

Campus. Connection

Mount Saint Vincent University

Oct. 16, 1989

Dr. Fulton leads off lecture series in her honor

The Fulton Lecture Series is held in conjunction with the official opening of the E. Margaret Fulton Communications Centre and in honor of Dr. E. Margaret Fulton, Mount president from 1978 to 1986. Three nationally-renowned scholars, including Dr. Fulton, will participate in the series, Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 16 and 17.

Dr. Fulton, now an education consultant and adjunct professor of education at the University of British Columbia, will lead off with an address on The Traditional Library and Beyond, on October 16 at 7:30 p.m.

On October 17, Dr. Thelma McCormack, professor of sociology at York University and Mount honorary degree recipient, will speak on Rewriting Educational History at 9 a.m., and at 7:30 p.m., Maureen O'Neil, one of Canada's foremost experts in our country's relations with developing countries, will speak on Canadian Universities and the Poor Countries: Beyond Partnership.

All talks will take place in the Mount's Seton Academic Centre Auditorium and are open to the public, free of charge.



Dr. E. Margaret Fulton

A panel discussion on the topic of Women and Education: The 1990s and Beyond, with Dr. Fulton, Dr. McCormack and others, will be broadcast on the Atlantic Satellite Network (ASN) throughout Atlantic Canada on Tuesday, Oct. 17 from 9 to 10 a.m., and again on Thursday, Oct. 19, from 9 to 10 a.m.



The E. Margaret Fulton Communications Centre officially opens Monday, Oct. 16 at 11 a.m. Everyone is invited to come join in the celebrations.

Mount's women's studies program expanding

Since the introduction of an interdisciplinary course in the early 70s, women's studies has steadily grown into a full department and is available as a major for Mount students. "It's extremely significant that the Mount has a strong women's studies program because we're a university dedicated to the higher education of women," says Dr. Frances Early, chair of the women's studies department. "That commitment is clearly stated in the mission statement of this university."

Dr. Early explains that the discipline of women's studies "evolved from the academic wing of the women's movement which began in the 1970s." It grew out of a perceived need by feminist scholars and activists to understand themselves and the reason for women's subordinate place in society. "We discovered that, at a scholarly level, in many disciplines, we knew very little about women." Dr. Early notes that "history (which she also teaches), for example, has not been really universal in its scope; it has been, in essence, 'men's history'." She explains that in the 1970s in universities across North America, graduate students and some established scholars began to choose topics on women. Within a decade enough new knowledge had emerged to make "women's emphasis" courses viable in various disciplines.

At the Mount the number of courses with a specific focus on women has grown steadily over the past 15 years. The interdisciplinary women's studies program was established in 1973 (as a 200-level course) in recognition of the need to bring together a coherent program that would include the knowledge and insights of many disciplines. In 1984, a revamped women's studies program was approved. The enlarged program now offers core courses such as Women's Studies 100, and feminist theory and methodologies which allow for advanced research in senior-level seminars. The new program retains the

interdisciplinary perspective but also recognizes that a new discipline, women's studies, also exists. In 1986 the women's studies curriculum was expanded further when the Mount Senate approved an Honours Degree. Dr. Early notes that the Mount program "is a model of its kind."

Student interest in the program is growing steadily. Last year there were 13 majors, and this year 17. Dr. Early expects the number to reach 25 within the next year. She comments that faculty who teach women's studies courses find the experience "challenging and delightful. Our students are bright, articulate, hard-working and supportive. A real partnership in learning exists between faculty and students in women's studies."

This year, an additional faculty member has joined the women's studies department. Dr. Pat Baker has been hired as a cross-appointment in women's studies and sociology/anthropology, making her the first Mount faculty member hired as a joint appointment between departments. (Previously, Dr. Deborah Poff had been hired to teach half-time in the women's studies program and to help direct the Institute for the Study of Women.)

Dr. Baker, a recent graduate of the University of Toronto's doctoral program in anthropology, says that she is impressed with the Mount's commitment to women. "The kind of goals that the Mount is setting are essential for advancing the education of women, particularly women who are coming back to school after a long time away. This university provides a very supportive atmosphere for them."

