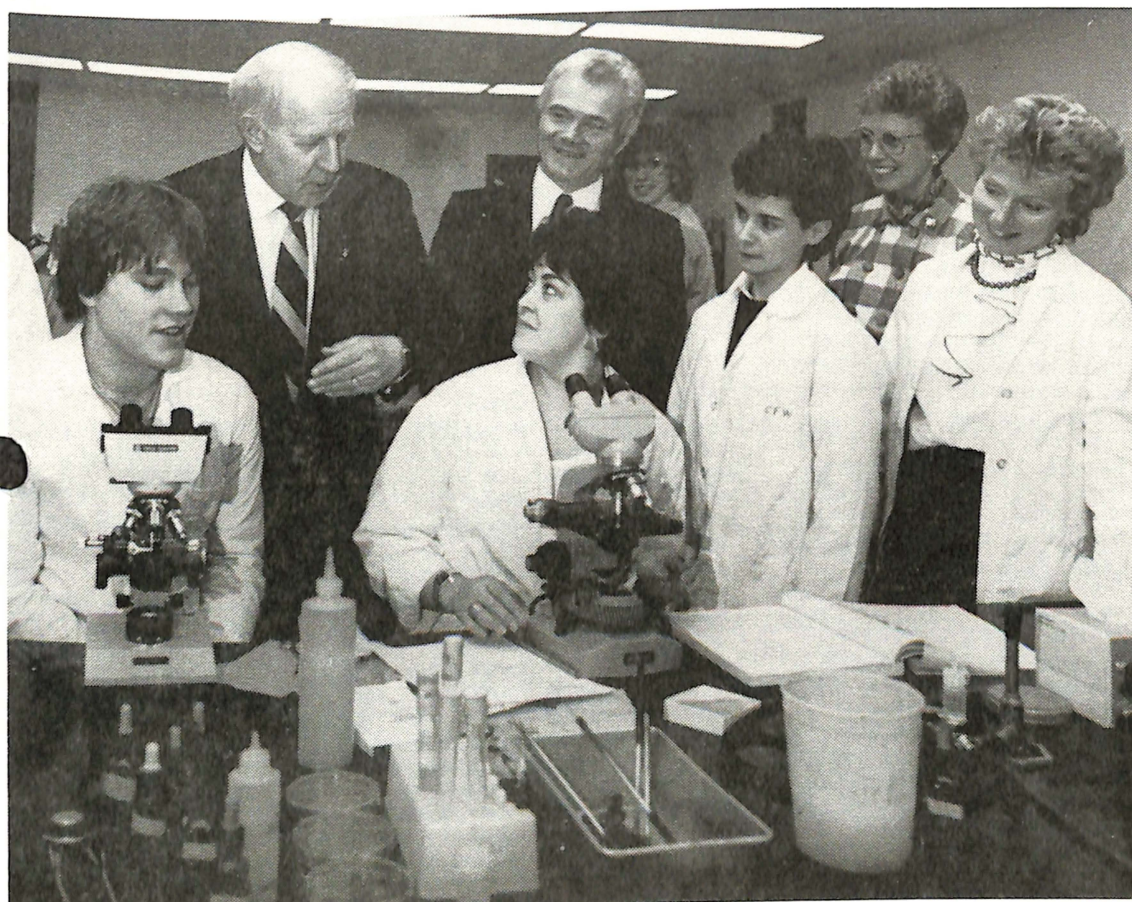


the connection



Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, Nova Scotia

February 2, 1987



A tour of Evaristus Hall was part of the itinerary for members of the provincial cabinet recently. Shown on their visit to the microbiology lab are Premier John Buchanan, and the Honorable Joel Matheson, Minister of Mines and Energy, accompanied by Mount President Dr. Naomi Hersom. Front Row: John Chiasson, Shelagh Sanford, Charlene Winchcombe and instructor Alma Major.

