

Campus Connection

Mount Saint Vincent University

March 20, 1989

Celebration highlights university-community interaction

Close to 800 people gathered at Halifax's World Trade and Convention Centre March 10 to celebrate and encourage the interaction between the seven metro area universities and the community.

Students from the "Group of Seven" -- Atlantic School of Theology, Dalhousie University, University of Kings College, Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, Saint Mary's University, Technical University of Nova Scotia, and the Mount -- and Alderman Deborah Grant organized the event to "highlight and celebrate the economic, social, cultural and educational contribution of the universities

in Halifax, and to encourage Haligonians to participate fully in the activities and programs the universities offer."

Awards were presented by Mayor Ron Wallace to a staff member, faculty member and student of each university, for their contributions to the community. Mount awards went to the faculty and staff associations, represented by their presidents Dr. Margie O'Brien and Sandra Shepard respectively, and to student Gaby Roughneen.

The Seton Cantata Choir performed as the Mount's entertainment segment of the program.

Beat the lineups with early course selection

Full- and part-time students can beat the registration lineups again this year. Early course selection kicks off April 3 - 6 (not March 28-30 as previously reported in the Campus Connection), and continues until June 23.

Where: Multi-Purpose Room, Rosaria Centre

When: Monday, April 3, 4 - 7 p.m.
Tuesday, April 4, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 5, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Thursday, April 6, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.



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Joyce Kennedy, assistant director of The Centre for Continuing Education, was recently named president of The Institute of Pastoral Training, making her the first woman to hold the title in the Institute's 31-year history. The Institute is an ecumenical agency established by the theological colleges of Atlantic Canada, in co-operation with the Dalhousie University faculty of medicine, and provides courses, diplomas and a masters degree in pastoral care.

Kennedy has served as Mount representative to the Institute since 1980, when the university became a member because of its gerontology program. She served a year as vice-president, and is also a member of the Institute's long-range planning committee.

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Dr. Deborah Day, co-ordinator of educational psychology and measurement, recently completed the requirements for her Phd in evaluation and measurement from the Ontario Institute for the Studies in Education (OISE). The degree will be conferred at a University of Toronto ceremony in June.

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Dr. Barbara Rao, biology department, gave a presentation recently to 28 grade 10 students visiting the Mount from St. Patrick's High School, Halifax. She demonstrated a lab, showed the students around and discussed the curriculum of the Mount's science programs, including biology, chemistry, mathematics and computer science. This is the second year in a row that Dr. Rao has offered her time in this way to high school students.

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Dr. Patricia Canning and Prof. Mary Lyon, child study department, recently received an award from the Association of Universities

and Colleges of Canada, to fund a visit to the University of Guyana, Georgetown, Guyana. The purpose of their visit, scheduled for late April, is to finalize a proposal for a joint Mount-University of Guyana teacher training and parent education program.

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Profs. Wendy Doyle and Don Shiner, business administration department, travelled to Antigua during the Spring Break on a planning and project evaluation mission funded by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada. The aim of their visit was to investigate the needs of the Antigua, Montserrat and Saint Kitts campuses of the University of the West Indies for distance education in business administration.

They spoke with students, business leaders and members of the community, and were guest speakers at the Rotary Club of Antigua. Their host was Dr. Edris Bird, resident tutor at the University of the West Indies. Dr. Bird has had an ongoing relationship with the Mount through a pre-school teacher program funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and managed by Dr. Pat Canning.

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Four Mount students gave presentations at a recent undergraduate English conference at Dalhousie University: Gaby Roughneen spoke on "No-Man-Fathomed: Gerard Manley Hopkins' Sonnets of Desolation"; Sonya Giffin Routledge spoke on "Aroma Finer than Prayer: Walt Whitman's Poetry of Sense Perception"; Andrew Mactavish spoke on "The Circularity of Movement in D.G. Rossetti's 'Sister Helen'"; and Bill Eisenhower read a short story entitled, "Bums, Suits, and Chess".

Mount biology student wins first prize at conference

Barbara Morash, a third year Mount biology honours student, was awarded first prize for her poster at the recent Atlantic Universities Undergraduate Biology Conference '89, held on campus. The poster, entitled Comparative Studies of the Second Optic Neuropile of Primitive and Advanced Flies, illustrates the research project which Morash undertook last summer under a Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) grant. Her supervisor for the project was Dr. Amalie Fröhlich of the Mount's biology department.

She comments that being awarded first prize was "such a surprise; it was lovely!", and well worth the "three solid weeks, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., including weekends" of work she spent putting the poster together. "It took a lot of effort, but it was fun too, and I felt great when it was done."

Morash notes that the conference itself, however, was the real highlight for her. "I think that anybody who didn't go really missed out. The important thing about conferences like this is that they expose students to the kinds of research other people are doing, and to discussion. Also, I had a lot of fun."

Morash recently received a second NSERC grant, and is looking forward to another summer of research, which she will apply to her honours thesis. "I would strongly recommend that other students apply for the grants because the experience of doing research is very worthwhile. The fun part for anyone in the sciences is working in the lab. I learned a tremendous amount from the practical experience," adding, "Dr. Fröhlich and others here are doing significant research work, and it's gratifying to be able to share in a little of that."

She stresses that her positive experience was greatly enhanced by Dr. Fröhlich's supervision. "She was just great.



Mount biology student Barbara Morash

She offered me all the help I needed, but at the same time, she left me alone to work things out myself." Morash notes that she'll be working under Dr. Fröhlich's supervision again this summer.

Morash, who was born in West Dover, N.S., says she is glad she chose the Mount to study biology. "I'm very happy with the quality of teaching here, the personal attention, the small classes. The professors always have time for students. They really care, and that encourages you to do well."

After completing requirements for her honours degree next year, Morash plans to enter either medical school or a masters program in biology.



Members of the Federal Business Development Bank (FBDB) Multicultural Business Advisory Committee recently presented the Mount with a cheque for \$1,000 to establish a bursary for a multicultural student enrolled in the business administration program. Mount president Dr. Naomi Hersom (centre) accepts the cheque from committee chairman John Ryan, FBDB vice-president and regional general manager. Committee members Gyan Dosaj, Dr. Nellie Sarkar and Victor Carvalho (left to right) look on.

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Applications are invited for the McGrath-Baird Prize in Gerontology. This \$100 prize is presented annually to a mature student who has recently returned to studies in gerontology and is working toward a Certificate in Gerontology. Completed applications should be accompanied by course grades for gerontology courses taken through December, 1988 and a statement of career intent upon completion of the Certificate, and submitted to Dr. Mary O'Brien, gerontology department chair, by April 7. For more information and an application form, contact Dr. O'Brien in Room 2 of the University Club, at ext. 466.

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Home economics students in the Mount's community nutrition 311 class are marking

Student Nutrition Awareness Week with nutrition information booths in Rosaria Centre and Seton Academic Centre. The booths will be set up during lunch hour, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 21 and 22 and will feature samples of an assortment of healthy breakfast and snack foods, recipes, and information posters. Everyone is invited to drop by.

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