"The women's studies department at the Mount has a lot of potential," she adds. "I'm excited by that potential and by the opportunity to take part in ensuring that women's studies is an established presence at the Mount."

While doing postdoctoral research at
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Mount Saint Vincent University

celebrates

National Universities Week

OCTOBER 16

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE



**E. MARGARET FULTON
COMMUNICATIONS
CENTRE**

State-of-the-art communication capabilities are included in the university library, DUET (Distance University Education via Television), audio/visual department and computer centre facilities. Adjacent to Seton Academic Centre, Bedford Highway, 11 a.m. Monday, October 16. All are welcome.

OCTOBER 16-19

FULTON LECTURE SERIES

Speakers include Dr. E. Margaret Fulton, Dr. Thelma McCormack, Dr. Maureen O'Neil, Dr. Beryl Rowland. Monday-Thursday, October 16-19. All are welcome.

OCTOBER 20

CAMPUS TOURS/INFORMATION SESSIONS

A look at the campus from a student perspective. All day, Friday, October 20. All are welcome.

AFRICVILLE: A SPIRIT THAT LIVES ON

A collaboration of the Mount Art Gallery, the Africville Genealogy Society, the Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia and the National Film Board (Atlantic Centre). Opening, Mount Saint Vincent University Art Gallery, 8:30 p.m. Friday, October 20.

OCTOBER 22

FALL CONVOCATION/SCHOLARS ASSEMBLY

Sunday, October 22, 1989, by invitation only.

For details, call:

Public Relations Office Mount Saint Vincent University 443-4450, ext. 132

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Thirteen new drama videos produced for Mount users are available through audio-visual services. The "Great Scenes from Great Plays" series was produced in-house last year by English faculty member Renate Usmiani and DUET (Distance University Education via Television). The productions are currently being converted to VHS and catalogued, and requests for those not yet converted will take a minimum of two days to fill. Productions include scenes from:

- . The Bald Soprana, by Eugene Ionesco
- . Waiting for Godot, by Samuel Beckett
- . The Dumb Waiter, by Howard Pinter
- . Ghosts, by Henrik Ibsen
- . Hedda Gabler, by Henrik Ibsen
- . Nora - Doll's House, by Henrik Ibsen
- . The Father (Scene I), by August Strindberg

- . Six Characters, by Luigi Pirandello
- . The Cherry Orchard, by Anton Chekhov
- . Antigone, by Jean Anouilh
- . Mac The Knife, by Brecht/Weill
- . The Cherry Orchard make-up demo (full)
- . The Cherry Orchard make-up demo (short)

Usmiani, who acted as artistic director, says the productions are aimed at "anybody teaching English literature, modern languages, and even history."

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Donations are being accepted for the Dr. Mairi Macdonald Bursary established by

friends, students and colleagues in recognition of Dr. Macdonald's distinguished career and dedication to lifelong learning. Dr. Macdonald recently retired as director of the Mount's Centre for Continuing Education after 17 years.

The bursary will be awarded annually to a Mount student over 30 years of age with established financial need. Preference will be given to female students. Full endowment of \$2,500 by Dec. 1, 1989 would allow the Mount to award the first Dr. Mairi Macdonald Bursary in January, 1990. Donations, which are tax deductible, should be sent to the Development Office, Room 215, Evaristus Hall. For more information call ext. 470.

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Again this fall, the Mount is participating in the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada's annual Christmas fruit cake sale, with proceeds toward MS research and patient services. Both light and dark fruit cakes are available, in a two-pound size. They are packaged in seasonally-decorated tins ready for gift-giving, and cost \$10 each. Orders must be placed by Oct. 27 to Maureen Primeau, personnel secretary, at ext. 283 or by campus mail. Payment can be made at the time of order or delivery, in early December.

A reminder to Mount Scholars

This year the Scholars' Assembly is part of Fall Convocation ceremonies, Sunday, Oct. 22 at 2:30 p.m. in the Seton Academic Centre Auditorium. All students who were named to the Deans' List for the 1988-89 academic year and those who have been awarded scholarships for the 1989-90 academic year are invited.

