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Caribou herds fitted with satellite collars

Modern technology is helping Dr. Fred Harrington of the Mount's Psychology department in his research on the effect of low-flying jet aircraft on the caribou herds of Labrador.

A number of animals in two herds, the Red Wine herd and the George River herd, have been fitted with satellite collars carrying radio transmitters which send coded signals to weather satellites every minute over an eight-hour period each day. The collars record information on the animals' movements and activities.

The Mount is the first university to use the commercially produced collar for this type of research.

Harrington was in Labrador for more than a month during the period of his research, camping out and observing the caribou from the ground. On one occasion he camped on a small island in the middle of the Red Wine River while 35 jets flew low overhead, to enable him to measure sound levels.

"Every morning at 7 a.m. we would receive a print-out from the satellite of the animals' movements. I would call in the information to the military and request that their pilots try to fly over all or one of our 'exposure' animals and to avoid the 'control' animals. In this way I hope to find out the animals' reactions to low-flying jets."

Harrington says that native groups in the area think they see differences in the caribou herds since the advent of low-flying jets. "They're afraid the jets will chase the herds out of Labrador," he says.

Working with Harrington on the project is Al Veitch, a graduate student from Memorial University now doing master's degree at the University of Minnesota.

Next Spring they will be camping in the Red Wine Mountains and Harrington says they will require one more full season before coming to any conclusions in their research.



Gudrun Agnarsdottir, member of the Women's Party Alliance and elected member of the National House of Assembly in Iceland, was at the Mount recently to lecture on "Women and the Political Process."

Sponsored by the Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women and the Mount's Institute for the Study of Women, she was touring the Atlantic Provinces before going on to lecture in New York and London, England.

A reception was held for her at the Mount when she met informally with faculty and students. With her in the photo are L to R: Dr. Jane Gordon, president of the Mount's faculty association and assistant professor in the sociology department; Dr. Agnarsdottir, sociology major Elizabeth Stoddard and sociology honours student Diana Steele.

Contract awarded for the communications building

The Halifax architect firm of Dumaresq and Byrne Limited has been awarded the contract to design the multi-million dollar state-of-the-art information technology facility at Mount Saint Vincent University, it was announced recently.

Board of Governors Chairman, Dr. Judith Gold, said the company had worked in the past on several Mount projects, including Rosaria Centre, and that it was known for its ability to work within budget.

"The company has also agreed to appoint a senior woman architect to work on this project and board members wanted this to be a condition of the contract," said Dr. Gold.

The university has been planning for improved library, television and computer facilities for many years with space and equipment adequate to meet the needs of growing collections and programs for its growing population — up almost 20 per cent again this year.

"Plans will take into account the broad changes in the scholarly communication process and the new building will provide increased computing power and new telecommunication services," said Dr. Gold.

The building will be 90 per cent funded by a \$3,000,000 capital grant from the Government of Nova Scotia.

Mount president, Dr. Naomi Hersom, has announced that purchasing officer, Paul Reyno, has been placed on special assignment to provide liaison with the architects and contractors and with all those in the university on matters related to this project, up to six months after its completion.

Hersom said, "Reyno is knowledgeable and has had related experience gained in previous employment situations. As our purchasing officer, he has acquired a broad knowledge of both academic and service units within the university and he will continue to supervise that office."

Profile



Marie Kelly

If there's one person who knows this university inside-out and backwards, it's Marie Kelly, co-ordinator of physical plant.

She's seen four presidents installed at the Mount and has worked in half a dozen different capacities over the years. Now, she's in a spot that suits her perfectly. "I'm convinced," she laughs, "that I was born to be the chatelaine of a great house. This is the closest I can get to it, and I love it!" Kelly graduated from the Mount Saint Vincent Academy in 1949 with a general excellence medal. After she married, she spent a dozen years travelling with her engineer husband and their two daughters in Australasia and the Orient. On returning to Halifax she took her first job at the Mount, in the registrar's office, in 1971. It didn't last long! Her husband was transferred to Australia for what he thought would be a three-year term, and she packed up their belongings once again to make the 10,000 mile move. But the contract fell through and they were back in Halifax by late 1972.

This time Kelly went to work in the Mount's business office and shortly afterwards was made executive secretary for the first Mount Saint Vincent University fund drive, a special project of the alumnae office. Not long after, she discovered she had cancer, but continued working while taking treatment. Her optimism carried her along until 1975 when, she remembers, "the cancer became worse, and I really believed I was going to die. But then," she smiles, "I changed my mind!"

She stopped working for that year, but was back at the Mount on a part-time basis to organize the installation of Sister Albertus, the Mount's fifth president, for the public relations office. "I slid into the PR office for another few months after that," she says, "and then was appointed Purchasing Officer in 1976."

