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Six to Receive Honorary Degrees at Special Convocation



Dr. Catherine Wallace



Dr. Rose Sheinin



Sister Anna Gertrude Smith



Agnes Nanogak



Sister Mary Albertus Haggerty



M. Constance Baird

Four of the six presidents who have served Mount Saint Vincent University since it became a degree-granting institution in 1925 will be present for a special Diamond Jubilee Convocation Sunday, October 20, to honor six outstanding women.

Members of the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity, founders of the Mount in 1873, from Canada and the United States are expected to attend, along with many distinguished guests including former recipients of honorary degrees from the university.

Dr. Catherine Wallace, who served as the Mount's fourth president from 1966 to 1974 and Sister Mary Albertus Haggerty, Ph.D., who was the Mount's fifth president (1974-78) will be presented with honorary doctor of humane letters degrees. They will be joined on the platform by Sister Francis d'Assisi McCarthy, Ph.D., who was president from 1954 to 1965 and incumbent president Dr. E. Margaret Fulton.

Others to receive honorary degrees will be M. Constance Baird, one of the Mount's first graduates in 1929; Dr. Rose Sheinin, one of Canada's leading cancer researchers; Sister Anna Gertrude Smith, former chair of the Department of Mathematics and on faculty in 1925; and Inuit artist Agnes Nanogak who is known

for her energetic and colorful depictions of traditional myths and legends.

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Join the 60th Celebrations

Plans have pushed ahead during the summer months for week-long celebrations marking the Mount's 60th year as a degree-granting institution.

According to Jubilee Committee chair, Dulcie Conrad, October 16 through 26 have been earmarked for special events which will serve to bring many more people on campus and at the same time, help to recognize National Universities Week which runs October 19 to 26.

Special notices have been sent to members of the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity by committee member Sister Phyllis Giroux of the Motherhouse, and special invitation lists have been compiled with the assistance of Dean Patricia Mullins.

"I want to see half the church and half of Seton Auditorium filled with the Sisters of Charity. They have built this university and it's time we paid tribute to them", said Mount

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Women's Studies Chair Named

The appointment of Professor Thelma McCormack to Mount Saint Vincent University's Chair in Women's Studies—the first in Canada—has been announced by Mount President Dr. E. Margaret Fulton.

Professor McCormack is with the Department of Sociology, York University, and has obtained a leave of absence to take up the one-year Halifax appointment to begin Jan. 1, 1986.

Educated at the University of Wisconsin and Columbia University, Professor McCormack is well-known across Canada for her research and has lectured widely on women's issues. She has also written and lectured extensively on communications and the mass media.

"This is definitely a plus for our women's studies program and for the university generally," said Women's Studies co-ordinator Deborah Poff.

"We had more than 20 applications from across Canada and at least six of them were very strong candidates representative of many fields—law, politics, education—and we feel we've got just about the best

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THE PEACE BEAT by Pat Copeland

For the first time in the history of the world the survival of the human species can't be taken for granted. In varying degrees we have all become aware of this, some of us pushing the thought to the backs of our minds—others trying to come to terms with the gloomy predictions that abound.

It's hard to know where to turn for information that you can both trust and understand. The issues are so complex, the history of our planet's plight is a veritable stew of politics, nationalism, militarism, ignorance, fear, oppression and greed.

This summer a masterful book by one of the Mount's most distinguished honorary degree recipients, Dr. Rosalie Bertell, was published.

No Immediate Danger? Prognosis for a Radioactive Earth is a book for those who have been casting around, perhaps for years, trying to find some pattern in the present mess we've so busily manufactured. Dr. Bertell has brought together every aspect of the nuclear dilemma in cool and measured terms (so much more convincing than the histrionics often found in other books on the subject) and has focussed on our basic fear of human species extinction, and what needs to be done to prevent it.

In a review of *No Immediate Danger?*, Gerald Mische, president of Global Education Associates says, "It is a very readable book. It does not bog the reader down in technical terminology or jargon. It is a holistic book—one which integrates history, economics, politics, psychology, science, technology and moral considerations with a sure and deft hand." He particularly recommends it to teachers as being a useful resource for a variety of courses.

No Immediate Danger? is now on the shelf in the Mount library for anyone who has the intestinal fortitude to face the terrible revelations to be found in it. I had to put it aside after reading the first few chapters, and return to it a week later, I was so shaken. But I shall always be grateful to Dr. Bertell for her courage, determination and skill in writing such a sane and eloquent book on the insane problems that we have brought upon ourselves.

The Peace Beat will be a regular column dealing with peace and justice. Submissions from others who have something to say on these matters will be welcome.

Honorary Degrees, from pg. 1

Following is a brief biographical sketch on each of the honorary degree candidates:

M. Constance McGrath Baird, B.A., is one of the Mount Saint Vincent University's early graduates who, along with five others, received her degree in 1929. Following further studies at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, Mrs. Baird devoted 30 years to teaching in Halifax city schools and judging art, speech and debating competitions. She is a founding member of the Canadian College of Teachers, the International Reading Association, the Alzheimer's Society of both Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and is actively involved in the work of the Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association in which she holds an honorary life membership.

Sister Mary Albertus Haggerty, B.A., M.A., Ph.D., LL.D. (Civil) was president of Mount Saint Vincent University during the rapidly growing years of 1974 to 1978. Prior to that she was on the faculty of the Department of Education for 12 years where she served as its chairperson and was named Professor Emeritus. Sister Mary Albertus has been active in a number of learned societies, Zonta International and received the Canadian Silver Jubilee Medal in 1977. Since 1981, she has been co-ordinator of the retired Sisters of Charity at Elizabeth Seton Residence, Wellesley, Massachusetts, United States. She serves also as a member of the provincial administration for the Wellesley Vice-Province of the Sisters of Charity.

