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Dr. Allan Gillmore, Executive Director of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, gave the Mount community a rundown on the financial state of Canadian universities from coast to coast, at a recent meeting held in the Don McNeil Room. He also outlined the role that his organization plays on behalf of Canadian universities and colleges. Seen here with him are (l to r): Dr. Sheva Medjuck, Chair, Sociology Department; Dr. Susan Clark, Dean of Human and Professional Development; Dr. E. Margaret Fulton, President; Prof. Alleynne Murphy, Home Economics Department.

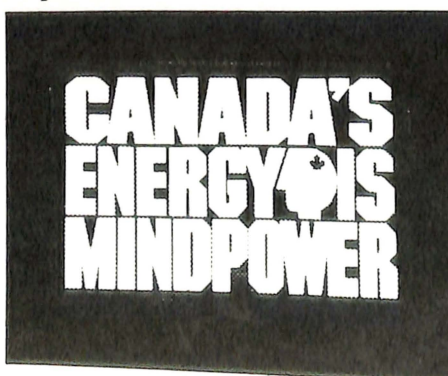
Government Must Change Approach to Research, says 26,000-member CAUT

Long-term job creation and economic growth will be harder to achieve unless the federal government changes its timid approach to research in this country, says the Canadian Association of University Teachers.

The 26,000-member CAUT was responding to the 1983-84 Main Estimates, tabled recently, which show the budgets of the three granting councils which fund university research will be increased by between 6 and 7 per cent.

"The government pays constant lip-service to the importance of research and innovation, and the need to educate young people in these fields in order to turn the economy around, but does far too little to bring in fundamental improvements in this area," said Ken McGovern, CAUT President. "Science Minister, Don Johnston, says that we have only 25,000 scientists and that we need many more, but there is no way we can meet the increased demand for highly

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Wife Beating—One Out of Ten

The Report on Family Violence by the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Issues has been published by the House of Commons, Canada. This report identifies the needs of battered women.

Case histories from the files of the police, courts, emergency shelters and second stage housing were submitted as evidence of this serious problem.

Attitudes of professionals dealing with battered wives were documented as well. The report comes to a number of conclusions and recommendations, and identifies areas for action by federal and provincial governments as well as private organizations.

Are you aware that statistics indicate one in every 10 women is battered? This statistic is valid across all sectors of society. Documentation of the problem will provide the basis for future action by governments at both levels.

THE NOVA SCOTIA ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU ON THIS MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM.

The Council, in its most recent newsletter, says it will meet with individuals, organizations or groups on predetermined issues; will accept briefs, petitions or suggestions concerning women's issues at its annual meeting (usually held in the Spring).

Concerns can also be presented to Council members at any of its public regional meetings or to any of its representatives who carry out field work throughout the province.

For further information contact the Advisory Council, 1657 Barrington Street, Suite 115/117, Halifax, N.S. B3J 2T3 (902) 424-8662.

alumnae update

Eight members of the alumnae were part of a large party from the Mount community to visit London, England, for a week's Theatre Tour at the end of February.

Sr. Geraldine Anthony, Mary Clancy, Mary O'Connor, Agnes Kelly, Marietta Wall, Eileen Hayes, Pat Reardon and Anna Godwin enjoyed the sunny (but cold) week in London and took in three plays — A Winter's Tale, The Way Upstream and School for Scandal — and tours arranged by Olga Broomfield of the Mount's English Department. The group stayed at the Tavistock Hotel, which was nicely central, and visits were made to the British Museum, Westminster Abbey, Petticoat Lane, Alexander Pope's villa at Twickenham, and Buckingham Palace to watch the changing of the guard.

Asked if she had enjoyed the trip, Mary O'Connor replied, "I'd be ready to go again any time, but I'd want a few days rest first!" It was a very full week!

Alumnae Bursary Awards have been awarded to the following students:

Karen Carlos (B.A.) whose mother, Judith S. Vatcher attended Mount Saint Vincent College in 1960-61 and is now living in Wappingers Falls, New York with her husband Paul Carlos.

Danielle MacDonald (B.Hec), daughter of Patricia and William MacDonald of Glace Bay, N.S. Her mother was the former Patricia Curry who received a Junior Diploma of Education at the Mount in 1957.

Theresa Roach (B.A.) daughter of Donna and Ronald Roach of Truro, Nova Scotia. Her mother was the former Donna Flinn who obtained her Medical Secretarial Diploma at the Mount in 1962.

The Sister John Elizabeth Joyce Bursary of \$100 went to Marilyn V. Johnson (B.Ed.) of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

Funding for a one-day workshop looking at the effects of micro-technology has been received from the Secretary of State's office. The workshop is co-sponsored by the Mount's Centre for Continuing Education, the Business and Professional Women's Club of Halifax, the Halifax Women's Network and the Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association. The speakers will include Mount President Dr. E. Margaret Fulton and Ottawa economist Heather Menzies. The seminar, which is open to the general public, will be held Saturday, April 23, at Seton Academic Centre. For further information contact the Centre for Continuing Education, ext. 243/244.



