

# Campus Connection

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*Bachelor of Business Administration graduate Doris Willcott, Enfield, N.S., receives the President's Prize from Dr. Hersom.*

## First tourism grads, honorary degrees highlight Fall Convocation

Close to 200 students received degrees, diplomas and certificates at the Mount's Fall Convocation, Sunday, Oct. 21.

This Convocation marked the first graduating class of the Tourism and Hospitality Management degree. The program is the first of its kind in Atlantic Canada, and was established with assistance from the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA).

Other graduates received certificates in busi-

ness administration and gerontology; diplomas in business administration; bachelor and masters degrees in education; bachelor degrees in arts, science, business administration, child study, office administration and public relations; and masters degrees in arts (education), home economics education, and school psychology.

Honorary degrees were conferred on Sr. Paule

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## Mount prof wins Royal Society Silver Medal

Dr. Fred Harrington's long-time work with northern wildlife has won him a prestigious Royal Society Silver Medal. The award, given by the Atlantic Chapter of the Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures & Commerce — better known as the Royal Society of the Arts (RSA) — was presented to the Mount psychology department faculty member at a recent Halifax dinner.

The RSA was founded in London, England in 1754 as a forum for people from all walks of life to discuss issues, shape new ideas and stimulate progressive change. The society, which is currently headed by His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, has a membership of 15,000 worldwide, with 80 members in the Atlantic chapter.

"Each year the society selects a theme for its awards criteria. This year the theme is wildlife preservation," explains Dr. Ken T. Leffek, chair of the RSA's Atlantic chapter, who notes that the society's history of recognizing environmental achievement dates back to its origins in the 1750s.

"Dr. Harrington received the 1990 Silver Medal in recognition of his interest, research and achievement in the area of wildlife preservation and the conservation of the environment for wildlife."

Dr. Harrington, who describes winning the award as "a very nice pat on the back", has been involved in researching northern wildlife — particularly wolves, caribou and black bear — since 1972. His research focuses on animal strategies for dealing with unpredictable aspects of their environment, including those brought about by human activity.

He became interested in wildlife research because, as he puts it simply, "I like being outdoors. I like wildlife. And my academic background is in biology."

He is also deeply concerned about the environ-

ment. "I got involved in the environmental movement 20 years ago. I helped to organize the first Earth Day celebration in New York," he says.

"As you work in this area, you realize how people do things inadvertently to damage wildlife," he says, recalling a particular incident that brought it all home to him. "I was in the woods and I could see some ravens circling overhead. I knew that meant that some creature was dead or dying, so I walked towards where they were flying. I found a dead bull moose with its antlers tangled on an old telephone wire that was strung between a deserted cabin and a telephone pole. He had probably died from hunger or exhaustion. The person who left that cabin didn't realize what a hazard that wire presented."

He cites seemingly-innocent household products such as plastic "six-pack" rings that can entangle ducks and other wildlife as other examples of potential hazards. "We just don't realize the harm these things can do.

"What we need is more knowledge about animals and what they are capable of adapting to. We often base our decisions on assumptions about what will happen, but what we have to do is go out there and observe what actually does happen. The importance of work on wildlife is that it demystifies things."

Dr. Harrington feels that recognition from the Royal Society will help to raise the profile of environmental concerns and environmentalists. "There was a time when environmentalists were seen as getting in the way of 'progress'. Now I think the environment has come to the forefront. I think that the Royal Society's recognition is one more indication that people do care; that if we all keep working together we just might be able to get ourselves out of this mess."

### Attention students

The registrar's office reminds students that Thursday, Nov. 15 is the last withdrawal date from "A" courses without academic penalty, and the deadline for application to all co-op programs.

And don't forget that Dec. 15 is the deadline to file an Intent to Graduate form, for May 1991 Convocation.



## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN BULLETIN

### Bronfman scholarship offers travel opportunity

A recent large endowment to the Learning and Leading capital campaign will establish a scholarship in Canadian studies at the Mount. The Andrea and Charles Bronfman Scholarship in Canadian Studies is aimed at helping students to acquire an understanding of the different attitudes, aspirations, interests and values of Canada's multi-ethnic society.

"Mr. Bronfman is known to have an abiding, deep-seated interest in history, particularly Canadian, and for promoting national understanding as a key to the survival of Canada as we know it," comments Mount president Dr. Naomi Hersom. "The scholarship reflects Mr. Bronfman's dedication to that goal by offering Canadian students a tremendous opportunity to learn more about our country."

The scholarship, which will be first awarded in the 1992-93 academic year, provides a year's tuition and travel costs for a research trip to Ottawa. The unusual travel component offers students exposure to a wider experience of Canadian life — an experience that is beyond the financial resources of most students.

Canadian studies faculty Dr. Della Stanley, who initiated the scholarship proposal, explains, "Ottawa has the Houses of Parliament, the National

Art Gallery, the Museum of Civilization, the National Archives, the National Library and other valuable national resources."

The Bronfman scholarship is really two distinct awards, offered in alternating years. The first, open to a Canadian student registered in Canadian Studies 100 or 305, covers one year's tuition plus expenses for three days in Ottawa. Upon returning, the scholarship recipient will be required to offer a presentation of the experience to a Canadian studies class.