Agnes Nanogak, a major Inuit artist from Holman, North West Territories, is known for her energetic and colorful depictions of traditional myths and legends. She has illustrated one book of Inuit stories, *Tales from the Igloo*, as well as supplying work for various other books and films, thereby acting as interpreter for the world of traditional art of the Inuit. A Nanogak print, "Five Geese" was presented to Prince Charles and Lady Diana on their Canadian visit in 1983 and a collection of 20 Nanogak prints, part of Mount Saint Vincent University Art Gallery's permanent collection, is installed in Rosaria Centre.

Rose Sheinin, B.A., M.A., Ph.D., F.R.S.C., F.A.A.M. has spent a lifetime of research into various aspects of cancer. She is frequently invited to speak, across Canada, on her research as well as on the place of women in medicine, science, engineering and technology. Along with many awards and fellowships, she was presented with the Canadian Silver Jubilee Medal in 1977, elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1981, elected a Senior Fellow of Massey College, University of Toronto in 1983 and appointed a member of the Science Council of Canada in 1984. Dr. Sheinin is

currently Vice-Dean of the School of Graduate Studies at the University of Toronto.

Sister Anna Gertrude Smith, B.A., M.A. was on the faculty of Mount Saint Vincent when it received its degree-granting charter in 1925 and later returned to chair the Department of Mathematics in 1946. She was also a member of the Department of Religious Studies and from 1954 to 1963 served as the university's Registrar. Following her retirement in 1975, Sister was named Professor Emeritus of Mathematics and today serves as bursar of the Walsh House community of the Sisters of Charity.

Catherine Wallace, O.C., B.A., M.A., Ph.D., LL.D., LL.D. (Civil) was appointed Mount Saint Vincent University's fourth president in March 1966 and served until 1974

DUET - Most Active

The Mount's DUET studio (Distance University Education via Television) has been filled to capacity during recent months, according to co-ordinator Dr. Diana Carl.

"We got to this point much sooner than I expected," she says, "and faculty are really making good use of our facilities."

The studio was also used for a number of audio and video conferences including a Nutritional Awareness conference and the Canadian Association of Distance Education conference. A video conference was transmitted to all households in Calgary using cable-TV via Rogers Cablevision to demonstrate the DUET system and the use of video-conferencing to participants at a training and development session

when she was appointed to chair the newly-established Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (1974-82). Dr. Wallace, a recipient of many honorary degrees, was the first woman appointed to the Board of Directors—and later became president—of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada and held office in many regional, national and international university associations. She also served on the Canadian Catholic Bishops' Commission on the Role of Women, Advisory Council on the Status of Women, Canadian Organization for Peace and Development, the Royal Commission on the Economic Union and Development Prospects for Canada and the MacDonald Commission on the Economy which tabled its report in Ottawa recently.

being held in that city.

"We've done a lot of research in the past semester," Carl says, "which is now forming the basis of decisions on the uses that DUET will be put to in the future."

DUET is becoming much more widely known with enquiries coming in from all over North America. Computer networks are being developed for distance education and DUET is working closely with the Office of Educational Communications of the Atlantic Association of Universities.

"We are the most active supporter of this type of education, and technically the most advanced of all the universities in the Atlantic provinces," Carl says.

Mount Saint Vincent University Life Planning and Learning Centre You are invited to an OPEN HOUSE

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"Women Are Gaining Courage from Each Other", says Fulton Following Nairobi Conference

Looking back on the United Nations Decade for Women Forum '85 Conference which she attended in Nairobi this summer, President E. Margaret Fulton says, "The clock won't be turned back. Women are gaining courage from each other. Nairobi was an empowering experience and a lot of women gained a sense of authority from having been there."

Forum '85 was the unofficial conference attended by delegates sponsored by non-governmental organizations with representatives far outnumbering the official United Nations conference being held concurrently.

Fulton says that women are coming to the realization that they will have to become political in order to gain anything. "One of the most successful workshops was organized by former U.S. Congresswoman Bella Abzug," she says. "The session featured 18 women parliamentarians from 15 countries and drew a huge audience of more than 1,000."

—if women ruled—

The topic was "If Women Ruled the World" and women from all over the planet offered their opinions on what it would be like if they were in control. Popular speaker Margaret Papandreou of Greece brought down the house when she warned, "If women become like men in decision-making, then the struggle is lost!"

Fulton believes that the women of Greenham Common have done more than anyone else to make people aware of the dangers of nuclear war. "Also the Scandinavian women with their peace marches and the Greenpeace organization," she says.

During the conference, Fulton chaired a workshop for 350 delegates on "Women's Education for Policy Change Towards Peace and Development", with panelists Birgit Brock, peace researcher and educator from Norway; Lyse Blanchard, Director of Women's Programs, Government of Canada; Carmencita Hernandez of the Coalition of Immigrant Women and Women of Color for Peace; Anne Runyan, feminist peace researcher and organizer from the International Women's Studies Institute and Dorothy Goldin Rosenberg, feminist peace educator and film consultant.

Keeping in mind that the world spends one trillion dollars a year on the arms race, the workshop grappled with ways in which women can divert military spending to the needs of women and children with regard to basic development. This includes food production and distribution, health care, clean water, environmental quality and education.

A matter of major concern, the

plight of women in occupied Afghanistan, was brought forward and it was pointed out that Afghans comprise the world's largest refugee population today—75 per cent of which are women and children. More than five million Afghans, predominantly Muslim, are seeking refuge in neighboring countries.

