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Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, Nova Scotia



Close to 80 students and members of the community gathered at the Mount to take buses to the Halifax Commons for the Papal visit earlier this month. At least seven of this group were so enthusiastic about the youth rally held in the evening that they stayed overnight in the public park, waiting for the Mass held the following morning.

Russian Scientists To Visit Mount

Universities in the Atlantic Provinces, under the auspices of the Association of Atlantic Universities, have joined forces to sponsor the visit of seven Russian scientists to the region, from October 26 to November 2, during Disarmament Week.

The Russian delegation of leading natural and social scientists will circulate among the participating universities: the Mount, Technical University of Nova Scotia, Dalhousie Saint Mary's, Saint Francis Xavier, University of New Brunswick, University of Prince Edward Island and Memorial University of Newfoundland.

Each university will look after its own arrangements and the Mount has already drawn up a tentative program which includes four public lectures and time set aside during the day for faculty members to invite the visitors to their classes if they so wish. The Russian scientists will be available for classroom discussions, lunch and dinner meetings, social and/or formal occasions.

On Monday evening, October 29, M. Pivavrov of the Institute of General Pedagogy of the USSR, will give a public lecture on Education and Upbringing in the Spirit of Peace in the Soviet Schools and discuss

comparative education in the USSR and USA.

On Tuesday, October 30, Valeri Chibisenkov, historian and secretarial head of the USSR-Canada Society, will be available to speak to classes on Canada-USSR history and relations. In the evening, a joint public lecture will be given by M.I. Kuzin, Director of Vishnevski Institute of Surgery, and G.S. Golitsin, Institute of Physics of the Atmosphere, on the Arms of Mass Destruction and the Biological and Environmental Consequences. They are also available at the Mount during the day.

On Wednesday, October 31, V.I. Dobrenkov, President of Moscow State University, will be available all day at the Mount and will give a public lecture in the evening entitled "The Moment of Peace in the USSR."

On Thursday, November 1, Valeri Chibisenkov will return to the Mount and be available all day, and give a public lecture in the evening on Canada and the USSR—Relations for Building Peace.

As part of the visit there will be a residential seminar from October 26 to 28 at the Atlantic Christian Training Centre at Tatamagouche. The aim of this seminar is to provide an informal setting for sharing information and in-

depth discussion on the prevention of nuclear war and the building of trust, respect and peace.

There will be presentations by the Soviets and critical exchanges by leading regional academics. Mount President, Dr. E. Margaret Fulton who was recently appointed to the Board of the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security, will be attending.

Faculty and/or students who wish to meet with the Soviet scientists are asked to make arrangements through Dr. Larry Fisk, extension 226, or Pat Copeland, extension 339, as soon as possible.

Centralized Co-op

Mount Saint Vincent University, considered co-operative education pioneer in the Maritimes, is working with Dalhousie University on a proposal to establish a "centralized co-op education office" on the Mount campus according to Mount Co-Op Education director Ivan Blake.

Employment and Immigration Canada has allocated up to \$3 million over the next three years to help school boards, colleges and universities to cover the additional costs of creating or expanding co-operative education options.

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Signage System Needed

In an effort to improve the Mount's "corporate image", the board of governors public relations advisory committee has recommended that a well-designed external and internal signage system be adopted for the university.

"This was one of the recommendations that came out of the senate's Image Committee Report in 1982 and was referred to our committee," Dr. Marguerite Flinn said in an interview before her departure for Vancouver.

She said she was determined to see the project proposal through since it had absorbed so much of the committee's time during the past year. The objective was to review the current signage system in place on campus and to improve it by applying a consistent and effective signage system throughout, she said.

Dr. Flinn, who chaired the board's public relations committee for three years, said the existing signage system had been the subject of complaint by faculty and others and that university public relations director Dulcie Conrad had prepared a discussion paper on the subject plus an audio-visual presentation.

"Frankly, until I saw the presentation I really didn't know how many diversified styles had been adopted or how confusing the messages had become," she said.

Dulcie Conrad and public relations department chair Jon White both felt the existing system reflected poorly on the university's image and did nothing to assist those who made use of Mount facilities, she said. "They argued that while the university was not in a position to scrap everything at once it could work towards providing a definitive university signage manual which could be followed in the future." Reports and signage systems adopted by other universities helped with the discussion, she said.

Dr. Flinn was assured the proposal would be sent to the board of

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MOUNT SAINT VINCENT ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

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Emergency Food Depot Needs Help

Self help and mutual interdependence are elements of the philosophy behind an emergency food depot set up in the Ward 5 area of Halifax this summer. As well as trying to provide emergency food rations for individuals or families for one or two days, members of the depot refer those needing their help for counselling in budgeting and independent decision-making.

Founding members of the food depot are Nancy Rogers, of the Ward Five Information Centre; Marie Hamilton, of Halifax Anti-Poverty Organization; Maureen MacDonald of Dalhousie Legal Aid; and Frank Boyd, of Halifax. They have been soliciting public support for the project hoping to receive donations of food and volunteer time. Anyone interested can call Nancy Rogers at 454-0018 or 454-0019.

This is just one project sponsored by the Anti-Poverty Organization for Halifax-Dartmouth (the local branch of a national group) which is "dedicated to improving the condition of the poor and low-income families". The following is an excerpt from a letter received from Marie Hamilton, President of the association when she wrote to Mount President E.M. Fulton recently:

"We believe that all people command respect, understanding and consideration. We also believe that people working together can accomplish much more than individuals working alone.

"Monthly meetings are held from September to June. We attend and hold workshops on various topics. Meetings are held once a month at Alexandra Centre. Our concerns are as follows: housing for the poor, single parents, seniors; we also assisted Ward Five with an emergency food bank ..."

Further information on the Anti-Poverty Organization for Halifax-Dartmouth can be obtained from Marie Hamilton at 455-1403.

Talented Mount Team Plays to 2,000

A broken head, a broken-down car, a forgotten bouquet of dead and wilting flowers, a maraschino cherry, an attack of laryngitis and armour that wouldn't come off, were part of the unwritten script in this summer's Mount Playhouse.

Three months of alarms and excursions, highs and lows, resulted overall in a resounding success as a talented Mount team once more entertained close to 2,000 enthusiastic patrons, many of whom attended all three productions during the six-week summer season.

