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MOUNT SAINT VINCENT UNIVERSITY

APRIL 18, 1988

New charter bill gets first reading

A bill to create a new charter for the Mount received first reading in the Nova Scotia Legislature on April 8.

The private member's bill, entitled An Act to Amend and Consolidate the Acts Relating to Mount Saint Vincent University, was introduced by Joel Matheson, MLA for Halifax-Bedford Basin.

The new charter would have the effect of transferring ownership of the university to the Board of Governors from the Mount Saint Vincent University Corporation.

Representatives of the university and

the Sisters of Charity seated in the Speaker's Gallery for the event were introduced to the assembled MLAs by Mr. Matheson. They included the chancellor, Archbishop James M. Hayes; the president, Dr. Naomi Hersom; the General Superior of the Sisters of Charity, Sister Paule Cantin; the Provincial Superior of the Halifax Province of the Sisters of Charity, Sister Anne Flemming; and former chairs of the Board of Governors, John Dickie and Larry Hayes.

Mount students earn NSERC scholarships



Three Mount students have won major scholarships from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC). Charlene Winchcombe, Dana Bryant and John Chiasson will all graduate with Bachelor of Science (Honours) degrees on May 13.

Charlene Winchcombe was one of only 60 students from across Canada to receive a 1967 Science and Engineering Scholarship. Valued at \$17,500 for 12 months plus a travel allowance, the scholarship will enable her to pursue studies in biology at the University of Guelph. Winchcombe was recipient of the \$1,500 Albertus Magnus Scholarship in 1986-87, and, in 1987-88, both a merit scholarship

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Researchers successful in bids for NSERC grants

Five Mount faculty members have been awarded operating grants for their research by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC). The grants, which will be paid in equal instalments over the next three years, begin in the 1988-89 fiscal year.

Frank Bennett, math and computer science, will receive \$24,570 for his project entitled "The spectrum of a variety of combinatorial designs, Latin squares and quasigroups."

Fred Harrington, psychology, will receive \$45,000 in support of his research on "Wolf (*Canis lupis*) ecology and behaviour in relationship to caribou (*Rangifer tarandus*) migration in northern Quebec and Labrador."

Christopher Lucarotti, biology, will receive \$64,917 for research into "Chytridiomycete pathogens of dipteran insects." This is Dr. Lucarotti's second NSERC operating grant.

Christopher Moore, psychology, will receive \$31,500 for "the development of nonsegmental features of the expression of certainty."

Lillian Wainwright, biology, will receive \$43,500 for her research project, "Protein synthesis and the chick pineal gland." Dr. Wainwright, who retires from active teaching this year, has received NSERC grants for 18 consecutive years.

Recipients of NSERC grants must reapply each year to receive succeeding instalments. A number of faculty members have been awarded second or final instalments of three-year grants for work to be done in 1988-89.

Amalie Frolich, biology, receives the final \$20,000 instalment for her work on "Neural connectivity in invertebrates".

David Furrow, psychology, receives the final \$12,000 instalment for "Attention, behavioural, and contextual correlates of

nonsegmental properties of child vocalizations".

John Sayre, math and computer science, receives the final \$2,796 instalment for "Generalized Hausdorff matrices and best approximation of alternating series".

Susan Whiting, home economics, receives her second \$13,000 instalment for "Effects of methylxanthine ingestion on urinary calcium excretion in the rat".

Competition increases

The nine recipients of NSERC operating grants for 1988-89 represent 64 per cent of those who applied for the awards. The success rate reflects the increased competition nationwide for limited NSERC funds.

Last year, 1987-88, 80 per cent of the applicants were successful in their bids. The heyday for Mount researchers was 1986-87 when 96.6 per cent of applicants were rewarded, up from 85.7 per cent of a year earlier.

The value of NSERC awards for 1988-89, based on the annual instalments, is \$117,625. That figure is down only slightly from the \$118,633 received in 1987-88. Once again, however, 1986-87 was the top year for Mount researchers who netted \$130,827. In 1985-86, the figure was \$122,798.

And how much on average did researchers receive through the years? \$10,233 in 1985-86, \$9,345 in 1986-87, \$9,886 in 1987-88 and a high of \$13,069 in 1988-89.

Senate: PR, co-op requirements to change

Public relations students are required to complete only one unit of French to meet their degree requirements, the university Senate decided at its meeting on March 28, 1988.