The fact that so many more women attended the Nairobi conference than in other years was very encouraging, Fulton says. "When the International Women's Year Conference was held in Mexico in 1975," she points out, "about 6,000 women were involved. At Copenhagen, in 1980, there were 8,000 and in Nairobi this year there were 13,000."



The statement which came out of the Women's Peace Conference held at the Mount in June was handed over to the Honourable Walter MacLean, former Secretary of State and head of the Canadian Government official delegation at the UN Conference in Nairobi. L to R: Barbara Roberts, peace activist, Saskatoon; Mount President, Dr. E. Margaret Fulton; the Honourable Walter MacLean; Dame Nita Barrow, head of the Non-Governmental Organization at the UN Conference; Dorothy Rosenberg, Voice of Women, Montreal and other friends.

The basic themes of the decade—equality, development and peace—ran through the hundreds of sessions that took place. "This is just the beginning," Fulton says. "We must have more conferences. The United Nations has now documented discrimination against women of all cultures and many governments have endorsed the *World Plan of Action*, but women must monitor their governments to make sure they are implementing these forward-looking strategies."

At Nairobi, Fulton was particularly impressed by the rural women of Africa. "They were so articulate," she says. "They were splendid. They pointed out to us that outside aid isn't helping them any more, it's destroying them. There is a terrible irony when the beneficiaries hate the benefactors, but this is what is happening. People have been so shut out from their own resources. What is needed, these women say, is the right technology, at the right time, for the right reasons."

Fulton feels that the multinationals and the banks will find themselves in the same position as King John after the revolt of the barons. "We're going to need a new Magna Carta," she says, "but those who insist on adhering to the present system are going to hang in there until the last person has been killed unless we can turn things around".

Fulton likens our world to an anorexic woman whose commitment to keeping a certain image eventually leads to death. But Canada, she believes, could help to change this and be a real leader in the world when it comes to peace. "There really is an image among other nations that Canada could give leadership in this

Africa. The only two countries that seemed out of step with this feeling were Iran and the USSR. "The Soviet women were wonderful in every way," Fulton says, "except when you questioned the policies of their government."

In a booklet "Women—a World Survey" by Ruth Leger Sivard, widely distributed at the Nairobi conference, the author points out that the United Nations has been the mechanism for attracting world attention and setting standards for action for women.

She says, "Despite the diversity of experience and status, women have recently begun to come together on common ground . . . what women have found to bind them together is a single thread that winds through all cultures. They share a sense of inequality of opportunity, the injustice of the traditionally-imposed second place, whether in the family, social, economic or political setting."

The link between women's advancement and social-economic progress is beginning to be more widely recognized. When women are given training and skills, the nation's productivity gains. What is good for women is also good for society as a whole. Sivard believes the "silent revolution" is slowly gaining strength and says there is an undercurrent of confidence and co-operation among women that is new to the world and has great promise.

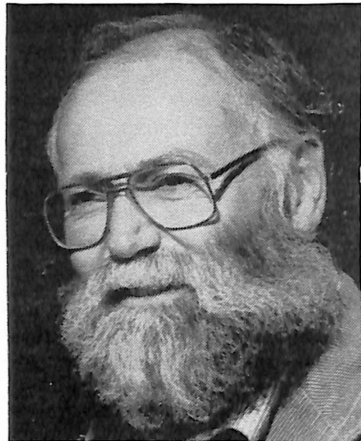
"All the activities at the Forum confirmed Sivard's predictions," Fulton says. "While the women's 'silent revolution' was very vocal, it remains totally non-violent. During the many heated debates and discussions women may have shouted to be heard, but they never walked out or resorted to brawls of any kind."

—growing ties—

Fulton said it was regrettable that the official conference functioned much more predictably, being locked into structures and with official delegates falling into the posturing of most United Nations conferences. However, many of them went to the Forum meetings to be renewed by the grass roots women's movements.

"The growing ties between the non-government organizations and the official government delegates can only mean growing awareness that the end of the United Nations Women's Decade is not the end of the women's movement," Fulton says. "It is only a new beginning for a world wide non-violent revolution that can bring about a more human world order for all people on the planet."

Profile



Dr. Larry Fisk

Dr. Larry Fisk, Political Studies Department, not only believes that small is beautiful, but has managed to build his life around that philosophy.

In a department which still has only two faculty members, he was initially a one-man show when he came to the Mount in 1970.

"It wasn't even really a department in those days," he remembers. "I had to put together the departmental profile and a whole series of new courses, which was just fine as far as I was concerned."

A couple of years after his arrival the number of faculty doubled to two when Bob Vaison joined the department. In 1979 Dr. Michael MacMillan replaced him and is still

working there.

Fisk says enthusiastically, "It's great being a very small department. Mike and I are good friends—we can work out our timetables to suit each other's lifestyles, hold departmental meetings in the corridors and we never get involved in any departmental squabbles!"

Fisk enjoys being a generalist and for a long time pondered on what he could do at the Mount to further the cause of peace. "I used to lie awake at night wondering about the way the world is going and what I could do," he says. Out of this came his popular course, *The Politics of the Arms Race*, which quickly attracted a class of about 45 students. His generalist inclinations also led Fisk to introduce history, philosophy, theology and psychology into the Political Studies courses. "You have to include these subjects," he believes, "because they all play a part in the politics of our world."

Before coming to the Mount, Fisk had graduated from the University of Alberta with a degree in arts and divinity; taken a master's degree in political studies at Queen's University and returned to Alberta to take a Ph.D.

Married for 25 years, he and his wife Joanne live in Hemford, outside New Germany, in a country setting they both love. They have six children (one of them, Tim, works with Computer Services at the Mount) and for hobbies Fisk farms in a small way and also sketches and enjoys painting in oils.

