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Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Australia Has Different Solution

It's gratifying, when visiting another country, to find that certain concepts close to your own heart are actually being put to use there.

This was the experience of Dr. Andrew Manning, Chair of the Mount's Education Department, when he spent three months in Australia during the summer.

"I really believe," he says, "that education should be more personalized, and this is the route that Australian universities are going in regard to their external studies programs."

Manning says that on a larger scale, Australia has the same problems regarding scattered communities as the Atlantic Provinces, "but they have decided to use a very different concept from the technological one that is finding favour in North America."

External studies programs were in the process of being evaluated when Manning was visiting that country, so he was able to learn a great deal about the philosophy behind them which he thinks applies to Nova Scotia as well.

"They send out packaged courses to teachers," Manning explains, "with weekly reading assignments and activities for a ten week period. A unique aspect of this approach is that the response required from the student is in the form of a personal letter to the instructor, telling her/him, just what the student has got out of the assignments, and the impact they have had. In this way, instructors give the responsibility for learning to the student rather than imposing their own views from the outside."

Another plus in this form of distance education, as far as Manning is concerned, is the fact that it frees the student from time pressures, to go at her/his own pace.

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Left to right: James McKeage, of the Inside Canada Public Relations Group; 1982 scholarship winner Sheila Butler; and Mount President, Dr. E. Margaret Fulton.

Public Relations Scholarship Awarded

Sheila Butler, a fourth year public relations student at the Mount has been awarded the first Inside Canada Public Relations scholarship of \$750.

Butler, who is a native of Halifax, was on the Dean's List for 1979-81 and had won a Mount scholarship in 1980.

The latest scholarship was awarded to her on the recommendation of the faculty of the Public Relations degree program as a result of her performance in the past three years of study. She was required to produce written work on the subject of public relations of a consistently high and potentially publishable quality.

The Inside Canada Public Relations Group scholarship, which is worth a total of \$3,000, was established to commemorate its 30th anniversary and is exclusively for students of the Mount's public relations program.

Four scholarships, having a value of \$750, will be awarded in the four years 1982-85, to a student completing the third year of the program and about to enter the fourth and final year of the course.

James McKeage of J.J. McKeage and Associates, Halifax, made the award to Sheila Butler and also presented the second installment of the scholarship to the university.

alumnae update

Alumnae association president Barbara Watt, BA '81, set out her priorities for her term of office when executive members met in Rosaria Centre recently. Watt wants to attract more professional women into the association and involve them in alumnae activities. She would also like to see the association take a leadership role in sponsoring, along with the university, special seminars and lectures on current issues.

Watt, who took over the reins of the association last May, says she would like to see the alumnae more actively involved in Project One: Futures for Women (the university's current fund-raising drive). She feels, also, that communication links could be improved if association councillors had more active involvement (through a special committee) with executive members.

Another priority, outlined by Watt at the September executive meeting, was that academy graduates should be encouraged to play a more "visible role" with the association. She also wants to improve communications between members and the alumnae office; promote the growth of alumnae chapters throughout the country; and ensure the visibility of the association on and off campus.

Any project that gets alumnae, students, faculty and administration all working together has to be a good experience. The Fall Fair is a prime example of this and, as Dilly MacFarlane, the Mount's Alumnae Officer puts it, "We're really fortunate in being able to call on the co-operative resources of the entire university community to treat the public to the best Fall Fair ever."

Planning began early in the New Year and has now reached fever pitch with workshops, telethons, and the sheer logistics of getting all the donations and contributions into one place.

The Mount's Fall Fair, which this year will be on Saturday, October 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m., has long been considered one of the best events of its kind.

Twelve convenors are collecting the hundreds of items coming into the Alumnae Office and three workshops (baking, candy making and sewing) are going full tilt to produce goods in time.

Co-ordinator of all this activity is Barbara Shea, a life member of the Mount Alumnae Association and one of its hardest workers. In fact, you have to be a hard worker to earn a life membership in the Association which honours its most dedicated alumnae in this way.



Cheryl McMahon, first-year Science student.

Co-operative Education Pays

The Co-op Office has received news that all four graduates of the Co-operative Education program last spring are now employed — three of them with their last Co-op employers.