Admission to the ceremony is by ticket only. All those eligible to attend the Scholars' Assembly have been issued invitations and tickets by the office of the Dean of Humanities and Sciences, and must present these at the fifth floor auditorium doors upon arrival. Scholars will be seated with their guests and will not be required to wear academic gowns. For further information call the office of the Dean of Humanities and Sciences at ext. 138.

International visitors explore linkages with the Mount



Dr. Yusuf Bedri (right), president of Ahfad Women's University, shows a publication from his university to Mount president Dr. Naomi Hersom.

The Mount recently hosted Sudanese and Pakistan visitors interested in exploring linkages with this university.

Dr. Yusuf Bedri, president of Ahfad Women's University in Omdurman, the Sudan, looked at several Mount programs, including women's studies and home economics. Ahfad Women's University is interested in forging a relationship with the Mount that would involve faculty upgrading and mutual research. Dr. Bedri commented on the beauty of the campus and the friendliness of the Mount community. "Your



Dr. Hersom (right) greets (left to right) Pakistan Home Economics Association president Qamar Shaikh, and other association delegates Wasim Bano and Shireen Zafarullah before their tour of the campus.

faculty are very open about sharing their philosophies and their methods of teaching."

A delegation from the Pakistan Home Economics Association and the University of Lahore, Pakistan was on campus to explore post-graduate study in nutrition and family sciences at the Mount. After a greeting by Mount president Dr. Naomi Hersom, they were given tours of home economics facilities and the child study centre by home economics chair Dr. Marilyn McDowell and child study department faculty member Mary Lyon.

A note of thanks to the Mount community

Valerie Leonard, secretary to the dean of human and professional development, and Monette Latter, registrar's office, would like to express their heartfelt thanks to the Mount community for the care and kindness shown to them since the loss of their

brother, Gilbert Latter, on September 15. "The cards, notes, visits, charitable donations and sympathetic words from such good friends have provided great comfort at a very bleak time, and will always be remembered."

Mount has new international student advisor

Jane Reid is the Mount's new international student advisor. The part-time position, created this year, offers international students a liaison and resource person to help with special problems and ease the transition into a new country and culture.

"A lot of the Mount's international students are women in their 30s, 40s and 50s. Many are leaving families and even young children to come here because they want to learn skills that will better their country," says Reid. She notes that new students in particular must make emotional adjustments, to climate, culture and the demands of an academic load.

Reid, who has a Masters degree in counselling, acts as a resource person, recognizing what students need and directing them to the right Mount person. She also helps to co-ordinate social activities and informational sessions for international students. "This year, for example, we had an orientation for first year international students over the Labour Day weekend. They were introduced to the campus and features of life in Halifax, from shopping malls to buses. The City arranged a walking tour for them, and they even had tea with the mayor. Later in September, I helped to co-ordinate a luncheon for new international students to meet the president."

Reid is chair of the Mount's WUSC (World University Services Canada) committee. She is a resource person for the International Students Association and works with similar groups at other metro universities to plan special events.

She says that everyone at the Mount can make a difference in the lives of international students. "It doesn't take much; just a smile and a 'hello'. Faculty should remember not to make assumptions about how their instructions will be interpreted. We should also remember there are cultural differences. For example, in some cultures, assertiveness and eye contact with superiors is thought disrespectful."



Jane Reid

Reid says her work at the Mount has "really opened my eyes to other cultures, to the richness they offer, and to their problems too...We should celebrate how these students enrich our campus. They, in turn, go back to their countries as ambassadors of Canada. In this world of conflict we need all the ambassadors we can get."

Reid is in her office just inside the front entrance of Rosaria Centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Her assistant, Masters in Home Economics student Nandy Mothibe of Lesotho, Southern Africa, staffs the office Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. "Other members of the Student Services department will respond to emergencies when we're not here," says Reid. For more information call the international student advisor's office at extension 349.

University and employees reach collective agreements

Since signing a collective agreement with the Faculty Association last spring, the university has signed collective agreements with two other Mount employee groups.