New Faculty On the Job

There will be 42 new faculty members at the Mount this year, 18 full-time, 21 part-time and three moving up from part-time to full-time.

They are: full-time—Steven Ascroft, assistant professor, business administration; Dr. Margaret Beattie, assistant professor, mathematics; Sr. Elaine Biollo, lecturer, religious studies; Dr. Jaromir Cekota, assistant professor, economics; Jo-Anne Fiske, lecturer, sociology/anthropology; Carmel French, lecturer, child study; Dr. Amalie Frohlich, assistant professor, biology; Janice Graham-Migel, lecturer, office administration; Susan Hastey, assistant professor, education; Dr. John Kyle, associate professor, business administration; Dr. Anne MacCleave-Frazier, assistant professor, home economics; Thelma McCormack, professor, women's studies; Dr. Christopher Moore, assistant professor, psychology; Dr. Lise Ouellet, assistant professor, modern languages; Dr. Chitra Reddin, assistant professor, public relations; Dr. William L. Roberts, assistant professor, psychology; Dr. Jeffrey G. Williams, assistant professor, mathematics.

Moving up from part-time to full-time are Lowell Geddes, assistant professor, business administration; Margaret James, lecturer, chemistry and Dr. Mary Schoeneberger, assistant professor, education.

New part-time faculty are: Dr. Louise Cormier, assistant professor, fine arts; Annette Daley, instructor, chemistry; Robert Doherty, lecturer, public relations; Barrie Dunn, instructor, modern languages; Toby Foshay, lecturer, English; Linda Furlong, instructor, public relations; Stephen Garnet, instructor, political studies; Peter Greenslade, instructor, public relations; Christopher Heide, instructor, English; Dieter Hoehne, lecturer, political studies; Michael Hourihan, instructor, business administration; William Johnson, instructor, public relations; Stephen Kavanagh, lecturer, business administration; Rose Ann MacGillivray, lecturer, business administration; Cheryl McKeeman, lecturer, mathematics; Lorri Neilsen, lecturer, education; Lauren Reed, instructor, chemistry; Sylvie Schwartz, modern languages; Susan Shaw, lecturer, home economics; Carol Anne Wien, lecturer, child study; Rannveig Yeatman, instructor, modern languages.

Nova Scotia Women Artists

Diverse Perspectives, a selection of work by 37 members chosen from the Slide Registry of Nova Scotia Women Artists, will be on display from September 19 to October 13 at the Mount Art Gallery.

The exhibition acknowledges the rich variety of work shown by the Registry and is a celebration of its 10th anniversary and the United Nations Decade for Women.

Curated by Mern O'Brien, a former Exhibitions Officer at the Mount and now Director of the Dalhousie University Art Gallery, the exhibit shows the tremendous diversity of work coming from women

artists in this province. Representatives are the academically trained and self-taught; the rural and the urban, the emerging talent as well as the established professional. Painters, sculptors, and printmakers are included as well as craft in fibre, glass and ceramics.

The official opening, to which all 177 members of the Slide Registry have been invited, is on Thursday, September 19 at 8:30 p.m. when Susan Lowry, Head, Visual Arts, Nova Scotia Department of Culture, Fitness and Recreation will be present.



THE ELIZABETH SETON LECTURES

Mount Saint Vincent University, through its department of Religious Studies, is pleased to inform the community that **Dr. William Shannon** will deliver the Elizabeth Seton Lectures on the following dates:

Tuesday, October 1, 1985

8:00 p.m., Seton Auditorium C

Public Lecture:

Thomas Merton: Christian Living in an Age of Technology

Wednesday, October 2, 1985

10:00 a.m., Seton Auditorium C

Public Lecture:

Thomas Merton: Contemplation in a World of Action and Commitment

2:00 p.m., Seton Auditorium C

Public Lecture:

Thomas Merton: Peace and Justice in the Global Village

This series of free lectures is presented by the Sisters of Charity



The Microcomputer Information Centre, located in Killam Library, University Avenue, provides current, accurate information about microcomputer equipment to university faculty, staff and students. Demonstration hardware, a selection of software and reference material are available at the centre. Discounted prices are also available for university departments and other qualified purchasers through contracts negotiated with microcomputer dealers.

Throughout the academic year, special displays and demonstrations of microcomputer equipment will be featured, including a demonstration of Apple's Laserwriter printer and the Hyperdrive for the Macintosh, daily at 10 a.m., September 16-20. If the Apple/IBM link, MacCharlie is available, it will also be demonstrated.

For further information about the Microcomputer Information Centre, call 424-8893.

Conference Scholarship

Applications for the ninth annual Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District I scholarship program for undergraduates to attend its conference February 2-5, 1986 at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel, Montreal, should be sent to the Public Relations Office, Room 215, Evaristus Hall, before October 15.

The scholarship program gives students a chance to explore careers in institutional advancement, alumnae administration, college publications, fund-raising/development, government relations, information services and public relations.

The conference offers seminars, discussion groups and workshops led by institutional advancement professionals. Scholarship winners will be invited to attend seminars and panels to develop skills in their own fields of interest and will also be asked to help present a panel session on their own accomplishments and thoughts about institutional advancement.

The scholarship includes expenses for the entire conference. Contact the Public Relations Office for further details on entry requirements. One campus nomination will be sent to the CASE selection committee by November 1, 1985.



Sister Evelyn Spruin of the Education Department, retired recently and was honored with an afternoon tea held in the Curriculum Library at Seton Academic Centre. Sr. Spruin had been teaching for 20 years in the United States, Quebec, Cape Breton, Amherst, and for the past 10 years, at the Mount. Members of her department rallied around for this photo, when she was presented with a gift from friends and colleagues.

