

# the connection

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*How the years go by! Seventeen members of the Mount community received long service awards at the President's Christmas luncheon in December.*

*Back row, left to right: Bruna Caracristi (Canada Employment Centre), Thea Macdonald (Library), 5 years; Mary MacKenzie (Archives), 5 years; Agnes Wainman (Seton reception), 5 years; Bill Morris (Print Shop), 5 years. Middle row, left to right: Dorothy West (President's Office), 15 years; Mona Hennigar (Housekeeping), 5 years; Bonnie St. Peters (Library), retiring after 17 years service; Annette Newton (Public Rela-*

*tions and Development Office), 5 years; Mary O'Connor (Business Office), 5 years; and Peggy Stephens (Secretarial Services and Print Shop), 15 years. Kneeling, front: Art Landry (Maintenance), 15 years.*

*Absent from the photograph were five-year service award recipients Valerie Burkimsher (Office of the Dean, Human and Professional Development), Yvette Dupere (Library), Claire Farrell (Bookstore), Jacquie Stevens (Executive Assistant's Office); and ten-year award recipient Rick Embrett (Mail Room).*



## alumnae update

Mount Saint Vincent alumnae make the news again with the announcement on Christmas Eve 1983 of Mme. Jeanne Sauv 's appointment as Canada's new Governor General. Mme. Sauv ' joined the ranks of the alumnae at Convocation '83 when she was awarded an honorary degree (Doctor of Humane Letters) in recognition of her service as politician and parliamentarian.

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Somewhat closer to home, Academy alumna, Rosemarie (Belliveau) Abraham, class of '47 (last seen at Simpsons, up to her elbows in gift wrapping with fellow alumnae in support of Project One) will be taking up residence for the next five years at Government House in Halifax on February 1 as wife of newly appointed Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, Alan R. Abraham. When asked how the family reacted to news of the appointment, Mrs. Abraham replied, "It was such a marvellous surprise. We were all delighted". The Abrahams have two sons and a daughter, Louise Abraham-Pace, also an alumna, class of '78.

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### Alumnae Award for Teaching Excellence

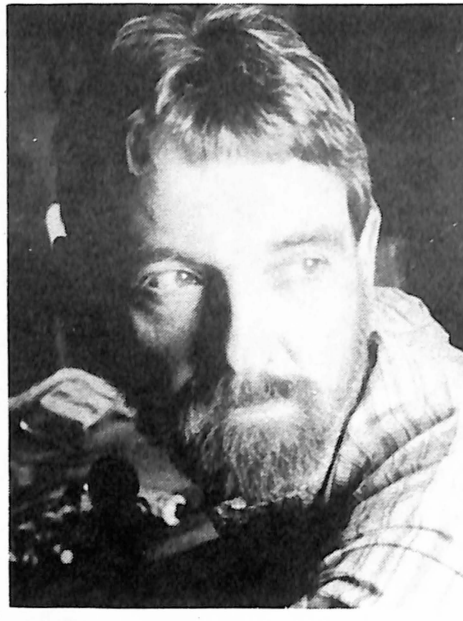
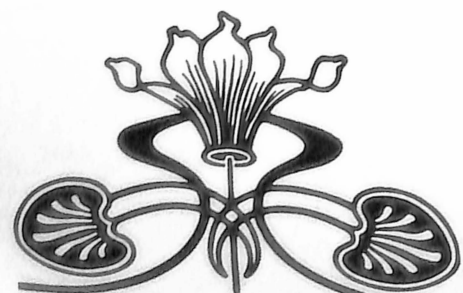
Students, alumnae and faculty are invited to nominate a full-time faculty member who has taught at least three academic years at Mount Saint Vincent University.

The nomination requires you to:

- submit two other names of students, alumnae or faculty who support your choice
- explain why your nominee should be considered
- return your nomination to the office of the Vice-President (Academic) on or before February 3, 1984

All nominations, if accepted by the candidates, will be reviewed by an eight member selection committee made up of representatives from students, alumnae and faculty. Nomination forms may be obtained from the offices of the Deans, the Vice-President (Academic), Alumnae and Student Council; at Seton front desk; and from the Picaro.

This award replaces the President's Award for Teaching Excellence.



## Artist at Mount

Well known artist and writer, Graham Metson, will be teaching the history of communications to students at the Mount starting this semester.

History 284B will introduce students to the main aspects of communications as they have evolved since the Renaissance and up to modern times. The course will question whether print, radio, films and TV have wiped out cultural differences or accentuated them.

There will be a Canadian component with lectures and discussions on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, the National Film Board and private broadcasting and motion picture production in this country.