Government grant enables Mount to purchase Evaristus

Mount Saint Vincent University has been awarded a grant of \$2.6 million by the Provincial Government to purchase Evaristus Hall and the land on which it stands, presently owned by the Sisters of Charity.

The grant will be paid in four annual instalments beginning April 1, 1987.

Dr. Naomi Hersom, president of the Mount, said she was pleased with the government's announcement as the issue had been of great concern to the

Sisters of Charity and the university. "This represents another stage in the overall growth and development of the Mount," she said.

She emphasized that the university intends to retain the important link with the Sisters of Charity. "It was their vision that created educational opportunities for women by establishing Mount Saint Vincent University," she said. "In fact, the university recently reaffirmed its mission statement including its

dedication to promoting an environment characterized by this Catholic tradition."

Hersom pointed out that the Sisters of Charity had been extremely fair in the transfer of the mortgage, covering the Evaristus building and property at its 1952 value, and the land at a value determined in the 1970's.

Sr. Paule Cantin, Superior General of the Sisters of Charity, said, "As part of our history, since the foundation of (continued on page 3)

Let your fingers do the talking

Professor Judith Newman, part-time faculty member of Mount Saint Vincent University's Department of Education, is trying something new.

She's using the Netnorth electronic mail system to teach a credit course on "Writing and Computers" to nine Mount students registered in an external program.

Using an Apple computer with a modem from her own home, Newman communicates with six students living on Prince Edward Island and three in Nova Scotia (Amherst, Springhill and Trenton).

"In the past," Newman says, "this type of course relied on the traditional mail service and a number of personal visits. By using Netnorth we all have access to each other's material and the students can communicate with one another, so that there is a constant interaction, much the same as you would have in a regular classroom."

Both the University of Prince Edward Island and Mount Allison University have made their VAX and IBM systems available to the Mount students so that they can participate in the new set-up.

"I met with the students for the first time early this month," explains Newman, "when we spent the day playing with the network. Most of them had never used a computer before and were a bit apprehensive to start with, but by the end of the day they were handling the system very well."

Newman let them make as many mistakes as possible, "so that they would learn how to cope on their own and figure out for themselves what to do."

The students can access their material at the universities at their own convenience, but decided they wanted to set up a "buddy" system so that they would not be alone while using the network.

The course is structured around a shared collection of readings which the group discusses together. "We also (continued on page 2)

Profile



June Lumsden

When June Lumsden talks about her work, her eyes sparkle. It's plain she means it when she says, "It's really fun. What I enjoy about the Mount is being able to try different things."

Lumsden is athletics officer in the Mount's Athletics and Recreation Office and admits it's a job that requires her to use her ingenuity and be a Jill of all trades.

"I represent the Mount at the Nova Scotia College Conference and the Canadian College Athletic Association," she explains. "I set up schedules for competitive programs, recruit athletes and coaches. I make arrangements for hosting visiting teams, travel with the teams when I can, and I'm also a volleyball coach myself."

Lumsden is an effective fund-raiser for the athletics programs. "We're always selling tickets, having dances or putting on special events like the fun run or the flea market to help our teams," she says. Since last October she's raised \$4,500.

Working with young people means a lot to Lumsden. "You can watch the students grow up before your eyes," she says. "It's an exciting age group to work with. Most of our athletes obtain better than average marks — for instance, Joyce Ledwidge, the captain

of our volleyball team last year, earned her B.Sc. in Home Economics degree with distinction, and also received the Kappa Gamma Pi award."

Lumsden believes it's important for teams to form a bond, so she tries to arrange a trip for them early in the season so that they will get to know each other. "These 'away' matches give the athletes a chance to really communicate," Lumsden says, "and, on top of that, they're good ambassadors for the Mount. Our teams have a reputation for being well-behaved, polite and punctual."

Mount teams have a heavy schedule. "Our basketball team is playing 12 games in the next 10 weeks," Lumsden says, "and it's important that they develop a real team spirit so the hard work doesn't put them off."