The second is open to a Canadian student majoring in Canadian studies or political science, and covers one year's tuition plus travel expenses for seven days in Ottawa. The scholarship recipient will be required to conduct research while in Ottawa, complete a research paper, and deliver a class presentation.

Dr. Stanley is confident that the scholarship will increase students' appreciation of Canada and the role that they can play as effective Canadian citizens. "Our country is currently facing a constitutional crisis. It is clear that if we, as Canadians, are to draft a more flexible constitution that incorporates a new vision of Canada, we have to understand more about one another. The Bronfman scholarship is a step in the right direction."

### Get moving ... get fit!

Fall fitness programs offered by the athletics/recreation office are now half-price. That's an added incentive to sign up now, and enjoy a fitter Christmas.

There are more than 20 programs to choose from, and a weight room for flexing your way to fitness.

One program that's especially popular with many Mount employees is the Lunch Crunch. The strength, stretch and tone class focuses on abdominals, thighs, and upper body toning. It's held in the exercise room, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:10-

12:50, leaving ten minutes at both ends to get to class and back to work.

New this fall is the Kilometre Club. Geared for those whose fitness routine falls outside the Mount's scheduled fitness programs, the Kilometre Club allows participants to independently keep track of their fitness progress. Progress is measured in running, walking, swimming or cycling. Upon reaching a specific kilometre goal, participants are rewarded with a Kilometre Club T-shirt. Registration is \$5 per activity.

For more information call Lisa Boudreau, fitness co-ordinator, ext. 420.

## Profile: Dr. Susan Boyd



*Dr. Susan Boyd*

Dr. Susan Boyd recalls that science questions peppered the dinner conversation at her house when she was growing up: Susan, why is the sky blue? What makes this patch of grass greener than that? Why does your blood clot? Is it because it's just drying up?

"My father was an engineer and my mother was terrific in math. I was always aware of science," says the Mount chemistry professor.

Yet, Dr. Boyd never planned on becoming a chemist. "Like so many science students, I started off with the intention of going into medicine," she recalls. Two weeks into her first chemistry course, she was hooked.

She fell in love with teaching in much the same way. After completing her PhD at McGill University, she moved to Halifax and got a part-time position with the Mount's chemistry department in 1976. "I started because I wanted an interesting job. What I found was a terrific career." In 1986 Boyd won the Alumnae Award for Teaching Excellence, which she describes as "one of the greatest honors of my life".

Dr. Boyd's expertise is in physical and organic

chemistry, which she talks about with an enthusiasm that's infectious. "Chemistry has a negative image for a lot of people. But it's really just one way of learning about nature. If chemistry is perceived negatively, perhaps it's because of the way it's presented."

In class she tries to use examples that are relevant to students. "I might ask them why we perspire when we play basketball. Or why the dress I'm wearing appears red."

Dr. Boyd believes that teaching and research are integrally related. "They are supportive of one another. Teaching inspires you to do research. Research makes you an 'expert' in a tiny area of knowledge, and keeps you up-to-date on the scientific front. I also believe that students should have the opportunity to do real scientific research alongside faculty."

Her own research focuses on applying theoretical chemistry to examine the properties of organic molecules. "Theoretical studies can save time for experimental chemists, who then can go on to the effort of synthesizing only those substances with the 'right' properties."

Dr. Boyd considers herself fortunate in the support she's received from her parents and teachers. "I always assumed I'd go on to higher education, and no one offered me anything but encouragement."

She adds that getting her Bachelor and Masters degrees at a smaller university — Oakland University in Rochester, Mich. — was helpful too. "Small classes are conducive to learning because they provide more one-on-one interaction." She feels that the Mount similarly provides students with "a warm, encouraging environment. I hope we can keep classes small and quality high. This, of course, requires funding."

While Dr. Boyd notes that she didn't encounter any particular difficulties in her education and career as a result of being female, she feels that female students can benefit from having women science faculty as role models. "It's important that a young woman sees that she can have a scientific career without foregoing family and home life."

Dr. Boyd has a daughter, 15, and a son, 17. She

describes her husband, a chemist at Dalhousie University, as "amazingly supportive. He certainly does his 50 percent of the housework!" That leaves her time for hobbies like gardening, cooking and sewing.

While Dr. Boyd has never looked back in terms of her own career, she is concerned that more students aren't seeking careers in the sciences. "We

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Dr. Jacques Goulet, religious studies department chair, was recently elected for a three-year term on the executive of the Canadian Society for the Study of Religion. The society's membership includes faculty in religious studies and theology departments at universities across Canada. Dr. Goulet has been a society member for 20 years.

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The home economics department can now claim two members with Canadian Family Life Educator (CFLE) certification. Deborah Norris recently joined the ranks of the exclusive membership, which includes about 120 family life educators, therapists, counsellors and social workers in Canada and the United States. Sr. Rita Schneider received her membership last year.

CFLE certification is given by the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR), a Minneapolis, Minn. based organization which addresses problems and issues facing families, and is committed to developing strategies for maintaining healthy families. To qualify for certification, candidates must fulfil stringent requirements for experience in all areas of family life education. Certification is upgraded each year, by participation in continuing

## Senate motions

At its October 2 meeting, Senate moved that the following faculty fill vacancies on Senate committees for three-year terms ending June 1993: Dr. Pierre Payer, philosophy department chair, as humanities representative on the Computer Advisory Committee; Dr. David Furrow, psychology department chair, as social sciences representative on the

have a lot of serious environmental problems. The only way to solve many of them is through basic scientific research."