In addition to numerous one-man shows of his own artistic works (in London, Dresden, Barcelona, New York and Halifax) Graham Metson is the author of books on the Halifax explosion, Halifax during the war years and the Canadian artist, Alex Colville.

He has taught at the University of Wisconsin, University of Kentucky and the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design. His experience in photography, print, painting and film will provide students with an in-depth introduction to the fascinating field of communications.

### President's Holiday

The President's Holiday will take place on Wednesday, February 1 this year and on the Wednesday closest to January 31 in subsequent years, the President's office announced recently.

The holiday will consist of cancellation of classes but all university offices will remain open as usual.

## Bursary Funds

The following bursary funds are available during the second term of each university year. Further information and applications for these and a number of programs is available from the Financial Aid Office, Rosaria 119.

**The Soroptimist Foundation of Canada** annually offers a fellowship to graduate female students to assist in studies which qualify them for careers servicing other women by improving the quality of their lives. Five grants of \$5,000 will be made available in 1983/84. Deadline for applications: January 31, 1984.

**Mount Saint Vincent University Bursary Funds** to assist students towards completion of academic term, awarded solely on the basis of need. Deadline: January 31, 1984.

**Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Bursary** awarded yearly to a child of an alumna and awarded on the basis of need. Deadline: January 31, 1984.

**Mount Saint Vincent University Continuing Education Scholarship** awarded yearly to a woman over 30 years of age enrolled in any program except education. The award is based on involvement in student and community organizations and class participation. Student's average must be above 70 per cent. The award will not be based on financial need except in the case of a tie. Deadline: March 1, 1984.

**Mount Saint Vincent University Campus Association of Part-time University Students** will award a credit voucher for the value of a full unit course to a part-time student who has already completed five units of credit in a degree program. This award is based primarily on financial need, but scholastic achievement will also be considered. Deadline: March 31, 1984.

## Community Show

If you or your 'significant other' want to enter the Tenth Annual University Community Art, Craft, Baking, Hobby and Talent Show, which opens at the Art Gallery on February 2, **there's still time.**

Even if it's past the deadline (January 20) you won't be turned away if you're a couple of days late with your creation.

Enter into the fun of it all and bring along anything that is representative of one of your obsessions in life—pet rocks, homemade pickles, dress-making, painting, photography, doughnuts (providing you made them), collections of antique pepper pots, the Gallery will accept them all if they are genuine expressions of your creativity.

There will be prizes, and all food entered is guaranteed to be eaten on the spot!

Grand opening, with Dr. Pauline Jones doing the honours, will be at noon on Thursday, February 2.



## Look What You Missed!



Photos taken during Christmas at the Mount:

Clockwise from top left: (1) Dorothy West realised her fondest hope and was presented with a watch by Dr. Margaret Fulton. The "spoof" consisted of a \$3.99 Shell watch obtained with a tank-full of gas! (2) Personnel director Bonnie Broderick served the staff at the Christmas party, while (3) Sylvia Cherry mashed mountains of potatoes. (4) Those favorite Christmas carols came out for an airing. (5) Dulcie Conrad and Neita Castle tackled the turkey with the concentration of a couple of surgeons.

### FLOWER DAY February 14, 1984

Support Mount Students Assistants

Ordering times:

January 16-20  
Rosaria Centre  
Monday and Wednesday,  
11 am - 1 pm  
and Friday  
12 - 2 pm

Seton Academic Centre  
Friday, 11 am - 12 noon  
and 2 - 4 pm

"Show someone they're ok"

## Self Defence Program

The Athletics and Recreation Department is offering a couple of new programs for the general public this month. For the older adult an Active Seniors program will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. and an Evening Energiser program is available for those not free during the day on Mondays and Thursdays from 7 - 8 p.m.

WEN-D , a self-defence program designed especially for women, by women, is also available, starting this month. For information and registration contact the Athletics Department.



# Duet

An added bonus for the Mount's DUET program (Distance University Education via Television) turns out to be the unexpectedly large number of casual viewers who tune in to the gerontology courses carried on the Atlantic Satellite Network.

A pilot study, recently completed by DUET researcher Helen Marshall, shows that at any given time several hundred viewers in the Atlantic Provinces are watching and enjoying the classes, even though they are not actually enrolled as registered students.

In the Halifax metro area, for instance, between 250 and 750 viewers might be watching DUET on any given day; in Summerside, PEI, between 150 and 600, and in the Chatham/Newcastle area, between 35 and 105.

Marshall made 450 phone calls on a random basis to find out who the potential audience is and what percentage were watching the programs.

Based on her projections and conversations with those contacted, it seems that women at home with young children have the greatest need for distance education offered by DUET. Often unable to leave the home, they are literally screaming "Do something for me!", Marshall says.