Lumsden is a Haligonian and went to school at Queen Elizabeth High. She obtained her B.Sc. in Physical Education at St. Francis Xavier University in 1977, then taught physical education in Prince Edward Island and Halifax schools until 1981 when she joined Sport Nova Scotia as development co-ordinator. She came to the Mount that same year, but still has strong ties with Sport Nova Scotia as a volunteer fund-raiser. "David McLean of Sport Nova Scotia and I chaired the Sunsweep last year and raised \$70,000," she says with understandable pride.

Volunteer work is a way of life for Lumsden. "It's my way of growing," she says. She is president of Volleyball Nova Scotia; on the board of Sport Nova Scotia; a member of the Junior League of Halifax and is one of only five volunteers who were asked to be on the mission staff of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Fitness. "That was a real honour," she says.

This will be her first term as national convener for women's volleyball for Canadian colleges when she will act as a liaison between all the schools and the national body. "This gives me an opportunity to travel and exchange ideas," she says.

Lumsden is also an advisor for the Mount's student assistants, helping them to learn leadership skills.

"The Mount has given me the opportunity to grow and learn and use my creativity," she says.

English conference back at the Mount

The seventh annual Atlantic Undergraduate English Conference will be held at Mount Saint Vincent University on February 6 and 7 with students from many Atlantic universities and colleges attending. This conference, which originated at the Mount in 1981, has travelled throughout the region, being hosted by St. Francis Xavier University last year. Each institution attending has selected those English Literature papers they feel should be publicly presented and

will be sending their student authors to deliver them. Besides being a great honour for those students reading, it is an excellent opportunity for students throughout the region to meet and discuss their favorite works.

Registration will be Friday evening; papers will be presented all day Saturday followed by dinner downtown.

For further details, contact Dr. David Monaghan in Seton 509 or Jean Frost in Seton 303.

From native nutrition to Expo '86 it's all part of co-op experience

When news broke about crooked pockets on the Canadian armed forces' new uniforms, people at Mount Saint Vincent University were a little worried. Co-operative education students from the clothing and textiles program were employed to assist with quality control for the new uniforms. Of course, a quick check showed that the problem with the pockets occurred in Winnipeg, where no Mount students were involved.

However, this is just one example of the type of involvement of Mount students who choose the co-operative education option with their degree — a program which alternates paid work terms with academic terms on campus.

From the first work term placements in 1980, totalling 50 for the year, to a total nearer 250 for this year, the Mount's co-op program has come a long way. Students placed in work terms this summer alone will earn approximately \$750,000.

Work terms have covered a wide range of activities, in places from Happy Valley, Labrador to Vancouver, British Columbia; even as far as the Netherlands and Hong Kong.

Several Mount co-op students worked at Expo '86; all public affairs functions for the new Air Nova airline have been handled by Mount co-op students; projects have included a study of cocaine traffic from Latin America and a marketing study for Canadian manufactured goods in Asia . . . and the list goes on, according to Director of the Department of Co-operative Education, Ivan Blake.

"These students are exposed to some wonderful opportunities," he says, "and the businesses also benefit. For instance, IBM is now hiring only co-op graduates from virtually all disciplines, because they have a chance to actually see the students on the job during the work term."

Some co-op students stay with the same employer through several work terms and in permanent employment after graduation. In fact, two students are now working in special co-op internship placements, having been asked by the employers to stay on for an extra term in addition to those required for their degrees.

Karen Thompson, graduating in May with a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics degree, has been working over the past four years in various reserves and in Ottawa, on a native nutrition education pilot project for Indian populations, and has now been asked to stay on for an additional work term to implement the program.

