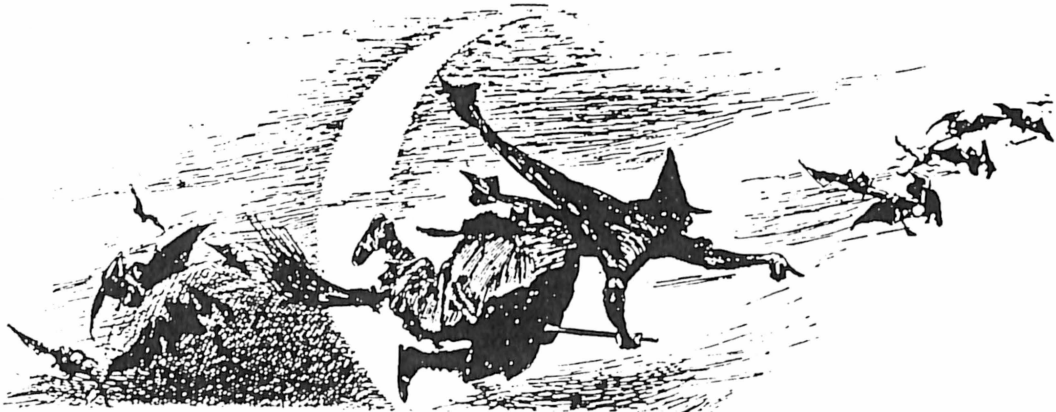


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Prominent Canadian geologist the subject of biography

Dr. Janina Konczacki, history department, is working on the first-ever biography of Guy Carleton Jones. The Halifax-born geologist was instrumental in reviving the South African gold mining industry from a slump around the time of World War I. "Jones is a well-known figure in South Africa," notes Polish-born Konczacki, who spent 20 years in South Africa, where she received her Bachelor of Arts and Honours degrees from the University of Natal.

Jones rose to prominence as head of geology with Consolidated Gold Fields, a London-based gold mining company with Johannesburg and New York offices; and as head of the Chamber of Mines, an umbrella for South African mining companies. But he is remembered most for his discovery of deep-level gold mining veins when surface-level veins had been exhausted. He

died

in 1948 at the age of 60 - famous, wealthy and with a South African town (Carletonville) named in his honor.

Backed by a \$10,000 research grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), Konczacki is flying to Johannesburg in December, where she has exclusive access to archival material from Consolidated Gold Fields, the Chamber of Mines, and the Jones estate. She will also be researching in Grahamstown, Capetown and Pretoria, South Africa, and in London and Oxford, England. "I've also been to New York interviewing geologists who knew Jones," says Konczacki, who says she has already amassed "an enormous amount of research material."

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If you are a scholarship student this year or were named to the deans' list for 1987-88:

You are invited to the Scholars Assembly

2:30 p.m.
2:30 p.m. Sunday, November 6, 1988
Auditoriums B & C
Seton Academic Centre
A reception will follow
in the Art Gallery

Invite your family and friends to celebrate your academic achievements. Students will be seated with their guests.

rsvp (with number of guests) 443-4450, ext. 344

Adult Christianity program in its tenth year

Christianity: A Special Program for Adults has been a popular draw in the Mount's continuing education offerings for 10 years. "We get an average of 30-40 students for each program. It's one of the most popular offerings that continuing education has ever had," says Professor Barry Wheaton, religious studies department, and director of the Christianity for Adults series.

Wheaton and fellow religious studies faculty Dr. Jacques Goulet and Sr. Elizabeth Bellefontaine share the teaching load on a voluntary basis. Three general topics are covered in 15 units of 18 hours each: an introduction to Christianity; The Old and New Testaments; and faith, religious practice and ethics. This year three supplementary units are being offered: The Social and Political Dimensions of Jesus'

Life and Death; Sexuality, Love, Marriage; and Christian Death and Dying.

Since the series' inception in 1979, more than 450 students have attended. Of these, 22 have received non-credit certificates (for eight completed units) and eight have received diplomas (for 15 completed units). "We have a fair number of people who have started off with this non-credit series and then gone on to take credit courses in the religious studies department," says Wheaton.

"This series is really a response to a community need for religious adult education. We get a lot of educators and a lot of personal development people who want to understand what religion is about," he says. "The comments we get from participants are very, very positive."

Profile: Dr. Rosemarie Sampson

Travel has been a key ingredient in Dr. Rosemarie Sampson's teaching and research. A member of the Mount's psychology faculty since 1973, Sampson has spent her summers and a sabbatical leave in the Middle East with her husband, an archeologist who teaches at St. Francis Xavier University.

"Travel, like education, can broaden your experience. It's marvellous for broadening perspective and for bringing down stereotypes," she says, explaining that the Islamic culture which she's encountered on her travels is very different from our stereotypical impression of Islam. "We think of Islamic women, for example, as being oppressed. Yet, it's often a matter of how we translate things." The point is, says Sampson, to look at other cultures with more openness and less through the narrow perspective of our own standards. "I teach courses in abnormal psychology and moral development. I try to challenge my students to look beyond stereotypes."

Sampson applies that openness to her current research interest - sex differences in moral development. She has extended her ongoing research with colleague Michael Pratt, of Sir Wilfred Laurier University, to examining the differences within the context of Islamic culture.