The Mount Playhouse, in three short years, has become an institution.

It's now the "in thing" to attend the dinner-theatre at the pub during the dog days of summer, to sip a long, cool one on the grassy patio, to listen to strolling musicians, watch plays, that, this year, were guaranteed to bring laughs to folks who get more than their fair whack of gloom and doom on the television news. And, to top it all, a three course dinner, beautifully prepared and presented under the direction of Chef Rene.

The invincible team of Dr. Peter Schwenger of the English Department and alumnae officer Dilly MacFarlane (described as Yin and Yang by one observer) took on the artistic direction, production, organization and roles of dad and mom to a bewilderingly diverse group of actors,

actresses, directors, stagehands, makeup artists, seamstresses, painters, singers and musicians who came together to form that extraordinary colony (rather like a Portugese Man-O-War) that calls itself the Mount Playhouse.

Both exhausted at the end of the season, they willingly admit that it took two of them to accomplish what the English Department's Professor Renate Usmiani had done alone in the first couple of years of the Playhouse's existence.

The sheer logistics of balancing six plays, musicians, singers, and catering staff, along with holding down a full-time job, was an experience that MacFarlane probably underestimated at first—but she was always there to hound and cheer, yell and encourage, to undertake even small menial tasks like making sure the silver hair spray was in the dressing room.

She couldn't have done it alone, she says. "Peter was absolutely marvellous. I trusted his judgement implicitly. No detail escaped him—including the substitution of a maraschino cherry for what should have been a fresh strawberry on the melon cup!"

Schwenger took on the additional job of directing two plays on top of the myriad other duties that piled up as

the season progressed.

MacFarlane, who can't resist a challenge, played a major role in "A Phoenix Too Frequent" and, of course, was one of the eight Variety Fare singers who wowed the audiences two nights a week.

It seemed an impossible task—but, somehow it worked.

MacFarlane and Schwenger agree that the success of the 1984 season was everyone's doing. "We were a wonderful team. It was rather like a big family with all that implies," MacFarlane says. "There was closeness, there were quarrels, there was affection and concern and a tremendous dedication.

And, of course, a few disasters to live things up.

The broken head belonged to stagehand John O'Malley, one of the Mount's first 60-plus graduates, who fell off a chair (just putting a few finishing touches to the set on opening night) and took a swan dive into a table, spattering blood and consternation everywhere. In his seventies, this accident was no joke, and O'Malley was whisked off by ambulance to hospital for emergency treatment.

The wilting flowers, which lay forgotten and undelivered were replaced by fresh ones the next day to dry the tears of the ingenue in question.

The broken-down car, of course, belonged to MacFarlane, who had been driving it against all odds for weeks and which finally gave up the ghost opposite the Piccadilly Tavern, its back seat loaded with spotlights for the Playhouse.

When laryngitis overtook singer Anne Whitney, it meant that the 20-minute opera, *The Telephone*, had to be cancelled twice. Twelve other members of the Playhouse were called in at the last minute to substitute with a singing number, "and there wasn't a whimper from any of them" MacFarlane says.

And the armour that wouldn't budge? Well, have your ever tried making love in a suit of armour? Steven Bruhm almost had to in "A Phoenix Too Frequent" when he couldn't undo the straps on his breast-plate.

Perhaps the most surprised member of the "Phoenix" cast, on the final night, was MacFarlane, at the reception she received from the boys backstage as she made her exit. But that's another story, that can't be told here. It was moonlight and roses with a vengeance!

Now the movers and shakers of the Playhouse—Usmiani, Schwenger, MacFarlane, and Frances Cody of the Conference Office, who played such an important part in the box office of things—will get together after a breather to plan next year's productions.

Onward and upward!



Sister Margaret Young

Bridging the Music Gap

Sister Margaret Young, of the Child Study Department, had a paper on early childhood music training accepted by the prestigious International Society for Music Education, recently.

It is the first time in the history of the society that papers on this subject have been received. Sr. Margaret's was one of two, the other being submitted by a music professor from Australia.

When she was invited to present her paper "Learning—Bridging the Gap Between Theory and Practice", she said she was "scared half to death!"

The ISME Research Commission held its tenth seminar at University of Victoria in June, and on arrival Sr.

Margaret discovered she was expected to read six papers each evening of the week-long event, so that they could be discussed in detail the following day.

"In this way," she said, "you don't actually read your own paper out loud because everyone is supposed to have read it the night before. Instead, you present ten minutes of remarks about your paper, and this is followed by 30 minutes of interrogation."

In spite of the rather daunting and formal atmosphere, Sr. Margaret said she felt very much at home with the questions she was asked. "I was pleased and gratified," she said, "and proud for the Mount. This was the first time that a paper from this area had been presented at an ISME seminar."

There were delegates from all over the world attending, and the Argentinian delegate requested a copy of Sr. Margaret's paper in order to have it published in a research bulletin in his country. Her paper will also be published in the *Music Education Research Journal*.

"Once you're invited to give a paper, you're automatically included in future ISME seminars," Sr. Margaret explained. She is one of ten new members to join the group of 14 researchers who founded ISME 17 years ago.

Following the seminar in Victoria, an ISME Congress was held at the University of Oregon, where Sister took part in a couple of workshops.

In two years time, the next ISME seminars will be held in Innsbruck, Austria, "and I've been asked to deliver a follow-up on this year's paper," Sr. Margaret said.

Drivers Needed

Have some free time for some interesting volunteer work? The International Education Centre at Saint Mary's University is looking for drivers with cars who could provide rides, on an occasional basis, to international speakers who will be visiting school classes this year.

If you could give some time to drive a speaker to and from a school in the Halifax-Dartmouth area or a nearby community, your help would be much appreciated. It works best when the driver can stay throughout the speakers presentation and be there to provide the ride home.

The benefits for the volunteer driver are opportunities to meet interesting people and learn about other countries. If you are interested, or if you know of someone who would be, please call Andrea Currie at 429-9780, ext. 165.

Youth Science Funds Expanded

The details of an augmented funding plan to assist the Youth Science Foundation (YSF) and the Conseil de developpement du loisir scientifique (CDLS) have been announced in Ottawa.