Joy Miller, a Bachelor of Home Economics (Textiles) graduate, who completed both of her work terms with Consumer and Corporate Affairs, took up her new position as a textiles specialist with that department in Ottawa in September, at a very attractive salary.

Joanne Green, Bachelor of Public Relations graduate, now married and living in Fort McMurray, is employed by Syncrude with whom she spent two of her three work terms.

Another Public Relations graduate, Nancy Burns, who spent two work terms with Shell Canada, is again employed by Shell, this time in Calgary.

And Shelley Rowan, also a Public Relations graduate who spent work terms with Alberta Public Affairs, the CBC and New Brunswick Telephone, is again living in New Brunswick and employed in the Public Relations department of Canada Post.

Summer Is Icumen In

If you're looking for ways to liven up what could be a dreary fall and winter, it might be wise to take special note of an upcoming series sponsored by Dr. Janina Konczacki in conjunction with her regular classes on the social and cultural history of the Tudor and Stuart period.

Dr. Konczacki has invited Co-op Ed. Director Ivan Blake to present a musical history of England in five parts beginning with "Summer Is Icumen In" 7 p.m., Oct. 12, in the Seton Annex lecture room. This first presentation carries the subtitle of "Beginnings to the Stuarts."

Other lectures planned include: Nov. 9 — "The Seaven Teares" (Jacobean and Restoration Music); Jan. 18 — "The Messiah" (18th Century Music); Feb. 15 — "Pirates of Penzance" (19th Century Music); and Mar. 15 — "Belshazzar's Feast" (20th Century Music).

Make Saving Easier

Again this year, Canada Savings Bonds will be available to full-time faculty and staff, on a payroll deduction plan.

A \$100 bond can be purchased for approximately \$2 a week. Exact instalment amounts will be available soon, when the interest rate is set for the bonds.

Staff should contact the Personnel Office and faculty contact the Payroll Office, for further details.

Five-Meal Plan Is Flexible

V.S. Services has made available to the Mount community "the little white card" — a five-meal plan for any students, faculty or staff who eat in the dining hall on a regular basis but are not covered by a regular meal plan.

"The little white card" means that five meals can be taken per week, either at noon or in the evening.

Cards are available for the following periods:

1. October 11 to November 5 (4 weeks for \$60)
2. November 8 to November 26 (3 weeks for \$45)
3. October 11 to November 26 (7 weeks for \$95, saving \$10)
4. November 29 to December 17 (4 weeks for \$45)

For further information contact University Services, Rosaria 228.



Left to right: Sr. Paule Cantin, General Superior, Sisters of Charity; Dr. Mairi Macdonald, Director, The Centre for Continuing Education, Mount Saint Vincent University; Li Yue-Yin, Deputy Division Chief of International Department, All China Women's Federation; and Barbara Watt, President, Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association.

East Meets West at the Mount

Differences in ideology and philosophy faded into the background when six members of the All China Women's Federation visited Canada recently.

Five of the delegates were on their first visit to this country, and will take back to China memories of a warm welcome and the things that women hold in common, regardless of where they live or what their politics may be.

They travelled the country from coast to coast, with the Mount as one of their stopping-off places where they were entertained with tea and a tour of the campus. They showed considerable interest in the Child Study Centre and the Home Economics Lab.

The purpose of the two week visit was to let the Chinese visitors experience something of the lives of Canadian women; to provide a unique opportunity for Canadian and Chinese women to exchange ideas, and to reciprocate an invitation from the All China Women's Federation given Canadian women to tour China last year.

According to a representative of the Status of Women, the Canadian host delegation, the sight that most impressed the Chinese visitors was Niagara Falls. One of the events that pleased them most was a simple hayride in Calgary, because it was "a warm, companionable and very human event". And the things that interested them, because they don't have them in China, were the dial-operated showers in the bathrooms and the kitchen gadgets that we take for granted!

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"The technological approach tends to ignore this aspect," he says, "which can be really important to students who are already in jobs, or in the home, and can't keep strict schedules."

Manning feels that both the Australian method of distance learning (which is closely patterned on the British Open University, where none of the classes are actually held in the university itself) and the technological approach, such as the Mount's DUET program, can go hand in hand. But he believes very strongly that all the investment should not go into technology.