During that time the university made the decision to computerize the Purchasing Office and Kelly was

commissioned to work with the WYCOVE programmer to create the purchasing management software. Kelly has had a long-standing love affair with computers ever since and says, "I believe in making the beasts work!"

After more than seven years as Purchasing Officer, Kelly felt she wanted a change of pace, and resigned. "I wanted to take some courses," she says, "but I wanted to work as well, so I became night manager of the front lobby of Evaristus for the next two years! It was very peaceful and relaxed but I suppose I was suffering from a form of hubris, thinking I could work and study at the same time!"

She dropped the courses and set up a small free-lance business for office services. However, when Neita Castle, the former co-ordinator of physical plant, left to take a position with the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, Kelly was asked to fill in for her and was subsequently offered the job on a permanent basis.

Computers are once again very much part of the scene. The physical plant office is using a time-manager program which includes a housekeepers schedule, key control and housekeeping supplies.

"I'm looking forward to the day when the entire physical plant will be computerized," Kelly says, "when all of us will be sharing a network."

Kelly thinks that women are much too modest about their capabilities. "When I was a housewife," she points out, "I was a dedicated and prominent volunteer. In that capacity you learn more than some high level executives and many women are involved in this type of volunteer work."

Apart from her continuing fascination with computers, Kelly, who is a life member of the Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association, now keeps her spare time occupations down to writing and sewing. She was author of the successful production "Don't Stir Me," which played on campus to capacity audiences a few years ago and has been involved with the Mount Playhouse, creating costumes, since it was formed in 1982.

When asked if she likes gardening, she says, "Good heavens, no! The only things I ever grew were Kate and Bridget!" (her two daughters).

Kelly says of herself, "I laugh a lot, and I don't suffer in silence. If I've acquired a philosophy in life it's this — laughter will get you through almost anything, especially if you can laugh at yourself."



Camp Mushamush "a good idea"

Mount student union president, Susan Smith, recently organized a successful Council Weekend Retreat at Camp Mushamush, where, as she says, "the council could get to know one another and learn more about the business of running a student council."

Following Friday sessions at the Mount on such subjects as time management, public relations and survival techniques, 15 councillors took off by bus on Saturday, September 20, for the two-day camp to combine sports, swimming, good food and good company with workshops, mock debates and a certain amount of role playing, which Smith says was very popular!

"I wish all the council members had come along," Smith says, "but the 15 who did sign up said that they were sorry for those who hadn't gone and it was well worth the small fee of \$27."

Following an evaluation at the end of the weekend, the consensus was that

similar retreats should be regular events. Smith feels sure the word will get around that it was a very worthwhile experience and perhaps more council members will take part next time.

Home Ec. award

Patricia Lynn Williams, a Mount co-op home economics student has been awarded the prestigious Junior Year Scholarship by the Nova Scotia Home Economics Association.

Professor Alleyne Murphy, chair of the home economics department, says, "The scholarship identifies for the profession the outstanding home economics students in the province and is awarded just once each year."

A number of Mount students in the past have received this special award. Williams is a third year student majoring in foods and nutrition.



Dr. Hugh Pilkington (R) who was recently at the Mount on a Canada-wide tour sponsored by the World University Service of Canada, chats with the Mount's two WUSC-sponsored refugee students Gisyabanon Beydaghian from Iran (left) and Priscilla Bengo from Uganda.

Pilkington meets with student refugees

"The expression 'case load' sends shivers down my spine!"

In a nutshell this describes the philosophy of Dr. Hugh Pilkington, in his very personal approach to the problems of African refugees. "Every refugee is an individual needing assistance," he says, "and when large numbers of refugees are described as 'case loads' it really bothers me."

Pilkington was visiting the Mount on a Canada-wide tour sponsored by World University Service of Canada, to familiarize himself with the WUSC refugee network and to meet student refugees.

His approach is unusual. "I sit in my garden in Nairobi (Kenya) with my toes turned up," he says, "and wait for the refugees to come to me for advice."

Pilkington has many, many contacts and is in a position to direct refugee students to the organizations that can be of most help to them. "But I don't personally belong to any organizations," he says, "because then I would become restricted. My life is people, not committees."

Pilkington was born and educated in England. He has a Ph.D. in Oriental languages; studied classics at Cambridge University for his undergraduate degree and received an honors degree from Oxford in Hebrew and Arabic.

He has lived in Kenya since 1968, and taught at the University of Nairobi in the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies from 1971 to 1978, before taking out Kenyan citizenship.

"Refugees are flooding into Kenya from Ethiopia and Uganda," he says. "Some have been stateless in Kenya for 25 years. I try to help them find sponsors, to get into appropriate institutions."