Four New Board members

Four new members were recently elected to the Mount's Board of Governors. They are: Janice Flemming and Maria K. Somjen, Corporation appointments; Dr. Peter Schwenger, faculty representative and Shari Wall, Student Union representative.

Janice Flemming is an associate member of the Women's Auxiliary for the Izaak Walton Killam Hospital for Children; director and secretary of Eastern Policy Research Associates Limited; director and secretary of Aigeann Investments Limited; board member of the Nova Scotia Talent Trust; member of the steering committee for Encore, Encore, Toronto and member of the board and finance committee of Encore, Encore, Toronto.

She was educated at the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Halifax and obtained a Diploma in Ballet at the Maritime Conservatory of Music and subsequently trained in Toronto, Montreal and London, England.

Her previous activities include dancing with the Gotshalks Halifax Ballet Company; teaching school in Halifax and London, England; and membership in numerous organizations related to dance, theatre, arts and culture.

Maria Somjen is a graduate architect whose most recent activities include research for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation into the development of a handbook for organizations for use in preparation of surveys of housing needs; management consultant for a women's shelter; housing inspections for purchasers of existing housing; and research for the Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women in Halifax for the End of the Decade Conference to be held in November.

She obtained her Bachelor of Architecture degree at the Technical University of Nova Scotia in 1976 and

Bachelor of Environmental Design degree in 1974.

Her present volunteer activities are as treasurer of the board for the Women's Emergency Housing Coalition; advisor to the committee for the Home of the Guardian Angel Single Parent Centre; fundraiser for the Canada Society and member of the Anniversary Group and Projects Committee for Cathedral Church of All Saints.

She received the YWCA Women's Recognition Dinner Award in 1983.

Dr. Peter Schwenger is a member of the Mount's English faculty and Shari Wall is President of the Mount's Student Union.



The Bleak and the Promising

"Prospects for Young People and Families: the Bleak and the Promising" is the theme of the 1985 national conference of the Canadian Mental Health Association, being held in Halifax September 18-21. The main theme will be explored through three sub-themes, "Home and School", "Work and Family" and "Specific Problem Areas".

Partial registration is available. Contact the conference co-ordinator, Mental Health/Nova Scotia, 5739 Inglis Street, Halifax, N.S. B3K 1K5, telephone 422-5800.

On The Move

Dr. Erdener Kaynak won the Quebec Air best paper award at a meeting of the Administrative Sciences Association of Canada—Marketing Division, this summer. His topic was "Credit Cards—Usage Behavior Across Nations".

Kaynak will be on sabbatical this year, visiting the University of Bradford in England, on a United Nations assignment in eastern Turkey relating to agricultural food marketing and also spending some time at the University of Hong Kong researching newly emerging economies. He attended the International Consumer Research Conference in Singapore in July.

Assistant Professor Don Shiner, of the Department of Business Administration, presented a one-day seminar on services marketing concepts and strategy at the June "Dance in Canada" conference organized by Dance Nova Scotia.

Susan Tanner and Alice MacKichan from the Admissions Office; and Diane Morris and Lynne Theriault from the Registrar's Office attended the annual conference of the Association of Atlantic Registrars and Admissions Officers (AARAO) held at the Memorial University of Newfoundland in late June, where Morris chaired sessions on "The Professional Registrar Today" and "Adult Learners: Challenge of the Eighties". At the conference, Morris was elected president of AARAO for the 85-86 year. Morris was also named recently to the executive of the Atlantic Provinces Association for Continuing Education (APACUE) as member-at-large.

Sandra Hiltz has been appointed to the newly created position of Assistant to the Business Office Manager. She was previously bookkeeper for Research and Special Projects.

Marie Kelly has been appointed Co-ordinator of Physical Plant for a six-month period until the end of January, 1986. The temporary nature of the arrangement will enable the university to assess the title and nature of the position at a time when all individual units are being assessed and a classification study of selected groups is underway. Ann Eade is acting co-ordinator and will continue as back-up for this position as she has over the years.

The Mount's Co-operative Education Office has three full-time co-ordinators now: Susan Wright, dietetics; Lynn Atwell, sciences and Valerie Cowan, business and public relations.

Opinion

by Dr. Susan Clark

In June, 1983, I was asked to be a member of the Special Committee on Pornography and Prostitution appointed by the Department of Justice. My views about commissions began to change.

We were to make recommendations for changes in legislation (the Criminal Code and other legislation where necessary) after undertaking a thorough analysis of both issues and consulting with Canadians through public hearings to be held across the country.

We completed our work in February, 1985 (two months late in the time-honored tradition of government-appointed bodies) by submitting a 750 page report, complete with 108 recommendations.

But what is it like to be on such a committee? First, there is the surprise, not to say shock, of being invited to be a member.

Secondly, people often assume that by being on the committee, you have abandoned everything you ever believed in and worked for. Co-optation is automatic and complete. At public hearings, you are "them"—and that takes some getting used to, and was certainly not how I thought of myself.

I imagine that many members of special committees and commissions face the two problems I've mentioned so far. What was obviously particular to the Fraser Committee was the subject matter—pornography and prostitution.

The public hearings were emotional experiences, which frequently ran the gamut from anger and hostility and frustration to caring, compassion and concern. What stood out was the seriousness with which Canadians took the public hearings as a means of making their concerns known to the government, and the faith they had in the system to respond to their concerns.

What we hadn't accounted for was how we as individuals were going to cope with the enormous exposure we

had to some of the more extreme forms of material and the intensity of people's experiences and feelings about the subject.

