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Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, Nova Scotia



Image Committee at Work

Dr. Marguerite Flinn and Assistant Professor Jon White have been elected to co-chair the university's newly-appointed Image Committee which, over the next six months, will look into what "we think of ourselves" and how others perceive the Mount which was founded as an all-women post-secondary institution some 68 years ago.

While studies on this subject have been carried out in the past (one in the mid 70's by a major consulting firm), little is known of the results. The *ad hoc* committee, which won approval from the Senate at its last meeting, will be expected to report back to that body come September 1982.

Mount President Dr. E. Margaret Fulton appointed the committee in October, following a request from Dulcie Conrad, the university's director of public relations, alumnae and development. "With increasing numbers of part-time and mature students joining the ranks plus the introduction of a number of creative programs attracting more male students, it has become more difficult to produce promotional materials, including advertisements, for those who have varying perspectives on what the university is all about," says Conrad.

Apart from Flinn, White, Fulton and Conrad, others appointed to the expanded committee are: Dr. Erdener Kaynak, Dr. Susan Clark, Sr. Patricia Mullins, Assistant Professor Carole Hartzman, Admissions Officer Susan Tanner, Dr. Mairi Macdonald, Student Council president Karen Stone and a yet-to-be-named representative of the Campus Association of Part-time University Students.

The committee plans to meet on a regular basis. All comments and suggestions should be directed to either Flinn or White.

An African Connection

They say the way to a man's heart is through his stomach, and perhaps, without stretching the analogy too far, it could also be the means for creating a special kind of understanding between two countries thousands of miles apart.

Canada and Malawi have set up a link between the Mount and the University of Malawi in order to develop home economics and nutrition programs at several colleges in the African country.

It started back in 1979 when Dr. Marilyn McDowell, Chairman of the Mount's Home Economics Department, was invited by Dr. David Kimble, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Malawi, to visit his country. Professional Home Economics Associations in the two countries had already formed a link and it seemed logical to include the universities.

McDowell was impressed with the practical approach taken by the many home economics and health educators she met in Malawi, and by their energy, independence and eagerness to improve their own professional knowledge.

That visit will result in the establishment of a degree program in Home Economics at the University of Malawi under the guidance of Dr. Lila Engberg, as

associate professor of Family and Consumer Studies on leave from the University of Guelph. She was appointed by the Mount in late 1981 to head the Home Economics Department at Chancellor College in Malawi for a period of two years and her prime responsibility will be to plan the degree program.

Malawians in Canada

Already installed at the Mount are three Malawian students, here to take their degrees in Home Economics so that they can carry their knowledge and expertise back to their own country in three years time.

Lucy Mwaisango has been here for almost a year and was so motivated to advance the profession of Home Economics, and ultimately the standard of living in her own country, that she left two small daughters in the care of her family in order to come to Canada. She faces the three-year separation knowing that in the long run, only good can result from her difficult decision.

In the Fall of 1981 Elsie Kukada and Margaret Mamba of Mangochi, southern Malawi, arrived at the Mount to begin their three-year program in Home Economics.

Both will be returning to Malawi to teach, Elsie to go to the Natural Resources Colleges in Lilongwe and Margaret to work on community development in rural areas. Neither had ever been outside her own country before and each has reacted differently.

"I think it's wonderful to travel and see other countries," Elsie says, but Margaret looks a little sad and says she is homesick. Both feel they have made the right decision in coming to the Mount and are fast getting used to Canadian ways, including our food! "We eat more vegetables in Malawi," Elsie says. The first smattering of snow this winter had them excited, for although the Malawian winter can be cold, they haven't seen snow before.

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MINDPOWER

**Solutions to problems
begin on campus.**

alumnae update

Mount President, Dr. E. Margaret Fulton, is on the move again. To start the new year off on the right foot, a series of alumnae reunions have been planned and Dr. Fulton will be meeting with past graduates and friends at various locations throughout the Atlantic provinces.

The first gathering will be at the home of Corrine Comeau Gaudet, '66 & '67, in Moncton on February 2. Sixty alumnae have been invited to this reunion and a good turnout is expected.

The Chester and Hubbards area alums will meet with the President on February 16, at the home of Maureen Mullen Potter '77 at East Chester. Other South Shore residents from Bridgewater, Lunenburg and Mahone Bay, will gather at the home of Barbara Hewitt Feeney '68 at Mahone Bay, on February 23. More than 100 alumnae have been invited to these two functions in an effort to encourage greater participation in alumnae activities.

These and several more reunions in the planning stages (including one for the Waverley - Bedford - Sackville - Dartmouth areas) will give Dr. Fulton the opportunity to talk with many old friends as well as meet other alumnae.