"There's a philosophical difference be-

tween the two," he maintains, "and I feel that our present technological distance education programs are based on telling students what they should know rather than letting them learn for themselves. We need another alternative to the traditional classroom," Manning says, "I feel we must break out of that mold."

He believes that "a licence to teach doesn't mean a licence to impose your views," and he's anxious to carry this philosophy out into the distance education programs that service high school and elementary school teachers in this region.

Make Your Own Art

The Mount's Art Gallery is collaborating with Woozles, the children's bookstore, to offer a series of performances, lectures, classes and workshops which will develop interpretive programs for the Mount's fall exhibits.

Made possible, in part, by a grant from Special Assistance Programs, National Museums of Canada, the project is being conducted by teacher/performer Ellen Pierce.

In conjunction with three exhibitions at the gallery, Mirrorings, Sable Images and European Poster Designs, Ellen Pierce will conduct classes for youth at Woozles and hold performance-lectures, workshops for adults who work with children, and a special performance dealing with each exhibit, at the Mount Gallery.

"We are all creative" Pierce says, "and these workshops and classes are meant to give everyone a chance to let their creativity have its head. You don't have to be a skilled artist or craftsman to participate, because it's more about ideas than about specific skills."

Pierce explains that the workshops are an activity that couldn't go on without a gallery as a stimulus. "It's a meeting place for your own personal creativity and the work of artists, with the teacher acting as an intermediary."

Children's classes will be held at Woozles on Saturday, October 23 using Orff musical instruments and tape recorders to let children hear and create sounds and stories to extend the visual image of Sable Island; and on Saturday, November 13, when they will be working with clown make-up, costumes and movement, to illustrate how you can see the world in a different way.

Adult workshops are on Saturdays, October 30 and November 20, and will follow much the same format as the children's classes.

Performance lectures will be given by Pierce at the Gallery on two Wednesdays, October 27 and November 10, at 12:15 p.m. and special evening performances at 8:30 p.m. on November 3 and December 1.

For details call the Art Gallery at 443-4450, extension 290.

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staff file

Mount Saint Vincent University Staff Association

Since the last Staff File, four new members have joined the Staff Association. Carol Ann Lowe, a native Cape Bretoner, is with Secretarial Services staff and comes from the Atlantic Institute of Education; Janice Holmes is the new secretary in the Computer Services, Math and Religious Studies departments; Lynne Dossett (Fall '82 graduate) is the new secretary in the Home Economics department. She is a native of British Columbia but has been in Halifax for the last four years. Ray Imai is new to the Audio-Visual department. Also, Yvelle Dupere has returned to the Cataloguing Department of the Library, following a maternity leave (she now has a baby daughter).

Three members of the executive — the president, vice-president and secretary — will finish their terms in February. These positions must be filled and Staff Association members are encouraged to start thinking of nominees. Questions as to the duties of any of the above-named positions should be directed to the person holding the position now.

Plans must soon be made for the Christmas party. It seems early, but areas book up quickly. Will it be on or off campus this year? Should members be allowed to bring guests for a nominal fee? Any suggestions or comments should be sent to the executive members as soon as possible.

If you have any news for the Staff File, please contact Carol Belliveau at the Conference Office, ext. 351 or 364.

Summer Research Awards Available

The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council has announced its 1983 competition for awards to enable undergraduate students to gain research experience in science and engineering.

The program consists of two types of award: one tenable in Canadian universities and the other tenable in Canadian industrial organizations.

Students interested in applying for a university award should contact the chair of their major department immediately; applications must be submitted to the Office of Research and Special Projects by December 1, 1982.

Students wishing to apply for an industrial award can obtain details from the Office of Research and Special Projects, Evaristus 205.



Sizwe Bansi Dead

The Mount's Political Studies Department is sponsoring a performance of *Sizwe Bansi is Dead*, a play that deals with the frustrations and despair of blacks living under apartheid in South Africa.

Written by the acclaimed white South African playwright Athol Fugard (who is called "the white man's conscience" by his black friends) — the play stars Karanga Njoroge, a Kenyan student at Dalhousie University who was also a student at the Mount in Dr. Larry Fisk's class; and David Woods, a writer and painter who works with Nova Scotia's Black United Front.

It will be performed in Seton Auditorium B/C on Friday, October 15 at 8 p.m.

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