Having spent our days in very intense public meetings, we often went on to private meetings with people who had requested to see us. Prostitutes, parents of juvenile prostitutes, social workers, police and people whose lives had been affected by pornography all came to talk with us. Their stories were often harrowing and always told with great intensity and passion.

As difficult as listening to people, however, was the fact that we had to become as familiar as possible with the current pornography.

I cannot say my life has been improved by knowing what is quite easily available to any Canadian in the realm of pornography. But you can't help bring about change if you don't know what it is you are dealing with.

I found I had little patience with those people who argued that pornography was harmless fantasy because I do not think most of them had looked at the sort of material which is now available, and thought about the implications of it.

Nor, as a social science researcher, did I find any comfort from many of the research reports available to us since the research was all too often poorly conceptualized and problematic.

Nevertheless, despite the problems and difficulties of the subjects, I believe the committee came to terms with the issues in its report. None of us would consider the report to be the definitive word on pornography and prostitution. What we do believe, however, is that the report is an accurate reflection of what we learned and heard, and we hope that it will contribute to the debate on these issues.

(The above is an edited version of an article in the September, 1985 issue of Pandora.)

Summer Increase

The Mount's Summer School was as popular as ever this year with enrolment up in both sessions.

Jean Hartley, Associate Director of the Centre for Continuing Education and director of summer school, reports that there was an increase of 15 per cent in full-unit equivalent registrations in the first session, with 127 more enrolments and 17 subjects being offered.

In the second session, with 10 courses on offer, there was a 5.7 per cent increase in full-unit equivalent registrations. The second session is more heavily weighted towards education and graduate-level courses.

While enrolment in these is not necessarily as large as in the first session they are considered essential to the existence of the graduate program.

By far the most successful course, according to Hartley, was the workshop for elementary French teachers and it is hoped that two similar workshops for French immersion teachers will be held next summer.



Teaching Awards Goes to Dr. Rao



The Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association's award for teaching excellence went this year to Dr. Barbara Rao, associate professor in the Mount's Biology Department.

The recipient of the annual award is chosen by a committee of four faculty, one alumna and a student, who take into account student evaluation, course outlines,

examination and assignment requirements.

Rao, who has been at the Mount for five years, felt "absolutely wonderful" about the award and said, "The fact that it's student initiated makes it so great".

Rao is currently engaged in research with cultured cells and has recently been monitoring normal brain cells to discover their reaction to the manipulation of lipid (fat) content in the membranes.

Her associate professorship came through just this year and she now also has tenure at the Mount. "And, on top of that, I received a two-year grant from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council for my research and one of my students, who is working with me, received a NSERC student scholarship. It's been an incredible year!"

Rao received her award at a special ceremony during the Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association annual meeting on Saturday, June 1.

Sixty Year of Memories . . .

By Ruth Jeppesen

The Evening Mail, Halifax, carried the following story on June 1, 1927, which is of special significance in this year of special jubilee celebrations:

"Miss Rose Gladys Orlando, Bridgetown, Nova Scotia, who this afternoon, at the first degree-conferring commencement at Mount Saint Vincent College since it secured from the Legislature degree-conferring powers, will receive her B.A."

"Miss Dorothy Isabel McDougall of Port Hood, Cape Breton, will receive the degree of Bachelor of Secretarial Science, which is only open to those students who combine with the regular secretarial course certain Arts subjects. These young ladies are the first full graduates of the College since it took on its present status, and special interest is attached to today's commencement exercises for this reason."

"The closing exercises of the Academy will be held on June 16. The College opened the term in October last with a registration of 47 students, 23 of which were freshmen, 16 sophomores, 6 juniors, 2 seniors. Thus, says the current issue of *Folio Montana*, quietly came into existence the Mount College, long dreamed of and long prepared for."

(from a report found in the university archives, entitled "The Early History of Mount Saint Vincent College as an Educational Institution")

The report goes on to say that diplomas of Licentiate of Music were also conferred upon Miss Marguerite

McNeil of Glace Bay, Cape Breton and Miss Mary Fabyan Windeatt Regina, Saskatchewan.

After a musical program the announcements for the conferring of degrees was made by the Mount chaplain, Rev. J. B. O'Reilly, C.J.M. Degrees were conferred by Rev. Charles E. McManua, rector of Saint Mary's Cathedral and addresses were given by George Murphy, M.D. and Rev. M. Coady, D.D., Ph.D. of Saint Francis Xavier.

In addition to welcoming the Mount to the ranks of institutions of higher learning, and quoting Virgil—"O fortunati quorum moenia surgunt" (Blessed are those whose walls are rising), Dr. Coady, according to the report,

"took the imagination of his audience from the Spring-time of a little college into the future generations when the line of Mount Saint Vincent College graduates will reach across our great Dominion, carrying everywhere the bloom of womanhood and the perfume of refined training . . ."

Editor's Note:

Alumnae, does this sound like you??!

(In checking current alumnae files, it was discovered that Doro Isabel McDougall Baker and Mary Fabyan Windeatt are deceased; Marguerite McNeil, now MacDougall, is still living in Glace Bay; and Rose Gladys Orlando married a John Clancy but her whereabouts are unknown.)



The library hosted a luncheon this summer, in honor of Dr. Pierre Gerin's retirement from the university. Dr. Gerin was a library co-ordinator for 10 years, since the institution of the position. Among those in attendance were, left to right, Department of Modern Languages chair, Dr. Armand Morel; Sister Elizabeth Bellefontaine, of the Department of Religious Studies; Academic Vice-President, Dr. Pauline Jones; and Dr. Gerin.

Plan Now for Caritas Day

It's not too soon to start planning for Caritas Day, which will fall on Wednesday, January 29, 1986. Although it seems a long way ahead, time will be needed to plan for this special day of community service which was approved by Senate last December.