Took the Plunge

Mark McCondach, who graduated last year from the Mount with a Bachelor of Public Relations came all the way from Regina to take his degree here. He took his Bachelor of Arts in English at the University of Regina before arriving in the Maritimes in 1979, and plunged into a round of public relations activities.

He was among the first students in the Public Relations degree program to go out on the Co-operative Education plan and spent one co-op work term with Maritime Tel & Tel in Halifax. He thinks the experience was invaluable. "It snowballs. Once you get some initial experience in the working world, one thing leads to another."

He got his position with the Canadian National's Public Relations Department in Moncton through the Canada Employment Centre at the Mount — a spot that too many students fail to connect with when they are thinking about their careers.

CN had specifically asked for someone with a BPR degree after one of the Mount's students had given a presentation at a CPR luncheon in New Brunswick and made a great impression.

"The Maritimes have got me for a few more years," McCondach says. "Things are really working out for me and I feel very much at home down here."

Money Available

Any student looking for money to help out with tuition should check with the Financial Aid Office, Rosaria Centre. The following are some of the many bursaries, fellowships and research grants available:

Applications for Mount Saint Vincent University bursaries, Alumnae bursaries and Continuing Education bursaries are available from the Financial Aid Office, Student Services, Rosaria Centre, or the Alumnae Office, Evaristus 215. Deadline is January 29.

The Halifax Branch of the Canadian Federation of University Women offers bursaries as well, and applications for these are also available at the Financial Aid Office or the Alumnae Office.

The National Institute on Mental Retardation is offering ten bursaries to university students interested in the field of

mental retardation and planning to involve themselves either as volunteers or as professionals. Application deadline is April 30. Research grants in mental retardation are also available. Check at the Financial Aid Office.

Applications for Graduate Fellowships are being invited from candidates intending to study full time in a graduate program leading to a master's or doctoral degree at Concordia University. Deadline for applications is February 7, available at the Financial Aid Office.

Imasco Limited has recently established a scholarship program as a tribute to the International Year of the Disabled. These scholarships, valued at \$1,500 each, are designed to provide financial assistance to worthy disabled students who wish to pursue university studies at the undergraduate level on a full-time basis and who may not be able to do so because of the additional expenses they may incur due to their physical disability. Completed applications must be received in Ottawa before June 1, so contact the Financial Aid Office soon.

You'd be Amazed at Us!

You'd be amazed at the hobbies of some of the students, faculty, staff and alumnae of this university. There are singers, dancers, woodworkers, sculptors, weavers, gourmet cooks, photographers... you name it, the talent is here!

And you will have a chance to see some of this talent at the EIGHTH ANNUAL UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY ART, CRAFT, BAKING, HOBBY AND TALENT SHOW at the Art Gallery from January 28 until February 7.

The opening will be held at 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, January 28, officiated by Dr. Walter Shelton, Academic Vice-

President.

Special events include selections from the musical *Godspell* performed by the Drama Club on Thursday, January 28 at 12:30 p.m.; and puppet shows for the very young by students of the Education Department, on Sunday, January 31 at 1:30 and 3:00 p.m. The talent shows will be held during lunch hours, 12:15 to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, February 1-5.

This is traditionally a great time of fun on campus, and everyone in the university community (spouses included) are invited to join.

Let's Cool It

If you think that turning down the thermostat doesn't save money — get a load of this! An estimated \$12,000 was saved at the Mount by turning down the heat over the Christmas holiday, according to Michael Merrigan, Executive Assistant to the President.

Classrooms, residences and administrative offices were closely supervised by the security guards who remained on duty through the holiday period. Thermostats were adjusted according to the outside conditions and the savings were made without a single broken pipe.

"In fact," Merrigan states, "since we started this practice six years ago, we haven't had a broken pipe as a result of

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Both Canadians and Malawians are obviously prepared to make sacrifices in their personal lives in order to make the link a success. For the future, a joint baccalaureate degree with Mount Saint Vincent University is being considered. This will allow the University of Malawi to offer a degree program that meets an internationally-recognized standard. While providing an opportunity for Malawians to upgrade their academic qualifications it also allows time for an indigenous program to evolve which will best suit the needs of their country.

turning down the heat at Christmas. And over those six years, we've probably saved well over \$40,000!"

Mount Saint Vincent University

Exploring Your Tomorrow Week January 25-29

Life after university may seem like a big question mark. Often students are unaware of the wide range of options available to them as working members of society. The week of January 25-29 has been designated as a career exploration week at the Mount with the special theme "Exploring Your Tomorrow".

Each day during the week has a special theme with an exciting line-up of lunch-time speakers, displays, and a film series. For more information call local 357. Speakers will present from 12:00-1:00 p.m. in the Rosaria Foyer — 2nd Level.