Under the federal government's proposal the YSF will receive an additional \$215,000 for 1984-85, \$310,000 for 1985-86, \$370,000 for 1986-87, and a total federal contribution of \$400,000 for each of the two subsequent years; the CDLS in Quebec will receive \$100,000 in 1984-85 for youth-oriented science activities, and \$150,000 in each of the four subsequent years. The funds will come from the Department of Regional Industrial Expansion, to be administered through the existing Public Awareness of Science and Technology Program managed by the Department of Supply and Services.

The Youth Science Foundation and the Conseil de developpement du loisir scientifique are private, non-profit organizations. They sponsor activities which involve young people in science and technology, to improve their understanding and enjoyment of these subjects and to encourage them to consider science and technology-oriented careers.

The Science Council of Canada, in its recent report on science education, recommended that the federal government afford the two organizations stable funding.

"Stable funding will allow the YSF and the CDLS to spend more of their time and attention on programs which would serve all regions of the country," former Science and Technology Minister Ed Lumley said in making the announcement.

Local Reps Want More Say In National Universities Week '85

National Universities Week has been scheduled for the week of Oct. 15, 1985, by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) and the various university public relations offices throughout the country will be expected to allocate their budgets and staff to once again tackle the project.

After a successful first run in October of 1983, AUCC organizers expect to expand their program next year. It has been agreed that the campaign is to be held at two-year intervals.

The Profile

NUW represents a concentrated effort to raise the profile of the university in Canada. Its 1983 theme "We Have The Future In Minds" was so successful that the prestigious Washington-based Council for the Advancement and Support of Education adopted the same theme for this year's campaign in the United States.

According to AUCC officials the 1985 NUW campaign will focus on "Youth". Some \$138,000 has been allocated to carry out the necessary work.

The Public Affairs Council of Educators (individual university public relations/public affairs directors) meeting in Halifax in June complained bitterly to AUCC officials that its members wanted more say in NUW initiatives.

PACE's executive sees the AUCC role as one of providing co-ordinating services rather than one of leadership in developing public relations strategies for Canada's universities and colleges. Its members argue that not all institutions are equal in either

manpower and funding and set their own priorities.

The Mount, for instance, has a three-person public relations office, a restricted budget and its individual departments controlling their own public relations budgets leaving little room for a co-ordinated approach to long-range public relations goals.

Mount public relations director Dulcie Conrad, past-president of PACE and on the national executive committee, said decisions taken elsewhere without prior consultation and overlooking local budgets and workloads can have demoralizing effects on those wanting to participate.

"Dr. Fulton made a valiant attempt in 1983 to get all the universities in the local area to participate in a co-operative and co-ordinated way, but it fell apart. If we had been willing to undertake the whole project and carry it out ourselves it would have been a great success, but we didn't have the resources and the other universities didn't seem to want to tackle it—each has its own priorities and co-operation is a two-way street."

Conrad said she'd like to see the Mount strike a National Universities Week Committee with the appropriate representation, support and funding to see a well co-ordinated approach to participating in the event. "The presidents of Canada's universities and colleges have said NUW is going to be with us every other year so we may have to treat our participation in this national event seriously or forget it." She hopes the various departments will remember 1985 is NUW time and will include funds in their budgets if they want to participate.

Community Uses the Speakers Bureau Service



More than 50 groups and individuals called on the expertise of the Mount Saint Vincent University Speakers Bureau last year, with

requests for short comments or in-depth workshops—groups ranging from Parents Without Partners to a chiropractors' convention; preschool centres to MENSEA; in addition to church and senior citizens' organizations and media representatives.

Speakers Bureau brochures are distributed annually to approximately 800 service groups and media across Nova Scotia, listing topics of general and specialized interest and those faculty and administrative staff members of the university who are willing to speak on such things as how television affects young children, women and pensions and birdwatching (in your back yard and beyond!).

Questionnaires have already been sent out to update the present listing, with the 1984-85 edition of the Speakers Bureau brochure due for circulation in early November.

Playtime is for Learning

The things that children most delight in, things to climb on, to crawl through, to slide down, to build with, are now all in place in the playground outside the Child Study Centre, thanks to a Summer Canada Works grant and the ingenuity of Carol Goodwin-Hatt, the Mount's head gardener.

About eight years ago, when Jocelyn Raymond was director of the Child Study Centre, she got together with Goodwin-Hatt and they designed a playground.

Time went on and nothing was done—the grass became even more worn and the ground underneath rock hard from the scuffling of scores of little feet.

In the Spring of this year, a submission on behalf of the Mount for a new play area for the Centre went to Canada Works, and a grant was forthcoming allowing the Mount to hire two employees for 13 weeks, plus a small stipend. The university came through with another \$7,000 and Goodwin-Hatt's design was submitted to CBCL Landscaping who used it as a basis for the final plan for the playground.

It must be every child's dream, located in a natural wooded area on the Mount campus with a small stream and now, climbers, swings and sand-boxes, specially designed to be used by children of all inclinations and also by handicapped children.

"Some of the sand boxes are raised," Goodwin-Hatt said, "so that a child in a wheelchair can play there."

The climbers are also accessible to handicapped youngsters and there is a wheelchair ramp for easy access. The ramp also doubles as a means of quick evacuation in case of emergency.

All the structures are built of wood, because, unlike metal, it doesn't absorb heat in the hot weather.

Grass surfaces are minimal, as grass gets worn down too easily, so pea gravel has been substituted—a form of rounded gravel with no sharp edges. And, winding through the playground, is a triecyle path.

The Child Study Centre's aim of providing constructive play has been met and Goodwin-Hatt, who already has the design of the Mount's Fitness Trail to her credit, admitted modestly, "It's a really nice playground." But her smile, as she said it, showed just how satisfied she is with the results of her work. She took charge of all the construction and lay-out of the playground, and together with Greg Stewart and Rick Pentz, the two Summer Canada Works employees, can take a great deal of credit for something that is going to delight the hearts of so many youngsters.

And, as an added bonus, the children will be learning at the same time, without even realizing it!



Project Ploughshares Representative Talks Peace With German Churches

Students in West Germany are studying theology in the hundreds.

When Rev. Dr. Martin Rumscheidt of Atlantic School of Theology visited there this summer with his wife, Barbara, he lectured to 700 undergraduates on political theology at Tübingen.