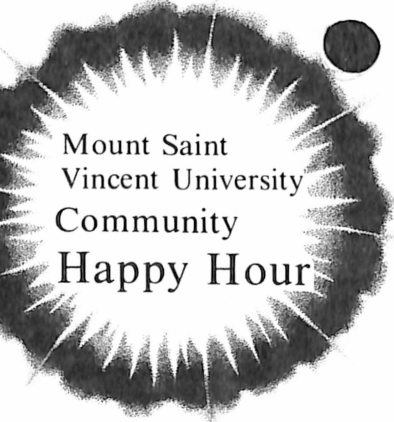
Krista Gerhardt, also a foods and nutrition major planning to graduate this Spring, has been asked to continue working on a project on the Tobique Reserve, for the New Brunswick department of health and

welfare.

Forty-eight other students are currently on work terms, until April, in businesses and government departments including Scotia Gold, the Nova Scotia Lung Association, Alberta Power Corporation, Statistics Canada, Canadair, Texaco Canada, IBM and the RCMP.

The Mount's co-operative education program is the largest in the Maritimes, with students from the Tourism and Hospitality Management degree program (hotel and facilities, foods and beverage, and tourism management); Public Relations; Business Administration (accounting, management and marketing); Home Economics (clothing and textiles, consumer studies, family studies and foods); and Bachelor of Science in Home Economics (foods and nutrition, dietetics).

The Mount's Department of Co-operative Education also does work term placements for Dalhousie University, for students in mathematics, statistics and computer science, with a total of 27 placements this summer.



4:00-6:00 p.m.
Friday, February 13, 1987
Don MacNeil Room
Rosaria Centre

Keep the tradition going

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dialogue about the students' experiences as learners and teachers," Newman says. "This is the first time the electronic mail system has been used this way in this region, and it has many obvious advantages. I hope this will become clear as the course progresses."

The success of the system will be assessed after the course finishes in the middle of April.



Books, clothing and household items were sold at a recent flea market sponsored by the Athletics/ Recreation Department, which raised a total of nearly \$400 to help with team travel expenses. Unsold goods were gleefully collected by members of the drama society to use in this year's production, and will later go to the Salvation Army.

Careers in science require persistence on part of women

A career in science and a fulfilling family life are not mutually exclusive, according to Dr. Mary Anne White, assistant professor at Dalhousie University's chemistry department. She was at the Mount recently, to give a talk on "Women and Science" in which she pointed out that even though it requires a great deal of determination and drive for women to enter science, it is also very rewarding.

Following are some of the highlights from her talk:

"To consider women and science, perhaps we should first consider the role of science in our society. There is no doubt that science and its ensuing technology are of fundamental importance in the society in which we live. If we take just advances in the fields of transportation and communication within the last 20 or 30 years — advances which have included space exploration, satellite communication networks, electronic mail, video cassette recorders, mobile telephones, personal computers and word processors, just to name a few — we see that science has an important impact on our everyday lives.

"Science has another important role in the lives of many in this Western society — careers. Statistics Canada figures show that employment in the natural sciences accounts for about 4 per cent of the Canadian work force. I would like to focus on the partitioning of science-related employment by sex — you will see that men outnumber women by more than 5 to 1. This is

alarming when we consider that women make up 42 per cent of the total Canadian work force. A recent report of the Science Council of Canada shows that 30,000 positions are open at present in high technology industries — the Canadian work force needs more scientists, and science needs to tap all the resources available. The fact that only 30 per cent of last year's university science graduates are women means that we need to encourage the female half of the population to consider science as a serious and rewarding career option.

"Based on the length of time that is spent in qualifying to be a scientist (about 12 years) it is small wonder that perseverance, drive, determination and desire to study science are some of the most important requirements for success. Almost by definition, a scientist must have an independent spirit, as this is what gives one the ability to see things in a new light. In order to be successful, this independence should be coupled with geographic mobility — few scientists have been able to obtain all their education and their employment in their home towns. In my own case, for example, I have moved some 20,000 kilometers from one place to another in pursuit of education and positions.

"It is possible to have both a fruitful career as a woman in science and a family . . . However, as a scientist, wife and mother, I should tell you that it is only possible to balance the roles with a very helpful mate.