Monday, January 25

THEME:

"What can I do with a B.A. or B.Sc.?"

SPEAKERS:

Mina Morton

B.A. (English/Education)

Potter

Advertising Promotion/Sales

Elspeth McLean

B.H.Ec., Mount Saint Vincent University

Public Relations Fieldworker

(created her own job)

Alyson Trattner

Sec. Sci., B.A. (Soc.), M.P.A.

Development Planner

Lynn Irlam

B.A., B.Ed., M.S.W.

People Development

Tuesday, January 26

THEME:

"Non-traditional Careers For Women"

SPEAKERS:

Sandy Bernard

Radio

Nancy Blair

Environment Science Woodlot

Management

Peggy Ferguson

(Mount Saint Vincent University

graduate)

Insurance

Paula Wedge/Kim Turner

1st Year Law Students

(Mount Saint Vincent University graduates '81)

Heather Woodside

Labour Relations Officer

Wednesday, January 27

THEME:

"Women in Business"

SPEAKERS:

Elizabeth Crocker

Manager — "Woozles"

Will discuss going into small business

Liz Weber

Mount Saint Vincent University Faculty

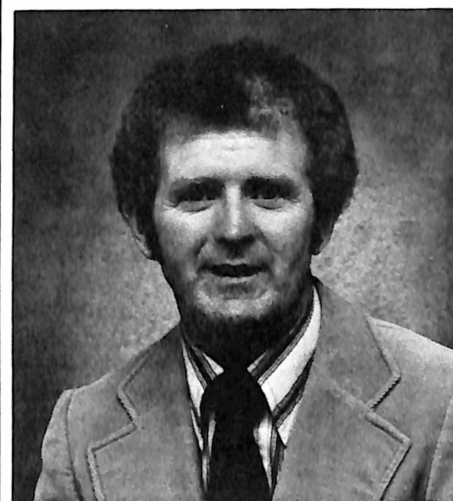
Extensive research on women and

career decisions

Thursday, January 28

THEME:

Digging Deep



A public lecture on The Archaeology of Jordan will be given by Dr. Burton MacDonald at Mount Saint Vincent University on Thursday, February 4.

Dr. MacDonald is Associate Professor in the Department of Theology and the Department of Sociology/Anthropology at

"Life Style Options"

SPEAKER:

Alexa McDonough

N.D.P. Leader — Nova Scotia

Will speak on combining the roles of politician, wife and mother in a dual career family

Friday, January 29

THEME:

"Nuts & Bolts of Job Hunting"

SPEAKER:

Janet Lee

Insurance Recruitment — Personnel

Presentations on Resumé Writing,

Interview Skills, Applying to Graduate

School, Writing Entrance Exams

Saint Francis Xavier University, Antigonish where he teaches courses in religious studies and Near Eastern archaeology.

For the past 12 years he has been involved in archaeological work in Cyprus, Egypt, Israel and Jordan. During the academic year 1979-80 he served as Annual Professor at the American Centre of Oriental Research in Amman, Jordan.

Since 1970 he has been Director of the Wadi el Hasa Archaeological Survey Project in Southern Jordan. His summer months are spent working on this project which is staffed by an international team and funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

Dr. MacDonald has published extensively over the past years, mainly in his own special field.

His lecture at the Mount will be accompanied by slides of archaeological sites in Jordan and artifacts. It takes place at 7:30 p.m. in Seton Academic Centre, Auditorium D. Admission is free.

Dr. MacDonald will also speak to the Mount's History Society on The Methods of Archaeology, at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 5, in Seton 532. Everyone is welcome.

Community Nutrition

A summer placement program for honours English students plus a "Community Nutrition Concentration" in the BScHEC program were among a number of curriculum proposals approved at the December 14 meeting of Senate.

Also approved were:

* the Honours Program for the Bachelor of Science in Home Economics with majors in Foods and Foods & Nutrition;

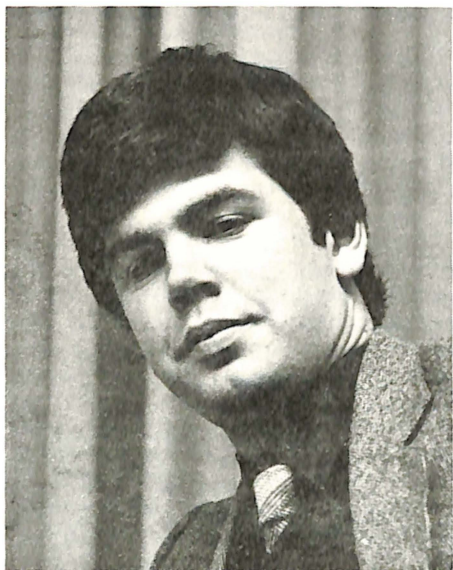
* the following new courses: Anthropology 281, Language and Culture (one-half unit); Business 308, Produc-

tion and Operations Management (one-half unit); Business 232, Introduction to Marketing (one unit); History 303, Europe 1914-Present (one unit); and * the deletion of Anthropology 213 and History 202, 209, 308/309, 310/311, 335.