Although the churches in West Germany have all the clergy they need, theology classes are still filled, according to the Rumscheidts.

Dr. Rumscheidt went to West Germany at the invitation of the West German Church peace movement in order to form links with the Canadian peace movement. As well as acting as formal representative of Project Ploughshares, he also took greetings from the Halifax Presbytery of the United Church and the Moderator of the United Church.

"Ordinary people are taking the formation and structure of the Church into their own hands in West Germany, and they won't let it go," he says. "In Germany there are now two Churches. What they call the 'legal Church', and the 'legitimate Church', which is the one involved in the peace movement. It's an explosive situation because West Germans see the legal Church as speaking for the state, and the legitimate Church as taking a moral Christian attitude towards such issues as the arms race and oppression."

In Germany, Christians see their political involvement as an issue of faith, Dr. Rumscheidt says. "Here in Canada it seems to be more a case of dabbling in politics. However, when we showed the West Germans statements made by our Canadian official Church people, they were amazed. But we told them that we wished we had the same input at the grassroots as they have."

In Canada, according to Dr. Rumscheidt, progressive people are in leadership positions in the Church.

The peace movement in West Germany appears much stronger than in Canada, but, he points out, "this is because the distances between cities

are not so great as in Canada. It's much easier to get a large demonstration going when you have more people available. For instance, 400,000 people formed a human chain, 180 kilometers long, from Stuttgart to Ulm last October, to protest the Pershing II missiles being driven along that route and other country roads."

Not one single incident was reported during that demonstration. The West German media do not trivialise the peace movement in the way North American media try to do, Dr. Rumscheidt says. "It takes an external situation of major dimensions to open our eyes to what's happening in the world," he says. "When we experience the feeling of powerlessness ourselves, it's easier to understand those opposing the arms race, racial discrimination in South Africa and the economic distress of people in South America. West German Church groups feel strongly that you simply cannot be a Christian if you condone any of these conditions of injustice."

The Rumscheidts found the sense of community in West Germany "exciting" and enjoyed a remarkable degree of acceptance as outsiders.

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Participation, Tuition Reports

Alberta's Minister of Advanced Education, Dick Johnston, recently released two reports on participation patterns and student costs at post-secondary education (pse) institutions in the province.

The *Participation Patterns Study*, based upon detailed examination of 1971, '76 and '81 census data, notes that pse in Alberta "experienced phenomenal growth" from the early '70s, particularly in the non-university sector; youths from high socioeconomic backgrounds continue to participate at a higher rate than those from "disadvantaged backgrounds"; urban students attend at a higher rate than rural students; and females, part-time students, and youths with French, German and native backgrounds are participating at an increasing rate.

The *Tuition Fee Review*, conducted in conjunction with the participation study, outlines student costs in Alberta compared to costs in other provinces and selected areas of the U.S. Costs compared include tuition fees in selected programs, student contributions toward university operating revenue, historical and projected tuition fee increases, student assistance and others. Both reports are available from Alberta Advanced Education, Devonian Bldg., 1116 Jasper Ave., Edmonton T5K 0L1 (403) 427-7160.

The Alberta government has also issued a white paper to focus discussion on developing an industrial and science strategy for the province for the last half of the 1980s. The paper's authors—Advanced Education Minister Dick Johnston, Housing Minister Larry Shaber, with input from Premier Lougheed—state that "the development of a university and college system to ensure the availability of well-trained scientific, technical and managerial personnel (is) crucial to any sophisticated industrial strategy".

They add that Alberta has given substantial support to university and college research facilities and programs, that the research role of universities is critical to the advancement of any economy, and that consideration of more specific priority-directed funding by government to the universities is under discussion.

The authors ask "To what extent should the Provincial Government press universities and other educational entities to prioritize job directed versus general education. The *White Paper: Proposals for an Industrial and Science Strategy for Albertans 1985 to 1990*, is available from Alberta Advanced Education.

Market Mechanism Would Let Universities Compete

Education policy should encourage free choice and an increasing ability to match interests and skills with jobs, concludes a research study undertaken for the Ontario Economic Council. The report examines economic models of education in Ontario and the appropriate role of government in the education market.

Observing that "too much has been spent on formal education and not enough on on-the-job training" the authors do not advocate more government intervention or vocationalism but propose a greater reliance on the market mechanism to ensure "the correct mix and amount of different kinds of education".

The authors of *Information in the Labour Market: Job-Worker Matching and Its Implications for Education in Ontario*, J.B. Davies and G.M.T. MacDonald, economists at the University of Western Ontario, propose a return to 100 per cent reliance on a moving average of current enrolments to determine university operating grants and suggest that universities and colleges

should be free to compete more effectively by having full control over the levying of their tuition fees and in deciding upon the programs they will offer. "With flexible tuition fees, an increase in price can be used to choke off excess demand and to raise the revenue required to expand without reducing quality" say the authors. The authors also propose a voucher system or tax credit for independent school fees in the elementary and secondary schools and wage subsidies for young labour force entrants in on-the-job training programs.

The report is available through the Ontario Economic Council.

Neighborhood Self-Reliance

The Red Herring Co-operative Bookstore is bringing social anthropologist and activist Daniel Chodorkoff to Halifax from New York City to give a talk on "neighborhood self-reliance", on September 28.

Mr. Chodorkoff was a co-founder with Murray Bookchin seven years ago of The Institute for Social Ecology, a Vermont-based organization which has been examining the ways in which ecological principles can be effectively applied to the city environment. His work in New York's lower East Side has demonstrated that some sanity can be brought back into city economics by encouraging the semi-autonomous management of interlinked neighborhoods rather than a single highly centralized bureaucracy.

When individual neighborhoods are analyzed in terms of their energy needs and other essential services, and the extent to which those services and needs can be provided within the neighborhood itself, it becomes possible to alleviate the problems of inner city depression and decay. Daniel Chodorkoff has been involved in a number of projects setting up community gardens, housing co-ops and developing renewable energy systems.