A collective agreement was signed in August between the university and the Operating Engineers, the union that bargains on behalf of the 30 members of maintenance and housekeeping staff. The two-year agreement, commencing July 1, 1989, offers pension, supplementary unemployment and other general benefits in keeping with those available to the rest of the university community. The university also agreed to review the feasibility of a workers' compensation plan and an apprenticeship program for employees within this sector.

The university and Staff Association signed its first two-year collective agreement

in September, also retroactive to July 1, 1989. Under the agreement, the association's approximately 100 employees receive general benefits in keeping with those available to the rest of the university community.

The university contracts its food services operations through Versa Food Services whose manager oversees 21 university employees. These employees are members of the CBRtandGW (Canadian Brotherhood of Railway, Transport and General Workers) union, which bargains on their behalf. Negotiations between the university and the CBRtandGW concluded recently, with a one-year collective agreement commencing May 1, 1989. The agreement, which will be signed October 18, adopts the university's position evaluation program and attendant compensation plan.

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York University, Dr. Baker was involved in the Canadian Women's Movement Archives which documents the recent history of the women's movement in Canada. She says that the key benefit of women's studies is to "teach women that things don't have to be the way they are. Many women are dissatisfied, unhappy, oppressed. An education in women's studies provides them with the first tool to change their lives for the better."

Dr. Early says the positive presence of women's studies is still hampered by common misconceptions. "Students in the program are often accused of being 'libbers'. Faculty are sometimes criticized, too, for teaching a discipline which is perceived as biased and invalid." She expects these attitudes to lessen as knowledge about women is incorporated into all university programs.

The recently-established Nancy Rowell Jackman Chair in Women's Studies at the Mount will ensure that scholars and public personalities who have contributed to

the advancement of women continue to be brought to campus as teachers and resource persons.

Dr. Early says she expects to see more cross-appointments and even a Masters program in women's studies in the near future. "We are on the cutting edge in women's studies and we intend to stay there."

Attention Fall grads

Grad packs containing guest tickets and other information are available Monday to Friday, Oct. 16 to 20, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the Alumnae Office, third floor, Evaristus Hall.

Grad packs and gowns are available for pickup from 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 21, and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 22, in Room 508, Seton Academic Centre.

Graduands are reminded that gowns may need cleaning and/or pressing, so pick them up as early as possible.

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The Mount's Board of Governors recently approved a recommendation that the position of director of student services be retitled dean of student affairs. The new title is more appropriate to the scope and content of the responsibilities entailed, is consistent with titles at other Canadian universities, and reflects the clear priority of student matters in the university.

Areas of responsibility include student counselling, medical services, athletics and recreation, chaplaincy, international student matters, housing and financial aid, and general administrative matters.

Dr. Carol Hill, director of student services since 1980, has been appointed to the position for a five-year term.

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Sr. Sheilagh Martin, biology department chair, gave a presentation, "Alpha MSH

Reserving library carrels

About half the carrels in the new library have lockable shelves and can be reserved by students according to the following priority: graduate students, honors students, students writing theses, fourth year students, third year students, etc. After November 1, remaining carrels will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Carrels are reserved at the library circulation desk, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Applicants must present a validated access card and evidence of academic status, and pay a \$5 refundable security fee for the academic year. Applicants must also sign a waiver authorizing library staff to open their locked shelves for maintenance and releasing them from responsibility in the event of missing items.

Students with reserved carrels should lock away their personal belongings when not actually using the carrel, to leave the work surface free for other students to use.

Injected into the Septal Area does not Alter Prostaglandin Fever in Rats", at the 31st International Congress of Physiological Sciences held in Helsinki, Finland in July.



N.S. New Democratic Party leader Alexa McDonough and the Mount's Dr. Wayne Ingalls, assistant to the president for research, planning and information services, competed on celebrity teams during the recent Quirky Quatrathalon that kicked off the Mount's United Way campaign. Metro United Way honorary chair Jamie Bone was master of ceremonies for the event, which drew a good turnout. Remember to get your United Way pledges in soon!

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