Other decisions taken at the meeting were: the election of Professor Earl Martin as the Senate representative on the Search Committee for an Academic Vice-President; the creation of an ad hoc committee to examine the university image

and the approval of the pilot project in distance education to be mounted in co-operation with Maritime Tel and Tel for the January to April term.

No Stuffed Shirt



Mount Saint Vincent University public relations student Jim Wentzell, who won the public speaking event at the Dalhousie Debating Tournament recently, thinks debating can be fun. "You don't have to be a stuffed shirt to be a debater," he says. "I tend to rely on humour and dramatics and I hammer on the podium."

Together with Wendy Lillico, Wentzell formed a two-person debating team at the Mount last Fall and has been proving ever since that they're as good as anyone else. In their first major tournament, the Canadian Championships, they came away with three wins and two losses, with one of their wins being against the top-ranking University of Western Ontario.

Then in the second tournament Wentzell was given 10 seconds to prepare a talk on the topic "The Fat Lady is Christ" and won the event!

He's had eight years experience in debating, since he was in high school, while Lillico is new to debating but obviously doing well. They are both hoping to see the Mount team grow from two to match the 25 debaters in the Dalhousie team.

"We're always interested in new people," Wentzell says, "and it would be nice to have some members who have high school debating experience. But anyone is welcome to come along who is interested enough to learn. We can coach them."

In the past, the Mount had some

outstanding debating teams. However, this team is the first in several years. Student Council and the University have given full support to the team which will represent the Mount at the World's Debating Championships to be held in Toronto this month.

An Apple For Teacher

Well, maybe we won't give the teacher an apple, but at the Mount we do try to show faculty members appreciation for a job well done.

Nominations are invited for the second annual President's Award for Teaching Excellence. The first recipient of the award was Dr. Ram Seth, Chairman of the Economics Department who accepted his award amid great applause at last Spring's Convocation.

Students, alumnae and faculty are encouraged to nominate a full-time faculty member who has taught at least three academic years at the Mount. Nominations must include the names of two other students, alumnae or faculty who support your choice and an explanation of why your nominee should be considered.

If accepted by the candidates, nominations will be reviewed by an eight-member selection committee made up of representatives from students, alumnae and faculty.

Forms are available from the offices of the Deans, the Academic Vice-President, Alumnae, Student Council; and at Seton front desk. They must be returned to the Academic Vice-President's office **BEFORE JANUARY 29.**

Notes

Becoming A Catholic Even If You Happen To Be One, a six-session program exploring the basic truths of Catholicism, will be held on Thursday evenings, February 4 to March 18. Sessions will be held from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in Rosaria 110, and will consist of input and group discussion. University chaplains, faculty and students will act as resource persons. Those interested should register with the Chaplaincy Office, Student Services, Rosaria Centre before January 28.

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The Mount Saint Vincent History Society, English Society, Student Christian Movement and various other student groups have combined efforts to sponsor a

showing of **Dr. Strangelove: Or, How I Stopped Worrying and Learned to Love the Bomb**, starring Peter Sellers. All are invited to attend at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 28 in Seton Auditoriums A & B. Admittance is \$2.00

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The Halifax Branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association requires volunteers for its evening Social Rehabilitation Program for post-mentally ill clients.

The program runs three nights per week and focuses on social interaction and appropriate social skills. Volunteers are needed to provide an atmosphere of warmth, friendliness and companionship through various activities.

For further information contact the Canadian Mental Health Association, 422-5800.

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A ring representative will be on campus to display grad rings, discuss prices, etc. on January 26, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in Seton lobby; and on February 2, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in Rosaria Centre lobby.

The actual ordering date for rings will be February 10, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in Rosaria Centre and the same times on February 16, in Seton.

Any student interested in a ring but unable to attend either the showing or ordering sessions can contact one of the Senior Class Co-Presidents, Karen MacDonald or Karen DuPrey.

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A weekend retreat will be held at the Renewal Centre, Mount Saint Vincent University Motherhouse, January 29 and 30. The theme of the retreat will be **Sacramental Encounters in Our Everyday Life** and there will be time for input, reflection, sharing and celebration. Cost for the weekend is \$10.00 and sessions will run from 6:00 p.m. Friday until 7:00 p.m. Saturday. Registration is limited. Contact the Chaplaincy Office, Student Services, Rosaria Centre.

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