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the college to the present day we have moved from total involvement of the Sisters of Charity to a lay president and lay faculty, and it is normal to expect that the Sisters' involvement in the future will continue to change."

It was fitting that the government announcement was made at a Cabinet meeting held at the Motherhouse, part of the government's program of holding Cabinet meetings in different centres throughout the province.

The Sisters provided a luncheon at the Motherhouse for cabinet ministers, members of the Congregation and the Executive of the Mount's Board of Governors at which Premier John Buchanan presented Sister Paule Cantin, Superior General of the Sisters of Charity, with a painting to commemorate the occasion.

Following a tour of the Motherhouse, members of the Cabinet attended a reception on the Mount campus and a tour of Evaristus Hall organized by the Mount's new University Relations Office, with special effort provided by Versa Services and the Mount's Physical Plant. Ministers were able to meet with faculty, students and staff. Many of the visitors expressed interest in the work being carried out in the university's science laboratories.

"While one can balance a career in science with a family, in my opinion it is virtually unrealistic to expect to leave science for a few years to raise a family, and then return. Science moves too quickly — one would be left behind completely.

"Self-discrimination (is) an area which I believe plays an important role in determining the number of women in science. By self-discrimination, I mean the case where a woman who is good at science does not allow herself to go on to a career in science. Many sociological studies of women in science courses have shown that the greatest barrier to success is lack of confidence. A recent Stanford University investigation has shown that in a comparison of large groups of male and female science students of similar academic standing, the women generally under-estimated their abilities and their academic preparation in their fields, in comparison to the men.

"Several qualities are necessary for a successful career in science: confidence, patience, persistence, perseverance, drive, determination, desire to investigate nature.

"There are many opportunities for everyone in science. I hope that if you find within yourself the interest in science and the determination to pursue it, you will take the torch and run."

Dr. White's talk was sponsored by the Mount's Arts and Science Promotion Committee.

Mount University Relations office established

An Office of University Relations has been established at Mount Saint Vincent University, with the reorganization of alumnae, development and public relations into one unit.

In a memo to all members of the university community, Mount president Dr. Naomi Hersom said priorities for the new office, under the direction of Lorraine Johnson, include the preparation of a long-range comprehensive plan for the university.

Along with Johnson are Development Manager, Valerie Burkimsher (also co-ordinator of the annual fund drive); Alumnae Officer, Dilly MacFarlane; Records Clerk, Shirley Baker; acting Public Relations Manager, Lindsay Brown; and Information Officers Pat Copeland and Ruth Jeppesen.

Renee Dankner is acting Secretary while Annette Newton is on maternity leave. An assistant to the director will be hired in the coming weeks.

Johnson has been director of development and alumnae affairs since her arrival on campus almost two years ago.

With the resignation of the public relations director in early September, Dr. Hersom appointed an ad hoc committee to advise her on the best way to provide for the functions of the three areas. The reorganization was the result of that committee's recommendations, within the constraints of the current budget.

"This is in an effort to improve communications and service both within the university community and outside to our various publics," says Dr. Hersom.

Johnson and Brown will be consulting with faculty, administrators and staff over the next few months.

Mount Saint Vincent University

Women's Studies Lecture Series

Dr. Margeurite Anderson
University of Guelph
will speak on
"Reflections on the Women's Movement"
Wednesday, February 11, 1987
7 p.m. Seton Auditorium A
ALL WELCOME —
ADMISSION FREE
Reception follows in Faculty Lounge



THE PEACE BEAT

by Pat Copeland

"How can we achieve sustainable development on a global scale?" was one of the questions two visiting scientists used to challenge their audience recently at Memorial University of Newfoundland.

In a presentation that focussed on global change and the world of the future, Dr. Digby McLaren and Dr. Michael Dence of the Royal Society of Canada said that not just scientific problems, but also moral and socio-economic problems must be considered and it was important that those involved with the social sciences and humanities become involved with scientists in finding solutions.