She encourages her own students to pursue graduate programs in science. "Our society is desperately in need of scientists, whether or not governments realize it. If there aren't enough jobs in science now, there certainly will be."

family life education specified by the NCFR — including course units, professional development workshops and seminars, and active involvement in family life activities. Members must apply for recertification every five years.

The home economics department's concentration covers all areas designated by the NCFR as integral to family life education.

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Mount honorary degree recipient (1988) Dame Nita Barrow has been named fifth Governor General of Barbados, and is the first woman to hold the office. Dr. Barrow is Barbados' permanent representative to the United Nations.

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Elaine Isabelle has been elected new director general of programs for the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). She comes to the position from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), where she held a variety of posts, most recently director of strategic grants and networks. Her contributions to the work of NSERC and the natural sciences and engineering research community were recognized last year when she received NSERC's 1989-90 President's Award.

Committee on Research and Publications; and Dr. Nargess Kayhani, economics department, as humanities/social sciences representative on the Liberal Arts Review Committee.

Dr. Ilya Blum, mathematics and computer science department, was appointed Parliamentarian for a one-year term.

## Extinction threat spurs Mount workshop

Several lake and river shorelines in southwestern Nova Scotia are home to rare plants that grow nowhere else in Canada. The fact that these plants are threatened by extinction alarms Dr. Nick Hill, biology department.

"We have something unique here — a group of coastal plain plants that are endangered because they are very poor competitors and very sensitive to nutrient input and damage by humans. They've been here for 10,000 years, but we could lose them soon unless we protect them now."

The plants, named for the coastal plain of eastern North America where they originated, are endangered by hydroelectric damming which permanently alters the water level, preventing them from reproducing; by beach raking and dockbuilding; by all-terrain vehicles; and by lake fertilization for single species like ducks.

Threatened plants include Pink Coreopsis, Water Pennywort, Plymouth Gentian, Redroot, Golden Crest, Long's Bulrush and Thread-Leaved Sundew. They grow mainly along Nova Scotia's Tusket and Mersey river systems and on sand or gravel shorelines of lakes with regularly fluctuating water levels.

The east coast of the United States is also home to many species of endangered coastal plain plants. A common interest in preserving such plants all along the Eastern Seaboard instigated a recent workshop at the Mount, which Dr. Hill co-organized. About 50 delegates attended The Atlantic Coastal Plain Flora: Toward a North American Conservation Strategy. They included biologists, conservationists, ecologists and naturalists from universities as far away as Tennessee, and from organizations like the World Wildlife Fund (Canada), the Nature Conservancy of Canada, and the Nature Conservatory of the United States. Nova Scotia and federal government representatives also attended.

The workshop, which was largely funded by the World Wildlife Fund (Canada) in conjunction with the Atlantic Provinces Council on the Sciences

(APICS) and Bowater Mersey Paper Company, was organized so that delegates could share information and expertise, and determine conservation priorities on a continental scale. "We were very pleased about making links with people in the United States, and in creating a forum for discussion," comments Dr. Hill. "Also, I believe we were successful in raising the profile of coastal plain flora and the need to protect them."

Government representatives were receptive to the need to protect coastal plain plants and their habitat, says Dr. Hill, noting that recently, Nova Scotia's first ecological reserve was designated by the Nova Scotia Museum as part of its Special Places program. Also, the Museum and the World Wildlife Fund are currently funding additional studies to locate potential new reserves.

The Kejimikujik/Tobeatic area, which encompasses a national park and a provincially-owned wildlife management area, was a major focus of attention at the workshop. "We looked at the possibility of it becoming a Biosphere Reserve, so that the entire area could be carefully managed and monitored," says Dr. Hill. The Kejimikujik/Tobeatic area is one of Canada's last and largest tracts of wilderness.

Dr. Hill says that Nova Scotia was the ideal location for the workshop because the province has some of the largest tracts of intact coastal plain vegetation on the continent. "Many delegates want to return to do field work here because so much of the areas we're dealing with are unexplored."

While he is disappointed that the workshop didn't conclude with clear-cut proposals for a North American conservation strategy, Dr. Hill says there is much ground-work to be done in the immediate future. "We have to collect inventory on how much endangered habitat there is in our areas, how much has been lost, and what, of the remaining, is under threat."

## Fall '90 Convocation



Honorary degree recipient Sr. Paule Cantin (left) poses with her presenter, Dr. Olga Broomfield.



Margaret Perry's honorary degree is accepted in her absence by her long-time friend Barbara Morrison.

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Cantin, former General Superior of the Sisters of Charity and chair of the committee which revised the 1988 charter transferring ownership of the university from the Sisters of Charity to the Board of Governors; and Margaret Perry, a pioneer of documentary film in Canada who, from 1939 to 1969, produced more than 50 films about Atlantic Canada.

Judith Scrimger, public relations department faculty member, gave the citation for Margaret Perry, and the citation for Sr. Paule Cantin was given by Dr. Olga Broomfield, English department faculty member.

Sr. Paule Cantin addressed the graduates.