The change, which replaces the former requirement for two units of French, becomes effective May 15. Public relations students who wish to pursue further studies in French will now have the option of choosing a three-unit concentration in French.

In another decision, Senate changed the requirements for public relations students wishing to enter the co-operative education program. Students with a grade of 70 per cent in PRL 112 (Writing and Reporting I) or PRL 212 (Writing and Reporting II) will now be eligible for admission to co-op. Formerly, students had to meet the 70-per-cent requirement in PRL 112.

In other Senate news, decisions were made which will affect academic departments and university procedures. *Departmental status granted*

Full departmental status was given to the subject areas of philosophy and political science and to the programs in tourism and hospitality management and gerontology. *German 200 split*

German 200 will be replaced by two half-unit courses -- GER 201 (Intermediate Practical German I) and GER 202 (Intermediate Practical German II).

New grade for Child Study established

Child study students who might normally receive a failing grade or an incomplete for a practicum may now be awarded a no credit repeat -- NCR. The new designation will be used if the department feels a student would benefit by the additional instruction and experience, or if the practicum setting did not allow the student to exhibit the performance required for a passing grade.

Mount-NSTC BEd to be conferred earlier

Senate passed an enabling motion to allow BEd degrees granted by the Mount in association with Nova Scotia Teachers College to be conferred at NSTC convocation. In previous years these degrees were not conferred until a year later because the NSTC academic year extends late into the spring and after the Mount convocation in May.

DUET report referred to committee

A report on the growth of DUET since 1984 and future plans for the educational television service was referred by Senate to the Policy and Planning Committee.

The next Senate meeting is scheduled for April 27.

Book campaign surpasses goal

Operation SOS, launched March 3 as part of the university's annual fund drive, has reached its \$20,000 goal. As of April 13, a total of \$20,100.50 had been received from 190 donors.

The funds will be used to buy new books for the library.

The quick success of the campaign is partly due to alumnae volunteers who stuffed and mailed 13,000 brochures for the campaign, and four students who helped with a telethon that reached 100 alumnae.



Distance education discussed

In February President Hersom attended meetings of the Association of Commonwealth Universities in Perth, Australia. In her report to the Board of Governors, Dr. Hersom highlighted the discussions on distance education.

A Commonwealth distance education network was approved in October 1987, she said. The centre for the Commonwealth Network in English will be located in Vancouver and assistance is being provided by both French-speaking and English-speaking Canadians.

"The tasks facing all of us are enormous," she said. In addition to technical and financial considerations, Dr. Hersom cited evaluation of students'

work as being an especially complex matter.

The provision of the Mount's new facilities in the Fulton Communications Centre is particularly timely, she said. Dr. Hersom commended the wisdom and foresight of those at the Mount who fostered the development of distance education programs.

The increasing emphasis on distance education by television "underscores the necessity of moving ahead as quickly as possible with a comprehensive system within Atlantic Canada if we in this region are to be able to participate appropriately in the Commonwealth Network," Dr. Hersom concluded.

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Between April 21 and June 9, the Royal Commission on Health Care will travel throughout Nova Scotia soliciting views of citizens on their health care system. Recommendations that might assist the commission in formulating a comprehensive health care policy can be sent the N.S. Royal Commission on Health Care, P.O. Box 1617, Halifax, N. S., B3J 2Y3.

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The Mount's athletics/recreation office will host a men's basketball summer league, April 27 to June 8. Up to 40 players, aged 18 and over, can participate. Registration is underway, on a first-come, first served basis. Call the A/R office, ext. 370 for details.

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Greg Coakley, biology department, will once again be selling cheese (\$10 and \$12) to raise funds for Friends of Schizophrenia. Orders must be placed before May 27 with pickup from Evaristus 121 on June 15. For details contact Greg Coakley, Evaristus 121, at extension 140.

The Metro Council on Continuing Education will hold its 15th anniversary celebration on the Mount campus June 1. The location is particularly appropriate because it was here that the council was initiated by the continuing education directors of three metro universities, local school boards and the provincial department of education.

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Dr. Helen Caldicott will be in Halifax this month as part of a nationwide tour in support of the Canadian Peace Pledge Campaign. She will speak about Making Canada a World Leader for Peace on Thursday, April 28 at 8 p.m. in the Theatre Auditorium, McNally Building, Saint Mary's University. Tickets are \$6, \$3 for students and are available at the door.