Pilkington made a tour of Africa recently under the sponsorship of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees and WUSC and has since compiled a directory of higher education for refugees.

He will be in Canada for about seven weeks, visiting more than 30 universities across the country.

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND THOUGHTS



by Ruth Jefferson,
Mount Chaplain

I don't know anybody at Mount Saint Vincent who doesn't appreciate a long weekend. Do you? Each year October brings with it one such event, marking national Thanksgiving. It is a seasonal holiday that includes quite a mixture of traditional practices, evoking a wide range of responses for us.

These traditions, both secular and religious, are legion for families, churches and organizations. In the Christian church we sing hymns of thanksgiving and give thanks to God for the abundant harvest and God's love for humankind.

For many families the preparation of the turkey, ham or pumpkin pie provides a welcome and a nostalgic smell for gatherings at home or in the restaurant. Cottage owners often "close up" for the winter months; chores around the house usually include raking up the leaves or making sure the wood is stacked for the winter nights around the fireplace.

Sometimes friends gather for a hike in the woods or a camp fire on the beach. Thanksgiving church suppers are held in many villages throughout the province.

Around us on this weekend nature reminds us of the rhythm of life. Birds are flying south to escape the cold winter; the bright array of poplar and maple leaves start to be covered with a white frost in the mornings, like the covering of a thermal blanket. The days shorten and the harvest moon shines to brighten up the dark evenings.

In all of these various ways, there is a sense of both society and nature preparing for a new phase of being.

At some point over the Thanksgiving weekend, I think that many people pause to reflect on all the richness of this land for which we can be grateful. As we offer our thanks for the food that is placed before us at this

time of year, we can also be aware that we live in a world where many are hungry. This hunger is not because there is a world food shortage, but a production and distribution problem. The distribution dilemma is complex, but it cannot be ignored. May we feel gratitude for our holiday dinner and all the food that is ours, without turning our backs on the hunger needs within our community and in many other parts of the world scene.

The Thanksgiving weekend is also a time of thankfulness for family and friends, and for all who love and support us. Those people who enrich our lives are very important. Within the university community at Mount Saint Vincent, we can also be thankful for having people of different faiths and traditions. When we embrace and care for our sisters and brothers in our great diversity, a rich human experience becomes ours to appreciate.

On this weekend, too, as we reflect upon the quiet falling of the leaves and the death that must come before we can once again have Spring in all its glory, we also consider our own mortality and ponder anew the meaning of life. The Christian church gives thanks for the Son of God who was willing to die for each one of us. Through this death new life comes for all who believe in Him. May our response of thankfulness of heart prompt us into a way of discipleship of the cross.

We can be thankful this weekend in our hearts for our friends and families and all who enrich our lives.

We can say thank you by being involved in positive ways to strengthen our home, university and world communities.

Thus, may this particular long weekend help us all to diminish suspicion and increase the concept of wholeness of the human family! HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Installation celebrations

In continuation of last weekend's celebrations on the occasion of the Installation of Dr. Naomi Hersom as the Mount's seventh president and vice-chancellor, several special events are planned for the next few days.

A special symposium, "Making History" will be held Monday and Tuesday, October 6 and 7, with internationally-known art historian Linda Nochlin as keynote speaker, at 15 p.m. Monday. Her topic will be "Women, Art and Power in the 19th Century: Iconography and Ideology."

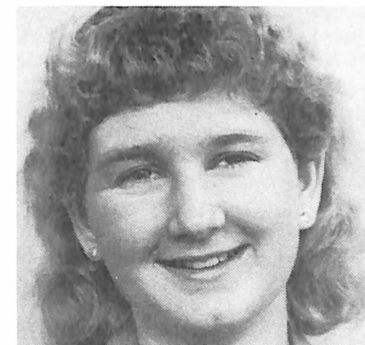
On Tuesday, talks and panel discussions will be held from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. on the theme, "Across the

Centuries."

Other events include an art history series, a film series and dramatic readings. Call Mount Saint Vincent University Art Gallery, 443-4450, extension 160, for further details.

Also scheduled for this week, in conjunction with the Installation celebrations, are the Elizabeth Seton Lectures, with Dr. Denise Lardner Carmody giving three public lectures on women and religion, Tuesday October 7 at 8 p.m. and Wednesday, October 8 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Call the Department of Religious Studies for further details.

Science is for women, Mount student believes



Kim Gates, third year Science student at the Mount, is one of a small number of women who want to make a career in the sciences. She will be graduating in the Spring, majoring in biology, and her next move is to go to medical school "wherever I can get in, although I'd prefer it to be Dalhousie because then I'd be close to home."