Valedictorian was Sheona Scobie of Sackville, N.S., who received a Bachelor of Tourism and Hospitality Management degree with distinction and the co-operative education option.

The President's Prize for active involvement in the university and larger community was awarded to Doris Willcott of Enfield, N.S., who received a

Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

Senate Medals of Distinction for those graduates with distinction and with highest aggregate in the undergraduate programs were awarded to: Deborah Jane Breeze, Hubbards, N.S., Bachelor of Arts; Keitha Diane Bond, Dartmouth, N.S., Bachelor of Home Economics; Anne Campbell, Dartmouth, N.S., Diploma in Business Administration; Darlene Marie Crowell, Barrington, N.S., Bachelor of Public Relations with the co-operative education option; Gina Ann Dickie, Meagher's Grant, N.S., Bachelor of Science; Edwin Frizzell, Cornwall, P.E.I., Bachelor of Tourism and Hospitality Management with the co-operative education option; Heather Anne Kitchin-Dunbar, Lower Sackville, N.S., Honours Certificate in Arts with First Class Honours; and Madeleine A. Sawler, Dartmouth, N.S., Bachelor of Business Administration with the co-operative education option.

## President stresses growth, in accordance with mission

In her Fall Convocation report, Mount president Dr. Naomi Hersom stressed the university's achievements based on its mission statement and distinctive role in Canada as a university devoted to the education of women.

The Mount, she said, has always recognized the importance of addressing social issues related to gender equality. "Currently our Institute for the Study of Women is providing a counselling program for children of battered women in co-operation with Bryony House and the Department of Health and Welfare here in Halifax." She noted the Mount's commitment to women in Third World countries through international linkages and scholarships, and the Office Automation Centre's role in preparing women for the workplace.

Dr. Hersom said that the Mount also tries to provide students with an education that reinforces a feeling of self-worth. Faith, she said, is the key, noting the Mount's motto: *Veritas ad Deum Ducit* — Truth Leads to God.

She quoted religious studies faculty member Sr. Elizabeth Bellefontaine's recent reflections on the meaning of the Mount's motto:

"That is Truth not narrowly interpreted as mere accumulation of facts, nor as residing in one discipline or department alone. Rather, it is the broad inquiry into the truth about ourselves, about the whole of humanity, our society, our world/universe, about God, and about how all these are interrelated...fidelity to our motto can inspire us to integrity and excellence in all spheres of university activity...for our motto implies that we not only seek the Truth but also that we try to live in the Truth."

Dr. Hersom recognized the recent achievements of Mount students and faculty: English student Robert Fiander, who won the national Trent Honours Essay contest; business administration student Lori Dolliver, who won third prize in the 1990 Royal Bank Student Writing Awards competition; tourism and hospitality management students Ian Kurtz and Edwin Frizzell, who were two of five Canadians selected for Fellowships in the Walt Disney World

program; Bachelor of Science student and Presidential Scholar Cynthia Coffil, who has taken a year from her studies to serve with the Canada World Youth Program; psychology student Lesley Hartman, who spent the past summer as a volunteer in Honduras; and Dr. Fred Harrington, psychology faculty, who recently received the Royal Society Silver Medal for his work in wildlife preservation.

She paid tribute to graduates who pursued their degrees despite personal hardships. And she mourned the loss of members of the Mount community: Sr. Katharine O'Toole, who served as chair of the Mount Saint Vincent University Corporation; Sr. Margaret Flahiff, who taught in the history department; and Bill Morris, a long-time member of the printing shop staff.

She congratulated graduates and faculty of the Tourism and Hospitality Management degree program. She thanked the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) for its financial support to the program, industry representatives for sharing their expertise and experience, and co-op employers for providing students with work placement opportunities.

She reported that since the official opening of the E. Margaret Fulton Communications Centre last fall, "the marked increase in the use of the library and the improved facilities for our Distance University Education via Television and our computer services are evidence of the new opportunities provided by the Mount..." She thanked the "many" volunteers and donors to our Learning and Leading capital campaign who are helping to bring this facility to completion and to the people of Nova Scotia who have supported its construction."

Dr. Hersom noted that the Mount is about to embark upon even newer ventures, such as the women in science program and an associated women in engineering program with the Technical University of Nova Scotia. "But in introducing new ventures, we are careful not to lose sight of our overall mission. We take much pride in affirming that mission again in the lives of all of you who are graduating today."

## Tourism graduating class marks a Mount 'first'

For 18 Mount graduates, Fall Convocation capped four years of hard work with the distinction of being the first graduating class of the Tourism and Hospitality Management degree program. The bachelor's degree is the first of its kind offered in Atlantic Canada and was established with assistance from the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA).