When Association of Atlantic Universities representatives met at the Mount recently, they were presented with a sampling of Mount Playhouse dinner theatre. Here, alumna Claudette Sapp delights the audience with excerpts from Antonine Maillet's *La Sagouine*.

Why the Busy Number?????

Staff of the university's public relations, alumnae and development offices spent more than a full working week (of a single employee) handling a total of 871 telephone calls from Jan. 18 to 29, 1982. The calls occupied 52.05 hours of their collective 10-day working period.

According to statistics kept by the seven employees of the department's three offices, 830 of the 874 calls were placed or received locally and 44 were long distance.

Outgoing calls numbered 345, compared to incoming calls of 529. Calls made between other universities and inside the Mount totalled 456, with 418 made or received from outside the university.

A total of 150 calls had to be referred to another party while 38 had to be re-dialed to make the connection with the intended party.

Statistics indicated that the department's director, Dulcie Conrad, spent 12.45 hours on the telephone during the two-week survey period with more time given to public relations matters than to alumnae and development responsibilities.

Pat Copeland and Ruth Jeppesen of the public relations office devoted 5.8 and 9.23 hours respectively to telephone calls.

At the time of the survey the alumnae officer was Michal Crowe who attended 7.93 hours of telephone time. Development officer Lynne Theriault spent 3.65 hours on the phone with office receptionist Annette Andrea putting in 10.4

hours. The alumnae records clerk (at the time, Sister Marion MacLeod) devoted 3.13 hours on telephone calls.

In several instances the alumnae records keeper expressed frustration that busy telephone lines prevented her from making needed calls. Her telephone line was (and is) shared with that of the alumnae officer.

In an effort to better distribute workload and create efficiencies, a study was also carried out to determine how much time staff spent on each project undertaken during the same two-week period.

Auditions for
The Mount Playhouse '83
Dinner Theatre and Cabaret
June 29-August 12

will be held at
Rosaria Centre
Friday, March 18, 4-6 p.m.;
Saturday, March 19, 6-8 p.m.;
Sunday, March 20, 3-5 p.m.
all in the Don McNeil Room

Seton Academic Centre
Monday, March 21, 10-12 a.m.
in Room 514

Audition for a part, or
sign up for a team.

Fun loving, totally reliable, good
sports only, please!

Contact: Renate Usmiani,
Artistic Director
Seton 514 — Telephone 221.

Mount Sisters Denounce Nuclear Arms Race

Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul (Halifax) whose members serve in Canada, the United States, Bermuda, Peru and the Dominican Republic, have joined their voices to the growing number of those united in deploring the continuing production of nuclear arms throughout the world.

A congregation-wide poll showed a high degree of support for speaking out with a "corporate voice" on the issue.

Mount Saint Vincent University is owned and operated by the Sisters of Charity of Halifax.

The following is the complete statement:

"We, the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul (Halifax) denounce the continuing proliferation of nuclear arms over and against the desperate cries of the poor and the vision and hopes of future generations.

As women religious in a global society, it is our responsibility to 'right in great ways or small the injustices we see around us...to speak peace to the troubled, to urge the mighty to right wrongs, that we may bring the compassion of Christ to all'."

This and That

Student aid and tuition fees, student employment and unemployment, and the future of higher education are some of the topics to be covered in panel discussions at a symposium on higher education to be held at Dalhousie University on March 23.

Sponsored by the Students Union of Nova Scotia, the symposium is part of a



Off to London! Students, faculty, staff, alumnae and even one lone representative from the University of Regina headed off to London, England for a theatre tour during Study Break. (The University of Regina Information Officer, Carol Raye, heard about the great bargain being organized by Mount faculty members Sr. Geraldine Anthony and Dr. Olga Broomfield, by reading an article in *The Connection*) Theatre trips have become a Study Break tradition, alternating between London and New York. A great time was had by all!

No Major Gains for Women

Statistics Canada's latest annual statistical review of university teachers contains few surprises about hiring trends at Canadian universities.

The report gives data on qualifications, age, citizenship and salaries of full-time university teachers in 1980-81 and is based on a survey of 86 universities and affiliated colleges in nine provinces.

At the time of publication no data was available for Québec universities, but estimates were made so that test tables would reflect figures for the entire country.

The report shows that:
■ the total number of full-time faculty in 1980-81 was an estimated 33,000. This compares to 5,325 in 1958-59, with the most dramatic gains in the fields of health, fine and applied arts and education;

■ women represented 16 per cent of the teaching force in 1980-81. This is not a major gain, since a ratio of 11 per cent was recorded 22 years earlier in 1958-59. In fact, the percentage of women in fields they have traditionally entered — education and the health professions — has declined over the 22 year period. On the other hand, there have been substantial increases in the humanities and social sciences;

■ the median staff salary in 1980-81 was \$34,062. Overall the salaries of women were lower than those paid to men, even within the same rank.

