faculty of the proposed building of a new communications centre at the Mount, and touched on the development of a tourism degree program which she felt would attract good students and enhance, rather than detract from, the importance of liberal arts.

"I am still convinced that a small university gives us the opportunity to offer the best education not only to Nova Scotian and Canadian students, but also to a select group of international students" she said, and hoped the sort of ethical questions carried by the arms race, by the hunger, poverty and illiteracy in the vast proportion of the world, would not be shunted off to 20 minutes consideration on Sunday in the Chapel or left to sporadic inclusion in arts courses.

"These issues must become the warp and

woof of our courses. We must not graduate uncaring students but rather graduate fully developed persons able and willing to play their part in making the world a better place."

In closing, Dr. Fulton said: "I want this university to be both a national and international resource which will show unequivocally the contributions which women have, can and must make to society. I want all our students, both men and women, to live lives that reflect the very best ideals of our religious tradition. I want them imbued with the sense that we can transform society and become a truly planetary people."

# Mount May Need Elastic Walls



The Mount is getting to be like the old woman who lived in a shoe and sometimes the administration must feel as though "they have so many children they don't know what to do!"

Rooms that have never been used as classrooms before are now crowded with students—the Don MacNeil Room in Rosaria—Seton Board Room—the Drama Room in Seton—the Curriculum Library and the DUET classroom doubling up with other classes, to name some.

With 297 more full time and 191 more part-time students than last year, the Mount is going to need elastic walls to cope. It means a lot of patience and understanding and an ability to take things with a little humour to accommodate everyone. If students and faculty start to feel claustrophobic they can always look out on the lovely Mount campus and know they can stretch their cramped limbs and breathe the good air on the fitness trail after class!

The shortage of space caused a number of problems for those trying to find locations for the events of National Universities Week, but somehow a place was found for everything and a full week of lectures, assemblies, panels and meetings was accommodated.

#### On the Move

Professor Renate Usmiani of the Mount's English Department has just had her book Second Stage, the Alternative Theatre Movement in Canada, published by the University of British Columbia with the assistance of a grant from the Canadian Federation of the Humanities using funds provided by SSHRC.

In her book, Usmiani examines the evolution of the alternative theatre movement in this country, outlining the historical and cultural background and covering both French and English theatre.

The President has awarded a \$6,460 research grant to Dr. Marguerite Flinn for her project "The effect of multiple burns and the gradient of stored carbohydrate."

Dr. Erdener Kaynak has also received a research grant of \$568.50 for costs associated with the preparation of the book, Comparative Marketing Systems which he is co-authoring.

During the summer Sister Patricia Mullins attended a Valuing Workshop for College Teachers at Alverno College, Milwaukee from June 13-17 and also the XIV General Assembly of the International Federation of Catholic Universities in Toronto, August 24-26.

The Atlantic Science Curriculum Project has based Science in Action material for grade 7, 8 or 9 students on an interview they conducted with Sr. Patricia Mullins during the summer.

# the **connection**

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