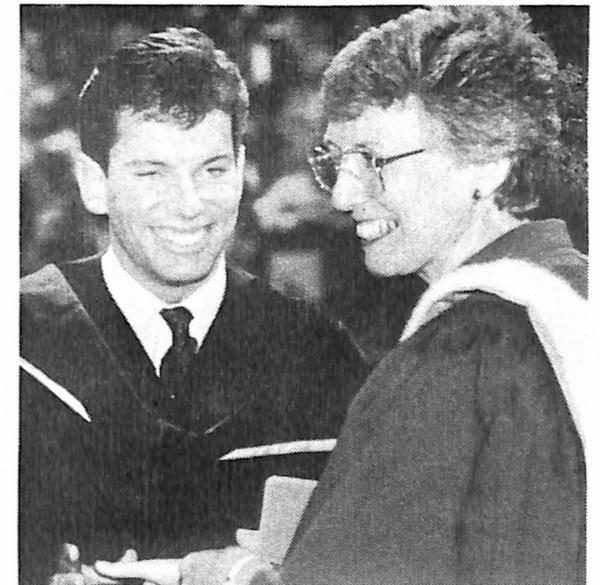
The four-year degree program has three areas of concentration: tourism development, accommodation and facility management, and food and beverage management. Along with a comprehensive scope of classroom courses, students must complete co-op work placements which take them to many sectors of the industry — hotels, airlines, resorts, tourism associations, agencies, government departments, and even sailing tours and Disney World. As a result, new grads already have more than a year's front-line experience.

Looking back on the past four years, department chair Don Craig notes, "Any new degree program means a lot of hard, ground-breaking work, but setting up a co-op education component really raises the level of challenge."

Bill Harrison, Rooms Division Manager of the Dartmouth Holiday Inn, a co-op employer, comments, "The students are very knowledgeable about the industry and are professional, enthusiastic, dedicated employees."

Grad Cathy MacDonald of Halifax did co-op work terms at the Halifax Sheraton, at ACOA and at the Royal Antigua Resort & Casino in the West Indies (where, incidentally, she got to meet Mick Jagger of the Rolling Stones). "But it's far from being a 'glamour career'," she says of her chosen field. "The structure of our degree is about 70 percent business. It's a demanding industry. When you're out on a work placement, you're going to have to excel because it's part of your degree, not a vacation job. The professionalism and the contacts you develop during placements leave you much more confident."

Classmate Victor Pedersen adds a footnote.



*Dr. Hersom congratulates the first Tourism and Hospitality Management grad to cross the platform — Edwin Frizzell of Cornwall, P.E.I. — after presenting him with a Senate Medal of Distinction.*

"Both the industry and government like to hire university graduates. But when the degree is specifically Tourism and Hospitality Management, you really have the inside edge. I'd been working in the field for several years when I entered the program, and I enrolled at the Mount with that in mind."

Will all the graduates find careers in Nova Scotia or even in Atlantic Canada? "Realistically, no," answers Don Craig. "They'll take work where they can find it. But a large proportion want to find jobs here. Some already have, and more will. And look at it this way," he adds with a chuckle. "Nova Scotians always come home sooner or later. The more opportunities we create here, the sooner those who leave will come back, contributing excellent skills to our travel and hospitality industry."

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## Honorary degrees conferred on Cantin, Perry

*"She captured the sights and sounds of Nova Scotia..."*

Judith Scrimger's citation for honorary degree recipient Margaret Perry was a moving tribute to the Atlantic Canadian filmmaker's remarkable career. Scrimger, public relations faculty member, began by expressing her excitement and pride in offering Perry's citation, mixed with regret that Perry's illness prevented her from attending the ceremony.

Scrimger shared with graduates and guests her first experience with Perry's work, while teaching mythology to a rural Ontario high school English class in the early 1970s. "By chance, I found a film called 'Glooscap Country'. This film, based on the legends of the MicMac god, Glooscap, was made in Nova Scotia. I showed the film and it was an incredible experience. When I realized what a profound impact this film had made on my students, I made a point of finding out who made this wonderful film...and that's how I first learned about Margaret Perry."

Who was this woman who was able to use her feelings about a MicMac legend to create such a moving visual experience, asked Scrimger. She proceeded with a biographical snapshot of Margaret Perry: wife, single mother, stenographer, camera bug, and finally, renowned professional filmmaker.

"She captured the sights and sounds of Nova Scotia over a 30-year period from 1939 to 1969, from steel making to farming, from bridge building to historical sites, from fishing to spinning. Her long-time friend Barbara Morrison points out in an NFB documentary which features Margaret Perry's life and work, that 'Margaret shot everything that moved in Nova Scotia'."

In closing, Scrimger noted, "We are grateful indeed that Margaret Perry bought a second hand movie camera in the 1930s. If she hadn't, children in a rural Ontario school might never have taken a step to read a book of mythology; Nova Scotians would have lost part of their cultural heritage; and the world might never have seen Canada through the eyes of a pioneer Canadian filmmaker."

*Committed religious woman, life-long student...and devoted fan of the Nordiques*

Dr. Olga Broomfield, English faculty member, began her citation for Sr. Paule Cantin by remarking that Sr. Paule is currently enrolled in a Master of Arts program in theological studies at Regis College, Toronto. "You happy graduates, thankful to be just finished with reading loads and assignments, may wonder why this successful professional woman would, in mid-life, become a registered student again."

The reason, she explained, is Sr. Paule's life-long dedication to learning and education. Dr. Broomfield traced Sr. Paule's career as an educator — from an elementary and high school teacher, to chair of the Mount Saint Vincent University Corporation and governor of the university.

She also noted Sr. Paule's parallel climb in the service of her Order, moving from provincial superior of the Sisters of Charity, to national president of the Canadian Religious Conference, to Canadian councillor to the International Union of Superiors General, Rome.