The idea is to provide an opportunity for the Mount to contribute to the greater civic community; increase university spirit; unite students, faculty, staff and administrators in a common effort; increase awareness of the Mount, its philosophy and objectives; and to retain historical ties with the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity.

Since 1967 a day in January has always been granted at the discretion of the president and known simply as the President's Holiday. In its place, Caritas Day will become something much more meaningful than a day with no classes. There is no end to

the number of special projects that could be undertaken, individually, or in groups, on this day. Painting a room for an elderly citizen; helping out at Hope Cottage; visiting hospitals; taking disadvantaged kids for an outing; having a cup of tea with some of the older Sisters at the Motherhouse; reading for the blind . . . a little imagination is all that's needed.

Perhaps the individual residences on campus would like to take on their own special projects or maybe students could offer their services to volunteer organizations. For instance, the Mount's Public Relations students regularly offer their writing skills to help local organizations prepare brochures or posters.

In any case planning should begin soon because the next four months are going to fly by very fast.

If you want to share any good ideas about Caritas Day, contact The Connection.

Career Options and Realities

Options and Realities: the Fifth Annual Career Week will be held on campus, September 30 to October 4, sponsored by the Mount's Student Services and Counselling Office, the Canada Employment Centre on campus and the Co-operative Education Office.

Noon-hour workshops will be held each day in Seton Auditorium D, including "U-Maps: options on campus with careers in mind" (Monday); "Realities of the Labor Market: trends and forecasts" (Tuesday); "Women, Science and Technology: don't limit your options" (Wednesday); "The Inside Track: a recruiter reveals which applications work" (Thursday); and "Work/Study: the best of both worlds" (Friday).

Alumnae from the work world will be on hand Thursday evening, 7-9 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room, to share experiences with current students. This "Alumnae In Action" event is sponsored by the Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association and Student Union.

For further information, contact the Student Services and Counselling Office, Rosaria 116.

Short List for New President

According to Dr. Susan Clark, secretary to the committee looking for a new Mount president, "the short list has been established and interviews with the various candidates will take place this Fall."

She said there was a good response to the university's call for applications and nominations and that they had come from Canada, United States, Great Britain and some from "Third World" countries.

Dr. Clark said committee members felt that those who made it to the short list "understand and support" the Mount's special mandate and focus.

Tourism Degree A Possibility

The Mount has received approval in principle from the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission for the proposed degree of Bachelor of Hospitality and Tourism Management.

In a statement made last May to the Honorable Tom McMillan, Minister of State for Tourism, the Mount said that the establishment of a new degree program in tourism and hospitality management presents an exciting challenge. "It is a challenge to initiate a program which will truly meet the needs of the industry by educating a new generation of managers who will be able to play a significant part in the development of the tourism industry," the statement said.

The Mount believes that through university level tourism programs there will be the opportunity to assist in the development of an industry which is important to Canada's economic well-being and which has yet to reach its full potential.

The program envisaged for the Mount would include eight key areas: marketing, innovation, human organization, financial resources, physical resources, productivity, social responsibility and profit requirements. A core of business courses would be supplemented by specialization in one of three professional areas: food and beverage management; lodging and institutional management and tourism management.

The Mount feels that it can play a significant role in the development of the tourism industry because it holds an arms-length position from labour, government and the industry. It can serve as a more objective facilitator to utilize and develop linkages to provide ongoing leadership in human resource development, hospitality and tourism research and to engage in consultation with local, regional, national and international actors in Canadian tourism.

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in Professor McCormack," she said. The chair, established with a \$500,000 federal government grant, is designed to bring visiting scholars in women's studies (or persons in public life who have contributed to the advancement of women) to the university.

Duties associated with the chair include public presentations for audiences on and off the campus, the teaching of one women's studies course and the continuation of ongoing research.

Since the grant's announcement more than a year ago, the Mount has strengthened its women's studies program with the addition this year of 11 new courses which offer a wide choice to students, including familiarizing them with the current critical literature available on women's issues.

Other courses focus on research methods, provide majors with opportunities to integrate the knowledge they have gained in previous courses, explore selected topics in women's studies at an advanced level, examine the physiological and cultural aspects of birth and question whether the mass media is a mechanism for the oppression of liberation of women.

Professor McCormack, who is president of the Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association and holds a number of faculty and senate responsibilities of York University, will present one course—"Women and Social Planning" beginning in January.

The Mount's Women's Studies Lecture Series, initiated and co-ordinated by Assistant Professor Poff during the past year, will be continued.

Letter To The Editor

Again this year, our students face a critical shortage of housing for the academic year. Availability also determines affordability of rentals.

Market conditions combined with enrolment trends have resulted in a demand for housing on and off campus which far exceeds the supply. There are now approximately 250 students wait-listed for residence rooms.

Anyone with a spare bedroom who would be interested in renting to a student, for even a short term, should contact the Housing Office immediately.

Our efforts to provide even short-term housing will significantly lessen the anxiety experienced, especially by first-year students (not to mention their parents) in their adjustment to university life.

Please help. Call the Housing Office, extension 355.

Maureen Coady
Housing Officer



A small but enthusiastic group of participants in the "Noon Walk" program kept up their fitness levels over the summer. The program starts again this week, along with many other athletics/recreation offerings. Shown here before their walk, back row (l to r): Paul Reyno, Colleen Brown, Jacquie Stevens, Maralyn Roode. Front row (l to r): Suzanna Goudey, Carol Goodwin-Hatt, Pat Copeland, Pat DeMont, Dorothy MacInnis and Pat MacKenzie.

