

# Campus. Connection

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Mount Saint Vincent University

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*"Don't **just** think about it — DUET, DUET, DUET!" That was the message given to Jean-Guy Rioux, vice-recteur of the Université de Moncton, Shippagan campus (left) and Yvette McLaughlin, assistant to the deputy premier of New Brunswick, on a recent visit to campus. They, along with several colleagues from Shippagan, toured the DUET (Distance University Education via Television) facilities, the Centre for Continuing Education and the Office Automation Centre.*

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## Alumnae say they would come again — survey

In response to a recent survey, 86 per cent of alumnae respondents said they would attend the Mount again, offering the Mount's small size, quality programs and friendly and competent staff as the main reasons. Seventy-five per cent said they would select the same program from which they had graduated.

These were among the preliminary results compiled by the Mount's office of institutional research from an Alumnae Survey conducted in the spring of 1987. The survey was undertaken to provide general information about Mount alumnae, and to examine the relationship between career paths

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## It's running time again. . . . let's walk and roll!

It's fun. It's fitness. And it's for a good cause. The Mount's sixth annual For the Run of It is coming up, on Sunday, Oct. 16, and organizers are hoping it will be the best yet. "We really want people to come out and support us," says athletics/recreation co-ordinator June Lumsden, adding, "It's for a great cause." Proceeds go to AdSum House, a Halifax home for transient women, and to the Mount's athletics program.

The five- or 10-km run, jog, walk or wheelchair roll is open to everyone, and starts at 10 a.m. in front of Seton Academic Centre. Run Nova Scotia will administer the race, which is also part of the Nova Scotia College Conference cross-country meet, and runners will receive their times at the end of the race. "It's a well-run race," comments Lumsden, who points out that competition is not the main theme, however. "We welcome people who just enjoy walking, or riding their bike, or whatever."

Dr. Chris Lucarotti of the biology department is an avid runner and regular For the Run of It participant. "It's really an event that doesn't put on a lot of pressure to compete. I run to see how quickly I can do 10 km." Every year, Dr.

Lucarotti finds his time is one minute more than the year before, so this year he plans on "turning that around."

Dr. Olga Broomfield, English department, is another Mount run veteran who plans on taking part in this year's event. "I would support anything that would help preserve and develop good morale on our campus — and the fact that it's also raising funds for an absolutely worthy cause is extra value."

The Mount's intercollegiate athletes will participate, and Lumsden hopes Mount residences and societies will also enter teams. "It's the kind of event that really builds community spirit. And afterwards, we have a reception with refreshments and prizes."

For the Run of It is one of the major annual fund raisers for AdSum House, which assists close to 1500 women a year through short-term programs, a distress line and referrals.

Participants can pick up registration forms and sponsor sheets in the athletics/recreation office, Rosaria Centre or pay the \$5 registration fee at the start line before the run. Everyone is encouraged to solicit sponsorship of more than the minimum \$5.

## ON THE MOVE ON THE MOVE ON THE MOVE ON

Dr. Carole Hartzman, modern languages department, is giving a paper, "Not by Choice: Economic and Political Latin American Refugees in Nova Scotia" at the meeting of Atlantic Provinces Hispanists on Oct. 15. The meeting is sponsored by the Mount, Dalhousie and Saint Mary's universities. Dr. Hartzman's paper closely examines the personal and psychological implications of forced and hasty resettlement in a foreign country, "without seasoned reflection or psychological preparation," as she describes. Canada, as a

member state of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, provides a one-year resettlement program, which Dr. Hartzman will examine in terms of how it helps and hinders refugees.

Dr. Hartzman's paper is funded by the Secretary of State and sponsored by the Atlantic Provinces Hispanists.

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Mount student Ardythe Ashe was recently ordained as the Pastor of Seabright United Baptist Pastorate. In the fall of 1982 Ashe, a mother of

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President Hersom hosted a reception recently for staff, in the Don MacNeil Room. Chatting with President Hersom (right) are, left to right: Denise MacDonell, labour relations assistant; Valerie Leonard, president of the staff association and secretary to the dean of human and professional development; and Margaret Shiels, secretary to the dean of humanities and sciences.

## Awards, fellowships and other opportunities

The National Health Research and Development Program (NHRDP) offers career awards as well as special awards to MSc and PhD students for AIDS-related research. All NHRDP funding initiatives are closely co-ordinated with the Federal Centre for AIDS. Deadline dates for proposals are Jan. 15 and May 15.

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The Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan sponsors up to five visiting fellows to Canada from other Commonwealth countries. Oct. 31 is the deadline to nominate persons who are prominent at universities, colleges, primary or secondary schools, technical institutes, or related technical agencies.

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The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) offers awards valued at

\$15,000 per year, tenable for up to two years, for academic study or work/study assignments in the field of international development. Applicants must have an undergraduate degree or diploma and must indicate, through their education and experience, a commitment to international development work. The deadline for application is February 20, 1989.

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The Canadian Fitness and Lifestyle Research Institute invites applications to support research concerning physical activity and fitness. The deadline for applications is December 31, 1988. Applicants will be notified of results by April 1989.

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For more information on any of these awards, contact Renee Dankner at ext. 350.

**Alumnae** continued from page 1 and academic programs.

The survey focuses on 1983 and 1985 graduates. Of 897 people contacted, nearly 500 responded — 90 per cent of whom were female. The respondents represented a cross-section of academic profiles: some had begun at the Mount as early as 1968, and others as late as 1985; 51 per cent came to the Mount with high school, while the remainder came with one or more higher academic credentials; a Bachelor's degree was the highest level of accreditation for 74 per cent of the respondents; 29 per cent were studying for post-secondary or additional degrees or professional accreditation.

Preliminary results were based upon responses to a mail-out questionnaire. More than half of the respondents indicated that they chose the Mount for the programs offered, with the second most important reason being the Mount's small size.

To the question, "Why were you pursuing higher education?", 73 per cent indicated self-development as the main reason. Institutional researcher Judith Murray comments, "This is a reflection of our large non-traditional student population which tends to pursue higher education for reasons of personal fulfilment, as opposed to the traditional student population whose focus tends to be more employment-related."

When asked whether the Mount lived up to their expectations with regard to programs, orientation to women, Catholic tradition, and size and scheduling of classes, an overwhelming majority said yes, notes Murray, adding, "However, we didn't know exactly what those expectations were."

That led to the Expectations of New Students Survey, conducted in August 1987, and a subsequent survey the following spring to determine whether those expectations were realized. Results of these surveys are now being tabulated.

The preliminary results of the

Alumnae Survey will eventually be printed in a report available through the Office of Institutional Research. That portion of the Alumnae Survey dealing with career paths is currently being analyzed and will be used to assist the student services department in career counselling.

**On the Move** continued from page 2 three and a grandmother, came to the Mount's Centre for Continuing Education, where she was advised to write her high school equivalency (GED). After completing several credit courses on campus in the summer of 1983, she was accepted into the School of Divinity at Acadia University, where, last spring, she received her Master's Degree in Divinity. Although Ashe is now pastor of four parishes, she continues to take courses in religious studies at the Mount.

## SNIPITS

There are immediate openings in the Mount Saint Vincent Choir. If you're interested in lending your voice, come to the next Monday night rehearsal from 5:30 to 7 in the multi-purpose room, Rosaria Centre. For more information call Mary Kelly at 429-4276.

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Oct. 13 marks the kickoff to the intramural co-ed volleyball season. Game time is 8 p.m. in Rosaria Gym.

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