A key to Sr. Paule's success, said Dr. Broomfield, is her ability to apply the "re-visioning" principle to all areas of her life. "This dynamic, enthusiastic woman is always ready to be challenged by new ideas which demand 're-visioning'...she brings to all her activities a tremendous sense of fun, a lively wit... a broad beaming smile and crisp rejoinders. She is a devoted fan of the Nordiques, and rumor has it that she once promised to make fudge for students if they all asked permission to watch the games, as then, she could watch too."

Dr. Broomfield noted that, above all, Sr. Paule "respects the individual and has always been active in promoting a woman's sense of her own individuality."

*Sr. Paule urges grads to be agents for positive change*

In her address to the graduates, honorary degree recipient Sr. Paule Cantin emphasized the importance of striving for positive change. "Hopefully, to

be a graduate of Mount Saint Vincent University means, above all, that we have come to learn to offer critical corrections to present-day policies and structures which no longer fit our reality, and which tend to dehumanize rather than to safeguard and promote the dignity of the human person, and the sacredness of life on our planet."

She spoke of recent incidents which have brought to the forefront the need to discard outdated practices and systems. "The massacre of 14 female students in Montreal last December...is a tragedy which compelled us then and continues to compel us to live with the question of systemic discrimination against women, both in society and in our church...If domination of any kind is sinful, and I believe that it is, how then can the patriarchal system be upheld on the grounds that it is God-willed and God-intended?"

## Valedictorian reflects on 'climbing the Mount'

Tourism and Hospitality Management graduate Sheona Scobie, Sackville, N.S., began her valedictory address by recalling her first day on campus. "We stood at the foot of this hill, faced with a daunting climb to what is officially called Mount Saint Vincent University. However, to students, faculty and friends it is known quite simply as 'the Mount'."

What will people imagine when we tell them, "I went to the Mount", asked Scobie. Will they envision Mount Everest? Mount Olympus? Mount Sinai? Mount Vesuvius?

"Our Mount may be smaller in size than those others. However, it is a unique place which attracts a rich blend of international, mature and traditional students. A strong liberal arts tradition, along with the diversity of scholastic programs including the co-operative education and practicum options, ensure that graduates are well prepared to brave the world beyond the foot of this Mount."

She noted the pride she and her classmates shared in being the first graduating class of the Tourism and Hospitality Management degree. "Familiar first-hand with the growing pains of a new

She called to attention the fall of the Berlin Wall as a dramatic example of positive change. "As men and women of eastern block countries armed with courage and determination forced themselves out of a system which stifled the life and growth of their nations, we experienced a surge of pride in the capacity of the human spirit to be rid of political and social constraints intended to rob citizens of their freedom and self-worth."

The ecological deterioration of our planet is another burning issue which must be addressed, said Sr. Paule. "...the pollution of our air and water, the over-consumption of non-renewable resources and the proliferation of nuclear weapons have reached crisis proportion...If we believe that we are stewards and not owners of the resources of our planet, changes will inevitably occur."

curriculum, we often affectionately refer to the program as 'terrorism & hostility management', she quipped.

Graduation, she said, is a time to "take pride in our accomplishments and celebrate their successful completion. We should not, however, bask too long in self-congratulations. We owe thanks to our sherpas and guides, professors, teachers, and other members of the university family. We are grateful to our parents for their support, a debt that can only be repaid by passing on our support to the next generation."

Scobie reminded graduates, "Today is also a day for goodbyes. Valedictory comes from the Latin and means 'bidding farewell'. However, the friends and memories we have from the Mount will endure." This graduating class, she noted, will be faced with many challenges to come, and many other 'mounts' to climb.

"Perhaps the greatest gift the university has given us is the knowledge that no task is too challenging and no goal too high, even though initially, all that may be seen is the summit beckoning through the clouds."

## Seton Lectures focus on defining a Canadian theology

by Anne d'Entremont, public relations student

It's time for Canadian Roman Catholics to develop a theology from their own experience and context. That was the message that ran through this year's Elizabeth Seton Lectures, delivered by Dr. Mary Jo Leddy. Dr. Leddy, an award-winning journalist, educator and human rights activist, gave three talks Oct. 2 and 3: *Beginning Here: Towards a Canadian Theology; Where is Here? Naming the Canadian Experience; and The Mission of the Church in a Dispirited Society.*

Dr. Leddy, a member of the Sisters of Our Lady of Zion, is former editor of *Catholic New Times*, the author of several books including *Memories of War and Promises of Peace*, and is an accomplished public speaker.

She noted that it has been 25 years since the Vatican II changes to the Roman Catholic Church. These changes, she said, grew out of the European experience, particularly during the troubled 1930s and 40s, leading up to and during World War II. "The European theology is important but has been highly influenced by its context — not applicable everywhere."

She maintained that theology must be contextual because the human experience is influenced by space and time. "We are called to discover the ways in which the spirit bubbles up from our experience."

The difficulty in defining theology from a Canadian experience, she noted, lies in naming the Canadian experience. "What we share is the experience of a loss of a large story ... we do have experiences of being grounded in a region ... of having a context."

However, she added, living next door to the United States makes it difficult for Canadians "to name our experience, to speak from here and not from somewhere else." A Canadian theology, therefore, must be rooted in the folklore, literature, geography and history of the regions of Canada, she said.