It seems particularly appropriate for Mr. Chodorkoff to be speaking in Halifax at this time as there is a strong connection between his work in New York and the problems of poverty and displacement which are starting to become commonplace in many parts of this city. His talk is scheduled to take place at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, September 28th at the T.U.N.S. School of Architecture on Spring Garden Road (opposite the Halifax Library). There will be a pot luck supper the following evening at Veith House for those who would like to talk further with Mr. Chodorkoff about his work, and this will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Self-Portraits

The Hand Holding the Brush—an exhibition of Canadian painters, printmakers and sculptors spanning 150 years of self-portraiture, opened at the Mount Saint Vincent University Art Gallery on Friday, September 21 at 8:30 p.m. with Mount President Dr. E. Margaret Fulton, officiating.

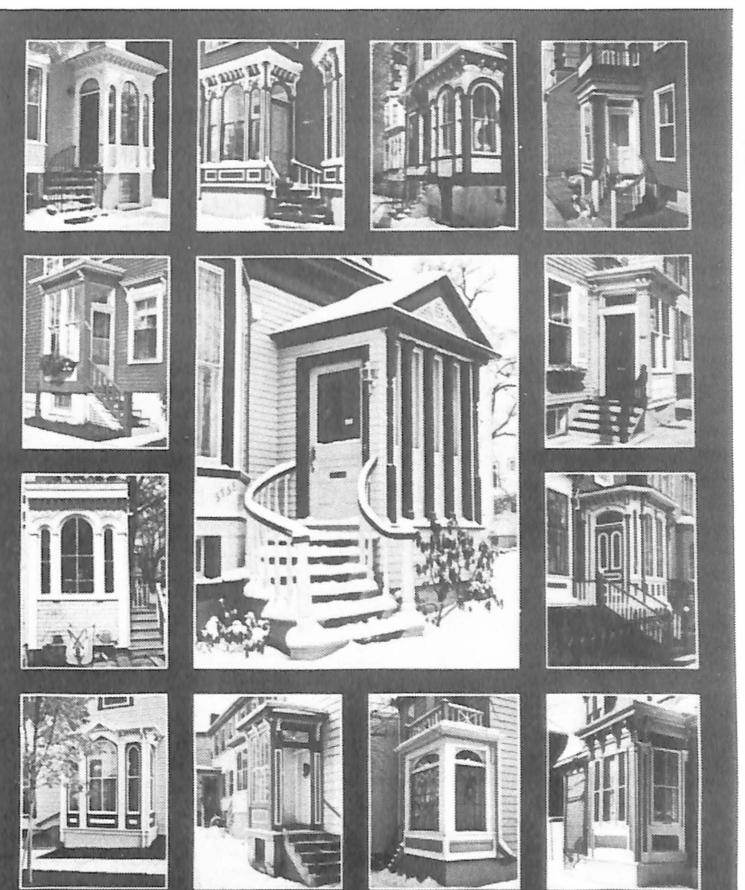
The first exhibition of its kind to be shown in Canada, it features such artists as Robert Harris, Paraskeva Clark and Barbara Astman. Curator Robert Stacey has concentrated on artists who preoccupied themselves with self-portraiture over long stretches of their careers. A fully illustrated catalogue and a videotape "A Natural Way to Draw" accompanies the exhibit.

Multimedia artist Barbara Astman, will give an illustrated talk at the Gallery at 8:15 p.m. on Tuesday, September 25 on the Artist in Context to Person, Place and Things.

On Tuesday, October 2 at 8:15 p.m., Donna Hart, curator of the Robert Harris Exhibit at Manuge Gallery, will give a lecture, Portrait/Self Portrait: Making the Inside Visible—Robert Harris and his Influences.

Half hour tours are offered on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m. throughout the exhibit and films on three of the artists, Miller Brittain, Paraskeva Clark and Joseph Legare are being shown on Sunday afternoons at 3 p.m.

The Hand Holding the Brush is organized and circulated courtesy of the London Regional Art Gallery, London, Ontario and runs until October 14.



Halifax Storm Porches

Photographs by Renate Deppe

Art Gallery, Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, 11 July - 12 August 1984

The Halifax Storm Porches poster has become a world traveller! The Canadian Department of External Affairs has ordered 300 posters to send to embassies around the world.

Local stores are continually re-ordering copies of the popular poster which advertised an exhibit held at the Mount Art Gallery recently of artist Renate Deppe's photographs of storm porches around the old city of Halifax. It was made possible by a generous grant from the Nova Scotia Department of Culture, Recreation and Fitness and the assistance of

McCurdy Print who provided services free of charge.

"I knew the poster would be a huge success", Mary Sparling, Director of the Art Gallery said. "We were so confident that we had 3,000 printed."

A letter from Nova Scotia Agent General Donald Smith, in London, England, who ordered 5 copies, notes that the storm porch in the middle of the poster, "Number 5758 Inglis Street, is my old home."

The poster, which makes a unique gift, is available at the Mount Gallery for \$8.

Women's Resource Centre Established

The University of Guelph Women's Resource Centre was set up a year ago to throw light on areas of women's studies where material is generally hard to find. Spokesperson Klari Kalkman, a lecturer in the Department of Microbiology, explains that the resource centre is gradually building a collection of books and periodicals. Currently, there are over 50 books and a selection of such feminist newspapers as *Broadside* from Toronto and the *American Off Our Backs*.

The resource centre was established to provide information on economic, legal, social, cultural and political aspects of women's lives. So far, most of the people using the facility have been university students working on projects for their courses.

"There is evidently a greater distance between the community at large and the university than we thought," Ms. Kalkman says. She explains that anyone is welcome to use the material. In addition to books and

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Profile



Vi Porter

"Some people probably think it's boring, sitting in one place all day, but I don't—I love people, and it's always interesting!"

So says Vi Porter—the voice at the other end of the telephone—the Mount's main switchboard operator in Evaristus Hall. And boring is the last adjective that comes to mind for anyone watching Vi at work. In addition to acting as receptionist, paging students who live in residence on the top two floors of Evaristus, training new student switchboard operators and answering internal inquiries ("What time is it?", "Is the bank open on campus every day this week?"), "How do I put my calls on forward?"), Vi answers more than 500 telephone calls per day.

"I call it a slack day when I get about 550 to 600 calls, in my 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. shift. The last day I kept track, there were 935 calls through the switchboard."

Vi says that during registration week, she couldn't take the time to count the calls coming in, but she estimates there were 1200 to 1300 calls each day.