In Memoriam

Sympathy is extended to Brenda and Goldie Arsenault, who both work with Versa Services on campus, on the death of their mother, Mary E. Arsenault; to Beryl Callaghan, of the Life Planning and Learning Centre, on the death of her daughter, Margaret Millar; and to Paul Zwicker, of the Audio-Visual Department on the death of his father, Sterling Zwicker.



Arts Conference

A major conference, A National Forum on Canadian Cultural Policy, will be held at the Mount on September 21 and 22.

Organized by the Nova Scotia Coalition on Arts and Culture, the conference is in two parts—working sessions all day Saturday and Sunday morning, and a public session on Sunday afternoon.

David Suzuki, scientist and broadcaster, is the featured speaker for the public session and other panelists will join him including Thelma McCormack of the Department of Sociology, York University (who will also be the Mount's first appointment to the Chair of Women's Studies in 1986); Louis Applebaum, co-author of the Applebaum-Hébert report on federal cultural policy; Jean-Paul L'Allier, former Quebec minister of cultural affairs and Jim Wilson, past president of the Burlington, Ontario, Cultural Centre.

The public session is free of charge. Anyone wishing to participate in the working sessions should contact Mary Sparling at 443-4450, ext. 290.

Alumna Honored

Eileen Hayes, BSChEc '40, was among three Halifax women presented with community service awards at the 5th annual Halifax YWCA Women's Recognition Dinner held recently. They were chosen to represent the 27 local women, nominated by metro-area service groups, who were honored at the dinner for their significant volunteer contributions. "I don't do as much as some others," said Hayes, "but I love my volunteer work and it really doesn't take much time." Having just recovered from major heart surgery herself, Hayes, who is an active alumna and long-time church worker, thanked the more than 500 women assembled by saying: Thanks from the bottom of my heart—what's left of it." Hayes was nominated by Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association and later wrote that "over the years I have always enjoyed what ever I could do for the Mount and hope to continue in the future".

Added Names

Dr. E. Margaret Fulton and the Mount's Faculty Association have both added their names to those who are supporting a campaign to free Dr. Yuri Orlov, physicist, and Dr. Anatoly Scharansky, mathematician, who have both suffered eight years in Soviet prisons.

The campaign is being spearheaded by the Canadian Committee of Scientists and Scholars, whose international campaigns focus on one or two prisoners of conscience. Both Orlov and Scharansky are Amnesty International adopted prisoners; the former is presently in Siberia, and the latter in a Soviet labor camp for speaking out for human rights and freedoms.

A Chorus Line



A Chorus Line—one of America's most successful musicals, which is still running on Broadway—will be performed for the first time in the Maritimes at Mount Saint Vincent University next February.

The Mount's Drama Department will be holding auditions for this ambitious production on September 17, 18 and 19 at the Seton Academic Centre and everyone in the Mount community with the slightest inclination or talent for things theatrical is being encouraged to go along.

At the same time auditions will be held for the Mount's Fall drama presentation, which had not been chosen at the time of The Connection going to press.

A Chorus Line will be directed by Dr. Patrick O'Neill with Marc Neima as co-director. It will require a large cast of actors, dancers and singers but Neima emphasizes that even rank beginners will be welcome. "The Athletics/Recreation Department will be giving dancing classes twice a week during rehearsal periods," he says, "and we have Paul LeBlanc, of Snoopy fame, as our musical director." LeBlanc will be looking not only for singers but also band members who can play virtually, "any instrument at all".

There will also be a big demand for volunteers for backstage, painting scenery, working with costumes and make-up and no one needs to hold back because of lack of experience.

"While we're really looking forward to seeing some of our veterans back on stage," Neima says, "we're also very anxious to interest new students who have just recently arrived on campus and want to get into the swing of things."

If anyone wants to be part of the Drama Department's presentations but can't make it to the auditions, they should contact Marc Neima at extension 329 or Dr. Patrick O'Neill at 173.

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president Dr. E. Margaret Fulton.

Conrad, who is director of public relations, said various segments of the university community were participating "by sponsoring their own or several projects". The committee had tried to see that most areas were represented.

"The students came through this summer and are planning two functions—one will be a costume party Wednesday, October 16 and the other will be a giant birthday party a week later, which should be well

attended by everyone."

"The alumnae association is sponsoring the Diamond Jubilee Alumnae Gala on Friday, October 18, which should be a highlight of week's activities," said Conrad.

Other functions sponsored by the alumnae association include the Presidents' Dinner for past and present Mount student, faculty, staff association and alumnae leaders plus past university presidents (Wednesday, October 16) and a Government House tea at which 10 distinguished alumnae will be presented with medals of distinction.

A special "Women and Peace" exhibit will open at the Art Gallery on October 17; a massive reception for all friends of the Mount will be held in conjunction with other metro universities at the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron (following a yacht race) from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, October 18; and a 5 or 10 km walk/jog/run will take place 10 a.m. Saturday, October 19 with proceeds going to AdSum House and the athletics office.

The Yellow Rose Ceremony, which will be held for Fall home economics graduates, will be extended to include home economics alumnae and other home economics professionals living in the area. This will be held at noon Saturday, October 19 at the Art Gallery.

Apart from the special events held in conjunction with Sunday's Convocation, there will also be a special film festival that week; the official opening of the Sister Agnes Berchmans Photograph Collection at noon, Wednesday, October 23; a president's luncheon for scholarship winners and deans' list students; a University Community Happy Hour; and the dedication of the university's arboretum. Plans are also underway to plant some special trees. Posters, pins and balloons commemorating the event have become available.

For further information, or if you want to get involved, call the Public Relations Office, extensions 132, 249 or 339.

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