"Literature is one of the most important things happening in Canada today," said Dr. Leddy. She noted that Canadian literature provides us with metaphors and models which are important in identifying and defining theology in the Canadian con-

text. "Our literature helps us to name our experience, not just historically, but now."

The modern world is going through a crisis, she said. "We are beginning to doubt that tomorrow will be better than today." This crisis has left us with no whole world view, but fragments of philosophy and theology from the past, she said, adding that there are two ways of coping with this fragmentation of experience: the conservative way of trying to force the pieces together and the liberal way of making sure every piece has some value.

"Conservatives and liberals keep fighting over the solutions. In church and society we must decide whether we want to perpetuate the conflict, and what conflicts are worth continuing."

It's time for us to become not so much theologians as contemplatives, she said. "We have a deep need to experience God as the centre that holds together the fragments of our lives."

She said that a busy mother sharing quiet time with her child at night "knows the purpose and meaning of her life. As individuals and as a Church we need these types of contemplative moments."

She warned that "mainline churches are not experienced as centres of spiritual energy" in our dispirited society, and that unless we "have a deep belief in the infinite value of everyone", theology will be swayed by conflicting interests. "If we believe in God, then we believe that we, too, can be another person's guarantee for their dignity and freedom. If we don't have this vision, then we will forever be dividing the world between those who are valuable and non-valuable."

In conclusion, Dr. Leddy defined the ultimate context in which to base our Canadian theology. "What we have in common is not just that we are Canadians, here on the same planet. What we have in common is God. These are the roots of a biblical vision, of an alternative social vision."

We must not try to 'sell' religion in order to make it a more acceptable consumer good, she said. "I believe that there is, in this country, a desire for the irresistible message of the Gospel. We understand that this is the truth of our context. If we believe in that we will know the truth of our time."

## AT THE GALLERY

Work by Cape Breton artist Charlie Murphy, and studies in clay and metal by Steven Kay and Sally Ravindra of Purcell's Cove are the focus of two exhibits at the Mount art gallery until Nov. 18.

When Charlie Murphy returned to his Cape Breton home from living in Toronto several years ago, he brought with him photographs that document what he saw in the city. These photos are incorporated into a series of 40 painted and sculpted collages featured in the exhibition, *Charlie Murphy*. Supported by a Canada Council grant, the exhibition includes Murphy's work from 1976, focusing on the last six years.

Artist/writer Cliff Eyland, who opened both exhibitions, says of Murphy's photo assemblages, "(They) highlight the hinge Murphy's work makes between the worlds of high art and folk art, as well as Murphy's problematic status as an urban and rural artist.

"This is no slide show of anonymous faces," he says. "Each piece is a composition in which Murphy re-creates the real environment beyond the soft light of the camera."

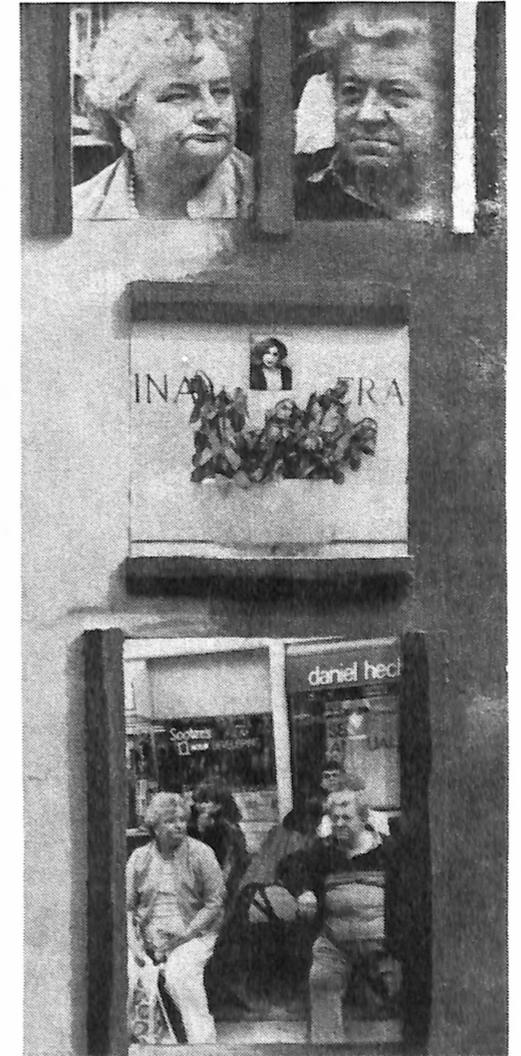
Upstairs in the gallery, *New Eyes and Eternal Form* features collaborative work by Steven Kay and Sally Ravindra, from the past four years. The work expresses the timelessness of ancient forms, and at the same time pays tribute to modern process and technology. Ravindra and Kay will be at the art gallery Tuesday, Nov. 6 to talk about their work.

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Exhibitions change on Friday, Nov. 23, when the gallery focuses on sculpture by Thierry Delva and Arthur Lismer's drawings of the aftermath of the Halifax explosion.