Gates has applied to a number of universities, including Memorial University of Newfoundland, McGill University and University of Toronto.

Her main interest is in internal medicine and she's been lucky enough to work during summer breaks with Dr. Adam Marble at the Technical University of Nova Scotia on the development of bio-medical instrumentation. "We were developing heart catheters and devices to be implanted in hearts," she says. Gates feels that her interest in this particular aspect of medicine would be useful if for some reason she couldn't get into medical school for a couple of years. "I would take an honours degree, in that case," she says, "and I would be able to do my thesis on bio-medical instrumentation."

Gates' volunteer work at the Victoria General Hospital has given her insights and a great deal of sympathy for the suffering of patients. "I'd really like to help alleviate pain wherever I can," she says. "I feel that there's a lot to be done to improve relationships between doctors and patients." She's a great advocate of the "personal approach" and says this is why she feels so comfortable at the Mount. "They treat you like an individual here," she says. "It's small, friendly and caring and I really feel that the faculty are sincere about their work."

In addition to science and medicine, Gates has wide interests outside the academic field. She's lucky enough to have parents who believe in travel and have taken her and her brother to who have taken her and her brother to the provinces of Canada. Her father is a technologist at TUNS and her mother is a nurse, "so there's a lot of understanding and support for my interest in science," Gates says.

The family lives at Timberlea, but also owns, together with other

relatives, a farm in the Valley, which Gates visits often. "I love the outdoors, and animals," she says "in fact, there's nothing that doesn't interest me."

She lives in residence on campus and every morning gets up at dawn to go walking around the Motherhouse. "The other students think I'm crackers," she admits, "but I just enjoy being out at that hour of the morning."

Gates feels that life holds lots of options for her. "I've never had the experience of being told that I can't do something because I'm a woman," she says, "although I've often been asked, 'Are you SURE you want to do this?'" She feels very strongly that more women should be thinking of careers in the sciences.

On the move

Dr. Janina Konczacki, of the Mount's History department, has had her article "Canadian Explorer Captain William G. Stairs and the Occupation of Katanga: a Forgotten Episode in the Scramble for Africa" published in the summer issue of the *Dalhousie Review*.

Dr. Larry Fisk, Political Studies, was one of a number of lecturers in an evening series, Preparing for Peace, held at the Halifax Regional Library in September and October. His subject was "Can Peace Research and Education Make a Difference? Lessons from Scandinavia."

Sr. Sheila Martin attended the 30th Congress of the International Union of Physiological Sciences (IUPS) in Vancouver this summer. She gave a presentation entitled "Diazepam and Body Temperature in the Conscious Rabbit"; was an invited participant in a workshop "The Future Physiologists — the Role of High Schools, Colleges and Universities" and was one of the two delegates representing the Canadian Physiological Society at the general assembly of the IUPS.

A tape — Wolves and Humans — produced by the Science Museum of Minnesota, has just been released, which features Dr. Fred Harrington of the Mount's Psychology department and his work on wolf vocalization. The tape was part of an eight-month exhibit held at the museum which also travelled extensively. Harrington worked with the museum on this project during his sabbatical and the exhibit will be in Ottawa in two years' time, before being permanently housed in the Wolf Centre in Minnesota. Harrington contributed a lot of ideas to the exhibit and provided all script and narration for the "wolf talk."

THE PEACE BEAT

by Pat Copeland

The following are snippets of interesting information taken from the Arms Control Chronicle, a publication of the Canadian Centre for Arms Control and Disarmament:

US Air Force spokesman Major Fred Harrop told reporters in Edmonton last April that a technician's failure to properly attach a cord on an air-intake cover caused the crash of a USAF air-launched cruise missile into the Beaufort Sea on February 25.

A Gallup poll conducted early this year found that 86 per cent of Canadians regard it as important that the US and USSR reach an arms control agreement within the next few years.

According to NATO figures cited by the Toronto Star, Canada's real defence spending has risen about 11 per cent in the past two years, second only to the US among NATO members. Department of National Defence figures show an average rise of 5 1/2 per cent a year since 1982. By the year 2000, according to the Star, an estimated \$55 billion may be needed to fulfill Canada's commitments to NATO and NORAD.

MP Jim Fulton told the House on March 4 that, contrary to Minister of National Defence Erik Nielsen's statement on February 24, that no chemical weapons were being produced in Canada, he (Fulton) had confirmation from three sources with the Department of National Defence and the minister's own staff that Soman, Sarin, Tabun and VX, all lethal chemical warfare agents causing death by suffocation, as well as CW agent T-2370 and mustard gas, were being produced at the Defence Research Establishment in Suffield, Alberta. The government's position is that the agents are produced in very small quantities solely for defensive purposes.