"Men on shift work, retired men and young unemployed men also watch our programs," she says, "and DUET offers courses of interest to both sexes, especially those who spend much time in the home caring for children or the elderly."

There are now 87 people enrolled as students in the DUET program and recent results show that they do as well, if not better, than students taking the courses on campus.

DUET programs go out via the Atlantic Satellite Network to communities in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and PEI. In January, two credit courses are being offered on this network, The Biological and Health Aspects of Aging and The Psychology of Adulthood and Aging.

## Le Rôle Important des Universités

Le gouvernement fédéral devrait modifier les Arrangements concernant le financement des programmes établis pour faire en sorte que les fonds fédéraux transférés aux provinces à l'appui de l'enseignement postsecondaire soient dépensés dans ce secteur, de l'avis de l'Association des Universités et Collèges du Canada.

Dans un mémoire de neuf pages à la Commission royale d'enquête sur l'union économique et les perspectives de développement du Canada, l'AUCC souligne le

## CAPUS MEETING

The next meeting of the Campus Association of Part-time University Students will be on Wednesday, January 25 at noon in the part-time students' lounge, Seton 442. Tea and coffee will be served so bring along a bag lunch and meet other part-time and mature students.

fait que les universités contribuent de façon importante à la prospérité économique, sociale et culturelle des collectivités, des provinces et du pays tout entier. Elle invite la Commission à insister auprès des gouvernements fédéral et provinciaux sur la nécessité d'assurer un niveau suffisant de financement à long terme, aux établissements d'enseignement postsecondaire.

Le mémoire appelle l'attention sur le rôle important des universités aux chapitres de la recherche et du développement. Il précise que la Commission devrait reconnaître: 1) que la presque totalité des chercheurs reçoivent leur formation à l'université, 2) que les universités doivent demeurer le point de convergence d'une bonne partie de la recherche pure au pays, 3) qu'on ne devrait pas laisser tomber l'appui à la recherche pure au-dessous d'un niveau minimal acceptable et 4) que l'équilibre entre la recherche pure et la recherche appliquée devrait faire l'objet d'une surveillance attentive.

L'Association souligne la nécessité d'une "politique nationale cohérente en matière de recherche" et elle prie la Commission d'établir des mesures particulières de redressement, à titre de protection contre une pénurie possible de chercheurs compétents dans les universités, au cours des prochaines décennies.

Les universités canadiennes ont "réussi remarquablement bien" à appairer les demandes et les offres de main-d'oeuvre et elles devraient continuer de tenir compte des prévisions courantes en matière de main-d'oeuvre, dans la planification de leurs programmes, de mentionner le mémoire. Cependant, l'Association met en garde contre l'ingérence indue de groupes de l'extérieur, dans le processus de planification des universités.

Selon le mémoire, les inscriptions extra-provinciales d'étudiants canadiens représentent moins de 10 p. 100 du total des inscriptions. Il y est mentionné qu'un vaste programme de bourses d'étude et de recherche, financées par le gouvernement fédéral, pourrait contribuer à l'accroissement de la mobilité des étudiants au niveau universitaire.

Le mémoire, en outre, prie instamment les gouvernements fédéral et provinciaux d'encourager un plus grand nombre d'étudiants étrangers à venir étudier au Canada.

## On the Move

Dr. E. Margaret Fulton is one of five members of a Provincial rent review advisory board, Consumer Affairs Minister Laird Stirling announced last month.

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Mary Sparling, Director of the Mount's Art Gallery, has been appointed a member of the Nova Scotia Art Bank's advisory board.

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Dr. Ron VanHouten of the Psychology Department, who was one of the nominees for the 1983 Royal Society Silver Medal Award, was presented a Certificate of Honorary Mention by the Society. The Silver Medal Award went to George Martin Aitken of Fredericton, N.B.

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Dr. Frances Early and Dr. Larry Fisk will both be giving presentations on Peace Education at a Metro Council on Continuing Education program January 26. The sessions will discuss the responsibilities of educators to deal with the problems of nuclear war, and will take place in the Rosaria Board Room at the Mount.

## Superhuman Effort

Staff from the Registrar's, Business and Computer offices put on a "superhuman" effort according to Registrar Diane Morris to make sure that returning students would get their exam results the day they arrived back from Christmas break.

Other offices at the Mount were still closed on Monday, January 2, but the team who brought out the marks so promptly came back early and worked a full day. Extra security people were on duty too, and Morris says it would have been "impossible to do without the total co-operation of all concerned."

It was a wonderful surprise for the students who could hardly believe their marks were out so soon in view of the long Christmas break.

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