This month marks the 13th year Vi has been at the Mount. She started working in the print shop (which was located in what is now the Home Economics wing of Evaristus) and filled in on the switchboard for lunch hours and breaks. Then she went to the Seton front desk for a year, where

she got a chance to know a number of the faculty members—something she misses now. She says there's not much chance to match the faces with the names and voices of many she deals with on a daily basis.

From Seton, Vi went to work at the Assisi Hall switchboard on the night shift, and says she loved the contact with the students. The highlight of her four and a half years at Assisi, though, was the cold February night when four streakers arrived. "One guy was wearing a necktie, and another one had on a scarf, and that was all!" The security guard was notified and the streakers didn't stay long, but incidents like that kept the midnight shift from ever being boring.

She's been working on the main switchboard for the past six years, and says, "Oh, I love it here. I plan to stay till I'm 65. I just wish I had more time to talk to everyone. I just love people."

Vi—short for Violetta—was born in Guysborough, Nova Scotia but has lived in Bedford since she was 15. She has two children—a son, 22 and a daughter, 15. And will her daughter attend the Mount? "She's not too sure yet what she wants to do." But Vi has other family ties at the university—two of her sisters also work here. Rena Casey, the Evaristus House Mother, was hired about the same time as Vi, and Joyce Gosby, Housekeeping, started a few months later.

If Vi had a complaint about her job, it would likely be the frustration of often being the last to know of events taking place at the Mount. Many people don't realize the wide variety of inquiries which come in and the problems encountered on the switchboard when a faculty member changes offices, or a new person is hired on a grant (and no one remembers to tell the switchboard), or a department leaves telephones unattended for hours at a time.

The switchboard operator is the first and most important contact with the university for many people—first impressions do count—and she needs all the help she can get to give the best service to the public. And giving the best service possible is something that Vi Porter takes very seriously.

Second Annual Run, October 13

The second annual "For The Run Of It", a 5 or 10 kilometer run/walk/wheelchair will take place on Saturday, October 13, starting at 10:00 a.m. in front of Seton Academic Centre.

The registration fee of \$5 can be waived in favor of a minimum \$5 in sponsorship. Last year, close to 100 people walked and ran the 5 km, raising \$1,600. Proceeds from the run go to Adsum House, an emergency shelter for women, and to Mount Saint Vincent University.

June Lumsden, Athletics Officer at the Mount, and run co-ordinator, says, "We were really pleased with the turnout last year, and hope for even more people and more sponsors this year. The students are already gearing up for it, and we're hoping to get alumnae, faculty and other members of the community to come along. There's even a little friendly competition going, as to who can get the most sponsors—enthusiasm is high when the money goes for two good causes."

October 13 was chosen for this year's run as a date which should provide invigorating weather, and a good chance for students to take their sponsor sheets home with them over the Thanksgiving holiday the week before.

Participants in last year's run ranged from a family of five who walked and stroller'd the route, to Joe Murray and some other "old faithfuls" who run the circuit of organized races around the province.

Lumsden said the decision was made to offer a 10 km distance this year for those "serious and semi-serious" joggers who have been running all summer and would rather do the longer distance. For those beginners who would like to try a shorter run, the 5 km distance is a safe one. The route is hilly but pleasant, and the 10 km participants will do the loop twice.

A reception will be held in the Art Gallery following, with refreshments and prizes.

"We want this run to become a Mount tradition—getting bigger and better every year!", says Lumsden. "So get your friends together and come on out for a refreshing Fall run or walk."

On the Move

During the summer Professor Renate Usmiani of the English Department attended the 16th International Congress of the Federation Internationale des Langues et Litteratures Modernes in Budapest, Hungary where she gave a paper entitled "In the Wake of Collective Creation: New Approaches to Dramatic Writing." She was invited to serve as a member of Canada's national advisory editorial committee

for a new World Encyclopedia of Contemporary Theatre, a project of UNESCO which is expected to take five years to complete. Usmiani also contributed a chapter to a book on Canadian Theatre to be published by the Canadian Theatre Critics' Association and the International Theatre Institute. She attended a meeting of the Board of the Canadian Theatre Critics Association in Quebec City and was also asked to assess a major grants project for SHRCC. And to top it all off, she was re-elected to the Board of the Canadian Theatre Critics Association and the executive of the Canadian Theatre History Association.

Lynne Theriault has now taken up her new duties as Assistant Registrar. She was formerly Development Officer for the Mount for six years.

Assistant Professor Carole Hartzman of the Modern Languages Department, has just returned from two years on sabbatical. During the first year she carried out 40 interviews with Latin-Americans living in Nova Scotia as part of an ongoing study. She also studied French at Dalhousie University. In the second year, she continued work on her research into Spanish speaking communities in Canada while studying French at University of Toronto. She represented Nova Scotia in Toronto at the Hispanic Congress of Spanish-Speaking Americans in Canada and also on the board of Experiment in International Living, in Canada.

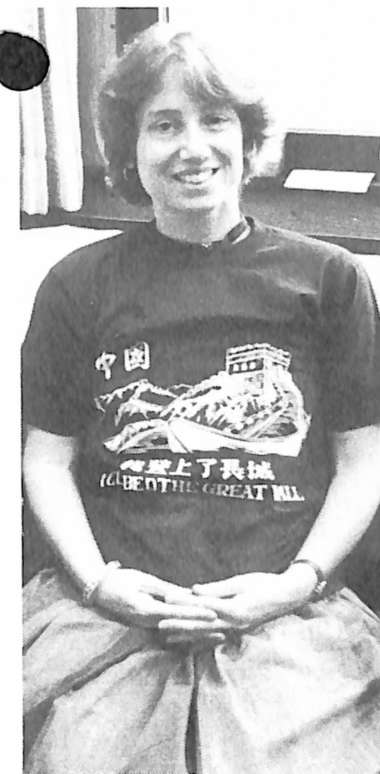
Computer Dollars

The University of Calgary will install Canada's second "super-computer" in the fall of '85 with the cost shared by the provincial government and the supplier, Control Data Canada Ltd. The university hopes to attract world class scientists to work on fifth generation computing applications. The computer will be made available to faculty and students at other Alberta institutions.

The Institute for Computer Research at the University of Waterloo has signed a \$65 million R & D agreement with Digital Equipment of Canada Ltd. DEC is to provide the institute with \$25 million in equipment, while the university and institute will contribute \$40 million in space, maintenance, and researchers.