The US Council on Foreign Relations published a study by two separate panels of American and European experts on the problem of nuclear proliferation. One of the conclusions reached by both panels was that a US-USSR agreement on halting nuclear testing would go a long way towards preventing additional countries from acquiring nuclear weapons.

Dr. Seth studies single-parent families

Mount Saint Vincent University Economics professor, Dr. Ram Seth, has presented a brief to the Department of the Attorney-General for Nova Scotia, which is being considered with regard to family benefits received by single-parent families.

His report, entitled "Socio-Economic Aspects of Nova Scotian Lone-Parent Families and Family Benefits Recipients," was submitted in June.

"One of the reasons they approached me to do this research," says Dr. Seth, "is that the Mount is known as a place of research on women's issues and hence we can make a useful contribution to the debate." Seth has also done several previous research projects for both the provincial and federal governments.

His main concern was to analyze the socio-economic status of female lone-parent families vis-a-vis their male counterparts, but he also focused on hardships faced by two other groups — the elderly and the disabled.

Seth tried to identify "fundamental economic differences between two distinct categories of social welfare recipients . . . (those) who are eligible to receive family benefits if they are in need — female lone-parents such as deserted, unmarried, widowed and divorced mothers, along with wives of prisoners, the disabled, the elderly and foster parents" (referred to in the report as the FBA group). The second category "comprises heads of male lone-parent families who face economic hardships due to poverty

and high unemployment. This group receives general financial assistance from respective municipalities" and was called the MSA group.

In his conclusions, Seth stated that: "Members of the FBA group have a much lower labour force participation rate than their male counterparts; even with regard to part-time and casual employment, female members of the FBA group recorded a lower employment rate than their male counterparts in the MSA group . . .

"Data . . . confirm that female lone-parent families need financial assistance over a long period. Male lone parents, on the other hand, do not experience long-term economic hardships.

"Overall, females suffer from an economic disadvantage in the labour market. In 1980, a Nova Scotia female's average annual earning from all occupations was 65.03 per cent of the earning of her male counterpart, and the earnings of female lone-parents were 47 per cent of that of male lone-parents.

"Female family benefits recipients occupy positions in low-wage female dominated occupations, while single parent fathers on MSA work in predominantly male occupations which pay higher wages . . .

"Approximately half of the female lone-parent families are paying 35 per cent or more of their incomes in the form of rent."

Seth says, "no matter what happens to the population growth in Canada over the next 25 years or so, the number of female single-parent families will grow. This comes through very strongly in the analysis of the report" and he hopes to do further research and predictions into the actual increases that can be expected in Nova Scotia and, indeed, in each of the provinces across Canada.

Deans' List announced

More than 160 students have been named to Mount Saint Vincent University's Deans' List, on the basis of their academic performance during the 1985-86 academic year.

To attain a place on the Deans' List, a student must achieve an average of 80 percent or better in five units of credit, with no subject below 70 percent.

Congratulations are extended to the following students:

From Halifax: Rodney Benteau, Sandra Boutilier, Dawn Brown, Dana Bryant, Pauline Champion, Paul Claude, Michael Corkum, Pamela Dickie, Barbara Duewel, Linda Gibson, Ann Godfrey, Christina HachXS, Beth Hammond, Janey Hughes, Doreen Hutchings, Leanna Kettner, Barbara Le Blanc, Kimberly Lovely, Lorraine MacCormack, Diane MacGregor, Joel MacIntyre, Judith MacNeill, Martha McGinn.

Christina Munroe, David Nakai, Debra O'Quinn, Kenneth Podrouzek, Nancy Richards, Nancy Roberts, Beverly Roy, Gwen Ruggles, Ann Marie Schenk, Cecilia Si, Lindita Walker, Michael Walker, Patricia Wamboldt, Cathy Welch, Marsha Whittemore, Charlene Winchcombe, Kimberley Zafiris.

Dartmouth students were: Saun Barker, Melanie Barrett, Lynn Branner, Isabel Caldwell, Martha Barnstead, Marilyn Croft, Andrew Crozier, Lisa Davis, Nishi Dhawan, Twila Ernst, Karen Gibson, Arlene Gravelle, Brenda MacIsaac, Theresa Major, Marsha Moir, Harold Mooney, Janet Naugle, Catharine Proctor, Leanne Rodwell, Susan Denise Smith, Diana Steele, Pamela Stuckless, Tanya Turner, Elizabeth Wasylasko.

From Bedford/Sackville: Deborah Campbell, Paul Clairmont, Deborah Higgs, Lisa Jones, Martha Loncarevic, Laina Lynch, Tracy Lynds, Natalie MacLean, Andrea MacNaughton, Estella Prince, David Ward, Darlene Webb.