*Firmly Rooted in Cultivar*, downstairs, features a series of stone columns in which Belgian-born sculptor Thierry Delva, now living in Halifax, highlights decorative elements of classical architecture and presents them out of context. Leaves, for example, are enlarged, unfolded and twisted, taking on a character all their own.

Drawings by Arthur Lismer illustrate the injuries, relief efforts and rebuilding as a result of the 1917 Halifax Explosion, in *Grim Visions*. Original drawings by Lismer are supplemented by published versions and relevant correspondence and photographs of the day, rediscovered



Remember the Time (1990) is one of 40 photo assemblages by Cape Breton artist Charlie Murphy, now on exhibit at the Mount art gallery.

by Halifax architect/historian Alan Ruffman, exhibition organizer.

Both exhibitions will be officially opened Friday, Nov. 23 at 8 p.m. Thierry Delva will give a talk in the gallery on Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 8 p.m., and Alan Ruffman on Thursday, Dec. 6 at 8 p.m.



Participants warm up for the recent For the Run of It, the Mount's annual run/jog/walk for AdSum House. While many joined in just for fun, cross-country teams from the Nova Scotia Colleges Athletic Association came to compete. Our men's team finished first in the division while our women's team placed second.

## New appointments to Mount's board of governors announced

Dale Godsoe, chair of the Mount's board of governors, recently announced the following new appointments to the board for 1990-91:

Governors appointed by the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity: Sister Mary Therese Gavin, Mount Saint Vincent Motherhouse

Governors appointed by the Governor in Council: Charlotte Cochran, practicum supervisor with the Child Study Department and eastern area co-ordinator of the YWCA of/du Canada

Governors selected by and from the faculty: Dr. Jane Gordon, Sociology Department chair

Governors selected by and from the students:

Natalie Doyle and Lynn Jones, student council

Governors selected by the board and from the community at large: Stephanie Coldwell, Vice-President, Finance and Administration, Maritime Marlin Travel; Dennice Leahey, Senior Vice-President, Independent Business and Agriculture, Royal Bank of Canada, Montreal; Janet Lee, Director of Human Resources, The Maritime Life Assurance Company; Dr. Sharon Oliver, Executive Director, Metropolitan Hospital Advisory Committee; Patricia Roscoe, Chair, Board of Governors, Izaak Walton Killam Hospital for Children.



## Attention All Employees

The first ever  
*Mount Saint Vincent University  
Christmas Party*

for all faculty and staff  
will be held

7 p.m. – 12 midnight  
Saturday, December 8, 1990

Rosaria Centre

Prizes • Music • Good Food  
Good Fun!

Mark this date and plan to attend –  
further details will follow

## Countdown to quitting

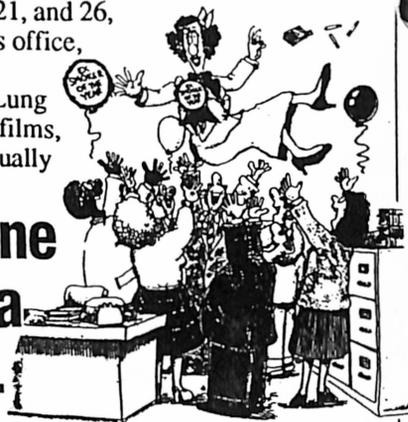
The Mount, through the health office of student affairs, will offer a smoking cessation program to employees and students in November. The seven-session Countdown program from the Nova Scotia Lung Association will be offered Nov. 5, 7, 14, 19, 21, and 26, and Dec. 3, from 12 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the career room, student affairs office, Rosaria Centre.

The Countdown program has been adopted by the Nova Scotia Lung Association because of the program's excellent success rate. It uses films, discussions, exercises, and group support to help participants to gradually eliminate the smoking habit.

The registration fee will be cost-shared by the university and participants, with participants paying \$50 each. The fee will be reimbursed to all individuals who, at the end of six months, are still not smoking.

Register with the health office, Rosaria Room 116, tel. ext. 353.

**Everyone  
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On October 22, the Mount presented recommendations to the City Task Force on Traffic, outlining viable alternatives to the proposed widening of the Bedford Highway. (See **CAMPUS CONNECTION**, October 1, 1990, page 2 for details.) Limited copies of the Mount's presentation are available from the department of university relations, Evaristus Room 215, telephone ext. 470. If you have any questions about the presentation, call Mary Moulton, director of university relations, ext. 494.

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Representatives of the Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE) are giving a presentation on scholarships available from CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency), Wednesday, Nov. 7, at 10 a.m., in the Project Presentation Room, E. Margaret Fulton Communications Centre. Claude DeGagne, CBIE's director of Canadian awards, and Giselle Mitton, CBIE's program manager, will discuss opportunities available through CIDA Scholarships and eligibility and program requirements. The scholarship program offers up to 50 awards annually to Canadians who want to further develop their expertise in the field of international develop-

ment. The awards are worth up to \$25,000 per year and may be tenable for a maximum of two years.

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The third annual University Community Memorial Service will be held Tuesday, Nov. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in Our Lady of Wisdom Chapel, Evaristus Hall. The service commemorates members of the university community or members of their families who have died during the past year. Rev. Mary Johnson will preside at the service and Mary Kelly will direct the student choir. Johnson and Kelly are Mount alumnae.

The memorial service is organized by the campus ministry, in collaboration with the alumnae office.

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