The joint initiative has been undertaken to enhance research and applications for fourth generation "thinking" computers. Waterloo has also signed a \$6 million agreement to computerize the Oxford English dictionary. The dictionary will be transferred to a computerized data base that will be developed by the university's humanities and computer science departments.

Chinese Reflections



Dr. Jane Gordon

Communicating with smiles and gestures came easily to Sociology Professor Jane Gordon on a recent trip to China.

"Not many people speak English," she said, "and a lot of our talking had to be done through a translator, but smiles and gestures seemed all that was needed when we couldn't manage anything else."

Gordon, on a two-week trip to China with her mother, said she was particularly struck by the incredible sense of pride that the Chinese have in themselves. "They have such self-confidence," she said, "and feel that, as a people, they've made a contribution in the world and are still doing so."

She found the Chinese very open about their cultural revolution and quite able to handle talking about some of the social upheavals and tragedies that occurred in their country. "They have such dignity," she said, "and a tremendous curiosity about visitors, although they're extremely polite about it."

Her impressions of China are kaleidoscopic—flashes of colour, impressions, wonder, incredulity. "Forbidden City is astonishing," she said. "Layer upon layer of fenced compounds."

She visited rural homes and urban homes, lunched in a compound where Richard Nixon had stayed ("He's very popular over there!"), saw old women climbing on bound feet, climbed 392 stairs to the San Yat Sen Mausoleum on the hottest day of the trip (nearly 100 degrees fahrenheit), learned to eat with chopsticks, visited Shanghai,

Hangchow, Soochow (the Venice of China), Peking and Nanjing, and of course, the Great Wall.

Gordon was touched by the many small kindnesses shown to them on the visit. "I was out jogging one morning when a man on a bicycle offered me something to eat. I must have looked hungry! And when we were in the Forbidden City and my mother felt faint with the heat, a Chinese woman put some kind of herbal preparation on her forehead to revive her."

The lives of the Chinese are so different from ours, Gordon said, and yet it takes only 12 hours to fly from New York to Shanghai.

"Most of the women work over there," she said, "but day care costs are just token and the factories have on-site day care centres. The men are actively involved in looking after their children during non-work times."

The children are delightful, according to Gordon, although the one-child-per-family policy is very apparent. "But they still live in extended families with three generations under one roof."

Toddlers in China don't wear nappies—just a pair of split pants, so they can squat down at the side of the road when necessary.

China is almost overrun with bicycles. "They're everywhere", Gordon said. "Parents carry their children on their bikes in little seats made from plastic or bamboo, and some even attach home-made sidecars!"

The Chinese people are painfully honest. One of the women in Gordon's tour party discarded some clothes in her hotel room. They caught up with her three cities later! The Chinese simply don't throw anything away and couldn't understand why anyone would want to get rid of clothing that wasn't completely worn out.

Knowledge of Canada in China is minimal. "In Peking our tour guide said she'd taken American and Canadian groups around, but didn't really know anything about Canada, Trudeau, Bethune or how we live", despite the fact that Canada opened up relations with China long before the U.S. got involved, Gordon remarked. There were few concessions made for Western tastes. Only breakfast was Western style—all other meals were Chinese. "I found Chinese food very greasy," Gordon said, "because cooking oil in China is now readily available, after being rationed, and they use a lot of it to show how prosperous they've become!"

Now, back in familiar surroundings, with some expertise in handling chopsticks to show for her trip, Gordon said she's beginning to realize just how ignorant she was of life in China. "I'd read a lot about the social revolution," she said, "but I had little idea of how people lived their day to day lives."

Rape— Not Just Another Crime

A woman is accosted by a man in a public park. He drags her into the bush and rapes her.

This situation, described in words or through slides was presented to 768 people as part of a study conducted by Psychology Professor Dan Yarmey of Guelph University, to determine public attitudes to rape.

The participants were asked to allocate blame and to suggest an appropriate punishment for the guilty party. Half of those surveyed were between 18 and 29 years old. The other half were between 50 and 74 years. There were an equal number of men and women in both groups.

The responses, which Prof. Yarmey has now analyzed and published, were complicated by the fact that not all participants were given the same information or shown the same photographs. Visitors to Psychology's exhibit at the 1983 College Royal were startled by their own emotional response to the slides used in the study—one of which depicted a neatly dressed, demure young woman being approached by a loutish leather-jacketed biker. Others were equally jolted by the photograph of a pleasant looking, well-groomed young man and a girl wearing very short shorts and a revealing blouse. In both instances, the girl was sexually assaulted but the reactions of those taking part in the survey were different.

"Whether we like it or not," comments Prof. Yarmey, "no one views rape as just another crime. Strong emotions are always involved. It is the only crime in which both victim and perpetrator are on trial. There are ever-present questions of provocation and resistance. These clearly are extra-legal issues which have nothing to do with the central question of whether rape occurred."

The majority of those surveyed agreed that provocation was indeed a valid issue and tended to hold the casually-dressed girl as at least partly responsible. Young women went so far as to defend her right to dress in any way she wished but were equally of the opinion that having exercised that right, she should not have been surprised at the reaction.

Participants of both sexes in the

younger group tended to award longer prison sentences than did those in the older group. It was the older men who were least inclined to condemn the man in either situation. The heaviest prison sentences were handed down by young men against the well-groomed rapist, possibly on the grounds that he had violated his own dress code while the biker had only behaved appropriately to his.

The issue of resistance was also critical. As Prof. Yarmey points out, our culture encourages or even requires men to offer physical resistance to attack. That same culture requires women to use other weapons such as verbal guile. "Most of our judges, lawyers and the police are men and cannot easily understand why a woman would submit to rape without resisting. This was very clear in the results of the survey. The women, on the other hand, were most critical of victims who resist physically."

Prof. Yarmey says copies of the study are being made available to lawyers and law enforcement officers. "The whole subject is highly emotional and is likely to remain so," he says. "The next best thing to removing our own prejudices is to become aware of them. If a rape trial requires impartiality, we are all disqualified."

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CAUT and Security

The Canadian Association of University Teachers has been involved in the debate about security forces since the early sixties and has always opposed "fishing expeditions" on the campus by security police.