■ the percentage of Canadians on faculty rose from 57 per cent in 1969-70 to 77 per cent in 1970-80. But, the report adds, this is partly due to the large number of landed immigrants who have taken up Canadian citizenship.

If You Love This Planet

"If You Love This Planet" the controversial anti-nuclear film that has been in the news so much lately, will be shown at the Mount on Wednesday, March 16, Auditorium A, Seton Academic Centre from noon to 1 p.m.

Nominated for an Academy Award, this National Film Board movie raised the ire of some members of the United States Government and the U.S. Justice Department decreed that it must carry a statement declaring it is "a propaganda film" if it is to be shown in the States. In addition, anyone wishing to view the film in the States must register their name and address with the authorities. This has caused howls of rage from many Americans who feel it smacks of McCarthyism and efforts are being made to reverse the ruling.

In fact, it's been "standing room only" at the three showings of the film in Washington, D.C., sponsored by civil liberties associations.

"If You Love This Planet" will be preceded by "A Diary for a Place in Time" a sensitive documentary by local film maker John Brett about a way of life now dead — the Haida Indians of the Charlotte Islands, B.C.

Admission is free and the university community is being urged to see this remarkable program.

Fashion in Action



"New York, New York" is the theme of this year's annual fashion show presented by the Mount's Home Economics Society. Featured presentations include student designs and fashions from Whispers of Fashion, Bedford Place.

The event has become a popular showcase for the talent of clothing and textile students. This year's show will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 18 in Seton Academic Centre, Auditoriums B and C.

Admissions is \$5.00, \$3.00 for students with I.D. and tickets are available at Rosaria Information Desk, at Whispers of Fashion, or at the door. Door prizes will be awarded and a reception will follow.

Social Dance Party
featuring couples who will be
competing in the
National Dance Championships
(including Mount student
Michael Harper)
and, of course, dancing
for everyone.

Monday, March 28 in the
Multipurpose Room,
Rosaria Centre

Casual dress — cash bar
Tickets on sale at the
Athletics/Recreation Office
\$5 per person.

Sponsored by the Mount
Recreation Office and the
Maritime Conservatory School
of Dancing.

On the Move

Dr. Diana Carl recently authored an article in the Journal of Programmed Education Technology, on the Mount's DUET program. And on February 11 she spoke about the program during the Faculty Development Program at Saint Mary's University.

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Dr. Mairi Macdonald has just returned from a meeting of the board of directors of the Canadian Congress for Learning Opportunities for Women held in Toronto. She was the first president of this national organization which is now into its sixth year. She reports that the Nova Scotia C.C.L.O.W. is one of the most active in Canada. The research undertaken by the local group in conjunction with the Mount's continuing education centre has identified some of the learning needs of rural Nova Scotia women. As a result the Mount is offering a credit course in the Milford area and hoping to offer a similar one in the Sheet Harbour area this spring.

Marconi Young Scientist Award — Nominations Invited

Nominations are invited for the Marconi Young Scientist Award. Sponsored by the Marconi International Fellowship Council chaired by Mrs. Gioia Marconi-Braga, daughter of the inventor, and funded by the Herman Goldman Foundation, it is awarded to a promising young scientist no older than 27, Marconi's age at the time of his first successful transatlantic radio signal.

The recipient is chosen each year by a selection committee from the country

hosting the presentation ceremony of the prestigious Marconi award. This year Canada has been selected because of the leading role our country played in making Marconi's first transatlantic broadcast possible.

Although the nominee should be working with distinction in some field of "communications science or technology", the interpretation of the term is very broad including not only the traditional disciplines — radio, telephony, television, computer/communications, telegraphy etc. but also many other fields. These could include, for example, information science, computer systems, bionics, linguistics, medical information networks, etc., or even art or music as a medium of communication. However the person's work should be judged to be likely to have a significant impact upon the future rather than being simply a linear extrapolation of the past. In other words, the intention is that the award be anticipatory rather than retrospective.

For a list of general criteria and nomination procedures, please contact the Public Relations, Alumnae and Development Office, Evaristus 215, as soon as possible.

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qualified manpower with these budget increases."

"The rate of inflation in research," he said, "is running at about 20 per cent at the moment because of higher costs for supplies and equipment. An increase of only 6 or 7 per cent just means that we will barely stay at last year's level, let alone hope for any real growth in research funding, and makes a mockery of the government's commitment to reaching its 1.5 per cent GERD target (Gross Expenditures on Research and Development) by 1985."

University researchers started lobbying the government about seven years ago to introduce a national R & D policy which would provide for long-term stable financing and growth, and had been successful in getting slight improvements in funding during the last few years.

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