Other Nova Scotia students named to the Deans' List were: Laurence Boudreau, Petit de Gras; Carolyn Boutilier, Tantallon; Margaret Brown, Granville Ferry; Glenda Burrows, Windsor Junction; Dale Coates, Shad Bay; Angela Colburne, Truro; Tamara Connors, Bras D'Or; Susan Copen, Stellarton; Lisa Courtney, Lunenburg; Helene D'Entremont, Lower West Pubnico; Rosanne D'Eon, West Pubnico; Charlene Favaro, Glace Bay; Paula Ferguson, Milton; Lee Anne Forward, Trenton; Kimberly Gates, Timberlea; Janice Gavin, Bridgewater; James Grant, Waverley; Mitzy Grimshaw, Yarmouth.

Claire Hanlon, Truro; Janice Henwood, Parrsboro; Susan Hogg, Middleton; Carmen Johnstone, (continued on page 6)



"It's never too late to learn" says grandmother

"I've worked at so many piddling little jobs I got fed up with it, and I've wanted to get a better education all my life."

These words tell why Joyce Bennisson, mature student at the Mount, is here working towards a degree in home economics.

Bennisson, mother of four and grandmother of 10 children, was taken out of school by her mother at the age of 15. "I only had grade seven," she says, "but I was put to work in a hotel laundry. There were seven of us and not one ever attended university — we were all taken out of school early." In those days, she says, her parents only earned \$70 a week, so putting the family to work was a necessity.

Bennisson was married in 1958 when she was 20 years old and travelled with her husband, a member of the armed forces, in Manitoba, New Brunswick and Germany. "I've done so many different things," Bennisson says, "I've cleaned fish, been a security guard, worked behind the counter at Tim Horton's and McDonald's, been a crossing guard and made salads for the officer's mess when my husband was in the armed forces."

In spite of a lack of formal education, Bennisson has been a great reader all her life and over the years put herself through GED Grade XI on her own time.

"When I first decided to come to university my family said I wouldn't be able to do it because I'm too old! But they're all behind me now that I'm here," Bennisson says with a determined gleam in her eye.

She's thrilled to be at the Mount, she says, and is beginning to relax in class after being very nervous for the first few days. "I haven't seen anybody near my age in my class," she says, "but I enjoy being with the young people — I like to hear their views on

As well as taking home economics, Bennisson is doing courses in English, speech and drama. She admits that she will probably find it hard writing essays and lab reports at first but is gaining confidence every day.

Task force reports on sexist bias in research

Professor Alleyne Murphy, chair of the home economics department, was part of a 22 member Social Science Federation of Canada (SSFC) task force which recently presented its final report on the elimination of sexist bias in research.

Murphy, who represented the Canadian Association for Research in Home Economics, was on the task force for two years. It had as its objective the development of a strategy to eliminate sexist biases within the social sciences, biases which are detrimental to all scholars and especially harmful to the interests of women.

The report made the point that information on sexist bias had remained almost exclusively in the feminist research community for too long and needed to become integrated into social sciences.

"The Social Science Federation of Canada has a potentially unique role to play in providing information concerning sexist biases in research and institutionally developed ways of attempting to combat these biases . . . We recommend, therefore, that the

SSFC establish a permanent Committee on the Status of Women in the Social Sciences to carry out these tasks in conjunction with the adjunct members who represent each association," the report stated.

The report includes discussion of topics such as awareness of sex bias in research within professional associations, monitoring of sexism in scholarly publishing, women in research communication — editorial boards and assessors, and women in social science associations.

The task force used mailed questionnaires to determine awareness within the Canadian social science community of the existence of sex bias in research and to identify policies and actions to reduce and eliminate sexist research.

Data were gathered in 1984 from professional associations, from publishers and journal editors in Canada and the results indicated that the extent to which sexist bias has been identified as a problem within the social sciences varied widely.

Copies of the report can be obtained for \$10 from the SSFC Secretariat.

Free lunch with a goal of \$7,000



The Mount's United Way campaign will kick off this week with a lunch, provided by Versa Services, in Vinnie's Pub between 12 noon and 2 p.m., Monday, October 6 for anyone interested.

Michael Merrigan, Executive Assistant to the President, is chair of this year's steering committee and together with other members — including director of personnel, Bonnie Broderick; vice-president (academic) Dr. Pauline Jones; staff association president Tom Barrett; Wendy Fraser, from the United Way; Amy Thurlow representing student council; and Ruth Jeppesen of the public relations office — Merrigan will see that all Mount employees are contacted over the next two weeks.