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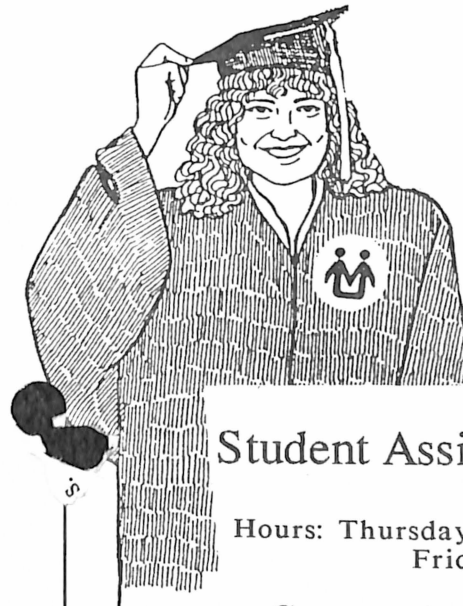
The Department of Business Administration is sponsoring a Women in Management Research Symposium to be held on campus April 27-29, bringing together researchers from across Canada.

Mount Students

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and a \$1,500 Nickle Family Foundation Scholarship.

Dana Bryant and John Chiasson have been awarded NSERC postgraduate scholarships. These awards are valued at \$11,600 for 12 months. Bryant received merit scholarships from the Mount in 1985-86 and 1986-87. She intends to study psychology at Dalhousie University. Chiasson also received a merit scholarship for 1986-87. He will do his postgraduate work in biology at Dalhousie.



Student Assistants Needed for Convocation

Ushers - 22 required

Hours: Thursday, May 12 - 8:30 a.m.-noon and 2:30-6 p.m.
Friday, May 13 - 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Convocation Gown Assistants - five required

Hours: Tuesday, May 10 - 1-4 p.m.; Wednesday, May 11 - 9 a.m.-4 p.m.;
Thursday, May 12 - 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Friday, May 13 - 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

Rate of pay for all above positions: \$4 per hour

Apply: Dean Susan Clark's office, Seton 301

Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. or 2-4:30 p.m.

ON THE MOVE

Home economics students in institutional administration have completed several challenging class projects this year. They prepared food for large groups including Sister Margaret Young's farewell party in October, the home economics department fashion show, the Seder meal sponsored by campus ministry, and for Chef Rene and Versa Services staff. They also worked off campus on projects for the Rockingham Community Centre, Hope Cottage, AdSum House, the school for the blind and at a local school where they helped Grade 5 students stage a multicultural event.

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Dr. Marilyn McDowell, home economics department, will attend a conference in Montreal later this month on the expanding role of universities in international co-operation. The focus will be on the role of the university as an agent of change.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Until May 8

EXHIBITION Paintings by Paul Miller and Karen Spencer. Downstairs in the Art Gallery.

EXHIBITION Drawings by Parr, Cape Dorset. Upstairs in the Art Gallery.

April 18

DEADLINE Last day for submissions to the last issue of Campus Connection for this academic year.

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

May 16 is the application deadline for the following awards:

- Part-time Merit Awards
- Day-Care Award
- Leslie Sansom Scholarship
- Edwards Fine Foods Scholarship for Bachelor of Tourism & Hospitality Management
- Continuing Education Scholarship
- Catholic Women's Academic Scholarship
- Alice Egan Hagen Scholarship
- Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship
- Student Council Jubilee Scholarships

The awards are described in detail in the 1988-1989 University Calendar. Application forms are available from the Registrar's Office.

April 27-29

SYMPOSIUM Women in Management Research Symposium. For information call the Department of Business Administration.

April 29-May 1

CONFERENCE A Nova Scotia conference on women and the Christian church sponsored by Continuing Education and Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada. Call Continuing Education, ext. 244 or 400, for details.

May 11

DEADLINE Registration deadline for first summer session.

May 13

CONVOCATION In Seton Academic Centre, 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

May 16

SUMMER SESSION First summer session begins.

DEADLINE Application deadline for some awards and scholarships (see ad this page)

May 25

CONCERT Serenade for Spring by Seton Cantata Choir, Mount Art Gallery, 8 p.m. Tickets \$5, \$3 for students and seniors.

June 24

DEADLINE Last day for early registration for fall term.

June 28

DEADLINE Registration deadline for second summer session.

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