"The most crying need of the world today is to have an economic theory of the environment," McLaren said. "The public as a whole has begun to be aware of the Pandora's box that has been released by what we call science and technology."

The problem to be faced for the next 50 years, he said, is not a shortage of resources, but their distribution, the way they are used and the environmental restrictions on their use. Water, for example, exists in sufficient quantity but is not well used and one half the world's water is dirty. He pointed out that the technological aspect of cleaning the world's water would cost only a fraction of the amount spent in the world on armaments. This example, McLaren noted, highlighted the kinds of moral dilemmas that must also be faced because clean water would lead to a greatly increased population with additional pressures on survival.

Dr. Dence referred specifically to the Canadian effort in the study of global change. One important goal will be to determine if the models that now exist, the numbers they are based on, and the predictions that have been made, are accurate. It will concentrate on the special processes of the Canadian region, with an emphasis on the Arctic environment. A study will be made of the 500-year record of the impact of man on an almost pristine environment over the centuries. (*The Gazette, Memorial University of Newfoundland*)

Research participants needed

A Mount student, Carmen Johnstone, is completing an Honors thesis on divorced women. She is in search of women who have been legally separated or divorced between one and five years, and who have custody of children 16 years of age or under.

Anyone fitting these criteria would be of great help to her. She is interested in women from all backgrounds, but particularly needs professional women at this stage.

Confidentiality is assured.

Please contact Carmen Johnstone at 826-2019 or leave your name and phone number with Dr. Jane Gordon at the Mount as soon as possible.

Co-op student deadlines

Orientation Course — Level I will be held on the following dates:

Wednesday, February 4, 1987 —
Evaristus 112 — 4:30-6 p.m.

Wednesday, February 11, 1987 —
Evaristus 112 — 4:30-6 p.m.

Attendance is mandatory to Co-op standing!

What's going on?

The Canadian Association for the Mentally Retarded is sponsoring a Grande Gala '87, Friday, February 6, at the World Trade and Convention Centre. A seafood buffet will be followed by dancing to the music of the John Alphonse Big Band. Tickets are \$65 with proceeds going to the CAMR, Nova Scotia Division. Call 469-1174 for reservations.

The OXFAM-DEVERIC resource centre is looking for volunteers for a variety of tasks. The Development Education Resource and Information Centre is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1649 Barrington Street. Call 429-1370 for details.

The Rockingham Council, Knights of Columbus will be holding a Valentine's Dance at 2 Melody Drive, adjacent to the Mount campus, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m., Saturday, February 14. Tickets should be purchased in advance, by calling 443-9297, 443-1583 or 443-5833.



The Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association held a memorial mass recently, followed by a candlelight coffee house. Among those who came to pay their respects to deceased graduates of the academy, college and university were (left) Cecelia MacDonald, class of '34, a life member of the alumnae association and recipient of the Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Award of Distinction in 1985; and Mary Clan, class of '70 and president of the alumnae association.

FLIP FOR LUNCH

Shrove Tuesday "Pancakes and Pepsi" lunch

12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 3, 1987
Vinnie's Pub, Rosaria Centre

Tickets are on sale now at the Alumnae Office, Evaristus Hall, with all proceeds going to the Pepsi Challenge Annual Fund Drive.

Pancakes handcrafted and donated by Chef Rene
Live entertainment

Advance tickets \$3 (\$3.50 at the door)
Students \$2.50

Day of renewal

"Who is that wise woman?" is the theme of a day of renewal for mature students, to be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, February 7 at the Atlantic School of Theology.

Facilitators include Dr. Joyce Kennedy, Assistant Director of the Mount's Centre for Continuing Education; Mount chaplains Reverend Ruth Jefferson and Sr. Lorraine d'Entremont; and Shelley Finson, Atlantic School of Theology.

Registration fee is \$10 and further information can be obtained from the Mount's Campus Ministry Office, Student Services, Rosaria 118/120, 443-4450, extension 349 or 446.

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