Universities have traditionally had a lower participation rate than the city average for the United Way; and the Mount is no exception, probably due to its own fund-raising campaigns. However, as Merrigan says, "each year we try to increase the participation rate and the level of giving . . . and this year's goal is a total of \$7,000 for the

campus."

A payroll deduction plan is available, and donations can now be designated to a specific charity.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the kick-off lunch, or to contact one of the steering committee members for details.

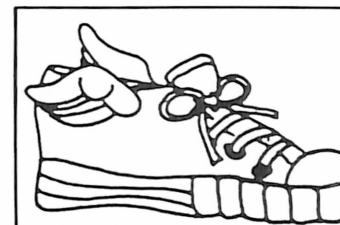
No butts about it

Canadian smokers have created a smokers' rights lobby, according to a recent report in Halifax's Daily News. "and the new organization's first act was to deny it is a tool of the tobacco companies."

Michel Bedard, president of Smokers' Freedom Society, said his group received \$100,000 in aid from Canada's four largest tobacco companies, its unions and tobacco growers and wholesalers, but he denied any suggestion the group was "merely a front for the industry."

He said they were not there to protect the companies but to protect the liberty of smokers. "The protection of non-smokers has hurt the freedom of smokers. . . . smoking has become equivalent to an antisocial act."

Bedard said his group, based on the British smokers' organization FOREST, "will aim to 'restore the respectability of smoking'"



FOR THE RUN OF IT

5 or 10-km run/jog/walk

starting at 10 a.m.
Sunday, October 19

Seton Academic Centre
Mount Saint Vincent University

Proceeds to Adsum House and the Mount's athletics/recreation programs

Registration \$5 but participants are encouraged to solicit sponsors for more than \$5 minimum

Registration forms/sponsor sheets available from the Athletics/Recreation Office, Rosaria Centre

Conferences of interest

A one-day workshop to explore opportunities for co-operation among Atlantic universities, colleges, institutes and non-governmental organizations in international health will be held at Dalhousie University on November 1. Interested participants with some experience and knowledge of international health problems can contact the Pearson Institute at Dalhousie University. A \$10 registration fee will cover lunch and coffee/juice.

A one-day conference on academic freedom is being held at the Glendon College campus of York University, November 2. Admission is free. The conference, sponsored by the Harry Crowe Memorial Trust, will look at some case studies related to academic freedom, its limits, current challenges to academic freedom and discuss "The Crowe affair — was academic freedom an issue?"

The 16th annual Atlantic Schools of Business conference will be hosted by the faculty of administration, University of New Brunswick, October 23-25. The program includes a plenary session on the role for government in regional business development, a research forum on international management and business opportunities with Pacific Rim countries and presentation of about 60 research papers. For further details contact Prof. Hem C. Jain, Chair, ASBC Organizing Committee, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, N.B. E3B 5A3.

Osteoporosis: what is it? an information session

One in four Canadian women suffers from osteoporosis. What is this disease which currently affects more than 250,000 Canadians? A special information session will be held at Mount Saint Vincent University, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 21 at Seton Academic Centre, Auditorium B.

Three experts in the field will talk about the disease in general terms as well as offering simple preventive measures.

Dr. David Hogan will review and define osteoporosis. He is medical director of the Geriatric Day Hospital, Camp Hill Hospital, as well as being on the consulting staff of Victoria General Hospital and teaching in the Department of Medicine at Dalhousie University.

Dr. Susan Whiting, Assistant Professor of Home Economics at the Mount, will talk about nutritional factors in the development of the disease and offer some

recommendations with regard to prevention. Dr. Whiting teaches courses in clinical nutrition and advanced foods, and has done considerable research in the areas of nutrition and osteoporosis.

Health educator, Jean Shaw, will give an overview of exercise/activity and its relationship with the disease. Shaw has been with the Halifax YMCA's preventive medicine centre for seven years and teaches fitness and health education programs for various special groups, including elderobics (for those over 55) and "Times Change," for women 40 to 60 years of age.

Executive Director of the Osteoporosis Society, Elizabeth Mason, will also be on hand for the information session, which is co-sponsored by the society, Mount Saint Vincent University and Sandoz Pharmaceuticals.

Admission is free and all are welcome.

DEANS LIST (from page 4)

Tantallon; Lisa Kaulback, Blockhouse; Sherri Kempton, Port Williams; Marina Klein, Westmount; Gail Langille, Lower Sackville; Joyce Ledwidge, Porter's Lake; Jennifer Lyons, Glace Bay; Connie MacIver, River Denys; Kimberly MacKeigan, Port Morien; Betty Lou MacPhee, Shubenacadie; Kerry MacPherson, Middle Musquodoboit; Paula McCullough, Barton; Deborah McDonald, Sydney; Carol Lee McInnes, Pictou; Deborah McMahon-Morehouse, Deep Brook; Maureen McNeill, Enfield; Mary Mercer, Lantz; Patricia Nicholson, New Waterford; Janice Oickle, Bridgewater.