Systematic surveillance of students and faculty combined with secret reporting was, in the view of CAUT, bound to create misleading and unjust files on academics and students.

CAUT testified to the MacKenzie Royal Commission on Security in 1967 and to the McDonald Royal Commission on Security in 1978 and 1979. It has also made representations

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Access to the universities: why are the doors closing?

November 22-24, 1984
Royal York Hotel, Toronto

Sponsored by the Canadian Association of University Teachers, the conference on accessibility to university will cover the following topics:

The value of a university education; claims and proofs; Statistics and what they mean; Foreign students; accessibility and restraint; The question of qualifications: are there too many students?; The question of fees: how much and paid to whom?;

Will current policies lead to the university becoming a preserve of the socio-economic elite?; Human resource investments; Is restraint neutral?; The continuing education society: the role of the university.

There will be a conference fee of \$150.00.

Those interested in participating in the conference should write to CAUT Associate Executive Secretary Ron Levesque at the CAUT Central Office, 75 Albert St., Suite 1001, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5E7 or call (613) 237-6885 for further information.

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The federal program, said Blake, will contribute some 85 per cent of the costs in the first year, and 75, 55 and 35 per cent in the subsequent three years for approved work/study projects.

Blake expects the Mount-Dalhousie proposal to be finalized some time before the December 30 closing date for submissions to the federal government.

During the past year the Mount was asked by Dalhousie University to place its co-operative education students and if the joint proposal meets with approval, the Mount Co-operative Education option will pick up the staff and the funds to carry out the work of an important and growing program.

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governors for discussion and urged Halifax lawyer Carol McGillivray, who has been appointed to take over the public relations advisory committee's chair, to see the project through.

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periodicals, there is a subject file on women's issues and a newsclipping file.

The resource centre is staffed by a part-time co-ordinator, Nora Snyder, and 20 volunteers. However, Ms. Kalkman says, more volunteers are always welcome.

During the summer three women researched and wrote a handbook on starting up a resource centre. This publication is available at cost in the resource centre's headquarters, Room 228, University Centre, University of Guelph.

Presently, the operation is funded by the Central Student Association. Next March, however, a referendum will ask students to support the resource centre in their student fees to the tune of about 50 cents each year.

Editor's Note: Does this project incite any interest at the Mount?

Partnerships

The Canadian Council for Multicultural and Intercultural Education (CCMIE) will hold its second national conference in Toronto, November 7-10. The theme will be "Developing partnerships: schools and communities", and the aim of the conference is to provide constructive suggestions for dealing with multicultural and intercultural issues in the classroom and in the community. Presentations by Canadian and international speakers will be geared to this theme. Further information from: CCMIE conference office, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, 252 Bloor St. W., Toronto, Ont. M5S 1V6.



Audrey Kaplan, left, project manager for the functional and diagnostic (FUNDI) work enclosure project for the federal Department of Public Works, stresses a concern with Dean Susan Clark and Senator Lorna Marsden following a work environment evaluation workshop held at the Mount recently.

Letter to the Editor

Could I please use your columns to solicit interest in a research project on the December 6, 1917 Halifax Explosion, wherein 2600 tons of explosives blew up on the ammunition ship MONT BLANC and destroyed much of the city? I have come to realize that only one scientific paper has ever been written on the disaster as an earthquake-like "seismic" event.

There has been recent controversy re the exact time of the event. I have recently located the original Dalhousie University seismograms in the State of New York, and this last matter can now be finally resolved to a reasonable degree.

However, many more questions remain as to the nature of the event, as to the seismic or ground wave versus the air blast, and as to the effects and damage at greater distances. I am finding that persons at a very great distance from Halifax sensed the Explosion in 1917 as teacups rattling, lights swaying, etc. I have developed a

questionnaire on these topics as part of a personal research project. Could I ask if there are any readers of the paper who experienced the 1917 Halifax Explosion and who might contribute to the above questions? If so, could I ask such persons to write to me for a copy of the questionnaire? I would certainly appreciate their assistance.

Requests for the questionnaire can be directed to:

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Yours truly, Alan Ruffman
Vice President

Buy Computers

Students admitted to the first-year engineering program at Queen's University in September 1985 will be "strongly encouraged" to buy their own microcomputers for use in their studies. The move is described as representing a "significant new thrust" in the undergraduate programs of the faculty of applied science.

Cost of the personal computer and relevant software is expected to be around \$2,000. However, the university is taking steps to ensure that student purchases will be made as easy as possible. Substantial discounts on the purchase price, an installment purchase plan for those who qualify, or loans from the university for those in extreme need are ways in which this might be done.

Senate Meetings

For the 1984-85 academic year, the Senate of Mount Saint Vincent University will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Rosaria Board Room on: September 24, October 29, November 26, January 28, March 4, March 25, April 29, May 3.

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concerning the implementation of the McDonald Report.

During this past year there has been a good deal of activity on this front. The McDonald Commission pointed out that the security forces kept vast numbers of files which reflected paranoia about dissenters, visitors to Eastern Europe and to China, homosexuals and others. CAUT urged the government to drastically prune these files. Former Solicitor-General, Robert Kaplan, began the process this year, announcing that thousands of files had been destroyed.

However, the main item at issue was the legislation to create the new security forces. CAUT took no position on whether or not there should be a separate force but it did insist that any new legislation should provide for human rights safeguards in an effective way. CAUT testified in the summer of 1983 to the special committee of the Senate on this matter and strongly attacked the first version of the legislation for its failure to provide adequate safeguards.

CAUT welcomed the report of Senator Pitfield and the changes Kaplan made in the legislation. However, these changes did not meet all CAUT's objections. The President of CAUT, Sarah Shorten, appeared before the House of Commons committee in April to outline these continuing objections.

The CAUT was concerned that vague definitions of threats to the security of the nation could be used to justify unwarranted interference in the teaching and research activities of university professors, to spy on visiting professors without the need for any suspicion of security violation or terrorism, and to allow the results of security investigations to be passed to foreign states however authoritarian they might be.

CAUT called for more effective parliamentary control and regretted that the legislation was forced through in June without making these changes.

Both opposition parties opposed the legislation, but the main spokesman for adequate safeguards was Svend Robinson, NDP member for Burnaby. (CAUT Bulletin, August/84)

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