Robyn Osgood, New Glasgow; Amy Parker, Bridgetown; Lillian Peach, Port Morien; Deborah

Robichaud, Yarmouth; Susan Maria Smith, Kentville; Elizabeth Strang, Greenwood; Mary Theriault, Bridgewater; Amy Thurlow, Digby; Suzanna Tingley, Lake Fletcher; Karen White, Amherst; Sheri White, Kennetcook; Anne Marie Whynot, Brooklyn; Patricia Williams, Lockport; Katherine Wisborg, Lower Sackville.

From New Brunswick: Jacqueline Beals, Hillsborough; Lauren Biggs, Riverview; Carol Downey, Moncton; Chantal Haché, Moncton; Gary Hall, Norton; Karen Lawson, Nackawic; Nathalie LeBlanc, Cap-Pele; Carolyn LeBreton, Loggieville; Elaine Malone, Moncton; Mary Elizabeth McNally, Moncton; Juanita Mombourquette, Riverview; Sandra Travers, Fredericton; Carolyn Steeves, Moncton; Michele Wilson, Riverview.

Prince Edward Island students: Christine Delodder, Montague; Sandra Gaudet, Alberton; Mary Haire, Summerside; Gina Small, Summerside; Kathy Taylor, Summerside; Donna Turner, Kensington; Carol Watts, Little York. Newfoundland students named to the Deans' List were: Mary Archer, St. John's; Roxanne Fogwill, Millertown; Jean Quigley, Fleur-de-Lys; Moya Smith, St. John's.

From Ontario: Lynn Coskery, Mississauga; Patricia Phelan, Peterborough; Patricia Schaap, Stayner.

International students named to the Deans' List were: Hoi Wa Hong, Hong Kong; Ying Hong Ng, Hong Kong; Sandra Ray, Bermuda; Polly Sin, Hong Kong; Yam Ngo Tay, Singapore; Gloria Wong, Hong Kong.



The Mount's two chaplains have started a regular Monday morning drop-in on the mezzanine floor of the Art Gallery. The first was held on September 22, when Andrew Murray, from the national Student Christian Movement office in Toronto, joined the group. The idea is for students to drop by for coffee, tea or juice between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. each Monday to discuss plans for the coming year, or just for a chat. L to R: Andrew Murray, Marie Salamy, Rev. Ruth Jefferson, Sr. Lorraine d'Entremont, Edith Rushton and Angela Christain.

Tourism industry co-ordinator

Judith Cabrita has been appointed to the one-year position of industry co-ordinator for the Mount's new Tourism and Hospitality Management degree program. A graduate of Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, Toronto, where she obtained a diploma in hotel, resort and restaurant administration in 1955, Cabrita has wide experience in the tourism industry both in a managerial capacity and as an instructor for a number of the industry's programs. She has also undertaken many counselling assignments ranging from advice on time management and feasibility studies for small businesses, to overall reviews of seasonal hotels.

She is a member of several tourist-related associations including the Canadian Hospitality Institute, Canadian and Nova Scotia Restaurant and Food Service Association and the

Canadian Food Service Executives Association.

"Nutrition and the science of the food business has become very complex," Cabrita says. "It's now a very sophisticated industry which requires marketing skills, product knowledge and financial management."

START MAKING YOUR COSTUME!

The next Mount Saint Vincent University Community Happy Hour will be a Halloween party with special treats for those in costume.

4-6 p.m.
Friday, October 24
University Club
5 College Road

Theatre trip

The Annual London Theatre Trip, sponsored by the English department under the direction of Sister Geraldine Anthony, will take place from February 22 to March 1, with a total cost of \$650. This includes round trip air fare, bus transportation between airport and hotel, twin-bedded room and bath at the Tavistock Hotel including a daily continental breakfast, a cheque for 28 for theatre tickets and daily sightseeing walks.

Deadline for payment is November 3 and the trip is limited to the first 50 people who pay their fees. Contact either Sister Anthony, Seton 513, local 220, or Jean Frost, Seton 303, local 346.

Volunteers required

The organizing committee for Special Olympics in Halifax requires volunteers in any of the following areas: hospitality (to organize banquets, tournaments, etc.); communication and public relations (community awareness, newsletter, recruitment); volunteer and telephone (co-ordinating volunteers); medical; parental awareness (to organize parents into a support group to attend sports functions, etc.); and of course, fund raising.

Anyone who can participate in any way is asked to contact Yvon LeBlanc, 12-4 p.m. on weekdays, at 423-1464.

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