For the past two years Sampson has had a visiting research appointment with the University of Jordan, where she has also taught a graduate course in moral development. This past summer she and two Jordanian women submitted a proposal to UNESCO on the impact of women's work on Jordanian society.

Closer to home, Sampson also teaches an education course and a graduate course in women's studies at the Mount. "I was involved in the Perspectives on Women interdisciplinary program at the Mount back in 1973, and ever since, I've taught courses on women." Occasionally Sampson, whose



academic background is in clinical consulting, takes on private practice. "One of my more interesting cases has been a psychological assessment of Jane Stafford, the woman who was the subject of the book 'Life with Billy'." Stafford was first acquitted of murder charges in a much-publicized Nova Scotia court case involving wife abuse. Sampson also sat on the Nova Scotia Board of Examiners in Psychology from 1982 to 1987, reviewing individuals for professional accreditation.

Sampson received a Bachelor of Science in Education and a Bachelor of Arts from the Mount. After graduating, in 1963, she taught in Bermuda and New York, then received her Masters degree from St. John's University in New York and her doctorate in clinical psychology from

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Full employment for office administration grads

Graduates of the Mount's office administration program have a 100 per cent record of employment, year after year. Jean Mills, department chair, comments, "We have very high standards. We offer our students a wide exposure to the types of activities they'd encounter in actual office situations, particularly through the projects they're given. Our program is very up to date with what's actually going on in business today."

The office administration department, which graduated its first class in 1928, offers a degree, and diplomas in legal, medical and executive secretarial. Mills says that all of the program's 133 degree graduates and 123 diploma graduates over

the past five years are employed, "and quite a large number of them are in managerial positions."

Mills says that employers from as far away as Alberta and British Columbia start recruiting Mount students as early as September. "Many employers want Mount graduates only. They know our graduates are able to function effectively in high pressure situations. They don't have to be trained again."

While Mills says she is "delighted with our employment record," she notes that "it's also a challenge to maintain these high standards. It's an incentive to keep putting out the best program we can."

Awards offered for northern studies

The Canadian Northern Studies Trust Awards offer opportunities in three areas:

Special Awards for Northern Residents assist individuals from the Canadian North to attend a Canadian university or university-sponsored program. The awards do not normally exceed one university term.

Studentships in Northern Studies, valued at \$10,000 each, are offered to students in degree programs or other recognized university study courses relevant to Canada's northern territories and

adjacent regions.

The Atmospheric Environmental Service of Environment Canada offers research support opportunities to students in master's or doctoral studies for research in the physical and/or biological sciences relevant to high Arctic weather stations. However, opportunities are not confined to students engaged in weather-related studies.

The application deadline for all three awards is January 15, 1989. For more information contact Renee Dankner at ext. 350.

prominent Canadian continued from page 1 that her interest in Jones began in 1981, while researching a book on Captain William B. Stairs, a participant in the Stanley expedition to Africa. "Jones was a cousin of his. Stairs influenced Carleton to go to South Africa, through the letters he wrote to him." After graduating with a degree in geology from McGill, Carleton found no work in Canada, but opportunities for geologists in South Africa. He left to

join Consolidated Gold Fields in 1913.

"Of course, I'd heard of Jones, having lived in South Africa," says Konczacki, "but I didn't make the connection that he was a Canadian until after I started working on Stairs. It was very exciting when I put two and two together."

Konczacki will return to Halifax at the end of June to start writing. She plans on completing her biography of Jones "in three summers."

Columbus Night draws Mount participation



The Mount was well represented at Columbus Night celebrations. Among those who enjoyed ceviche and Latin music were (left to right): Simon Fisk, modern languages student; Joanne Fisk; Dr. Chris Lucarotti, biology faculty and student of Spanish; Susan Lucarotti; Dr. Larry Fisk, political studies faculty; Linda Levy, English student; and Tim Fisk, Mount graduate and programmer analyst with the math department.

Mount faculty and students joined the Spanish and Latin American communities for Columbus Night celebrations Oct. 15. The evening of Spanish food and Latin music and dance served as a wrap-up to an annual meeting of Atlantic Provinces Hispanists sponsored by the Mount, Dalhousie and St. Mary's universities.

"It was a wonderful coming together of faculty, students and members of the community," comments Professor Carole Hartzman, modern languages department, and one of the meeting organizers. Mount

faculty and students prepared ceviche, a Spanish fish dish, for the 125 people gathered at the Italian Club for the night's festivities. The Mount also provided entertainment in the form of a jazz combo consisting of students Linda Levy and Simon Fisk and staff member Tim Fisk.

"What I feel is so significant is the linking of our students with people who belong to the cultures which they are studying. That goes way beyond anything we could teach them in the classroom," says Hartzman.

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The annual Elizabeth Seton Lecture have been postponed from the usual Fall slot to Feb. 28 and Mar. 1. Guest lecturer Richard McCormick, a Jesuit priest, will be speaking on: "Contemporary Moral Issues and Their Context"; "Ambiguity in Moral Choice"; and "Bio-ethical Problems of the '90s".

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Halifax playwright Wendy Hill will speak about her work to a women's studies class on Wednesday, Nov. 2, from 6-8 p.m. in Seton Academic Centre, Room 405. Her most recent play, "The Occupation of Heather Rose", was nominated for a Governor General's Award in January. Other plays include "On the Line" about Winnipeg women garment workers and "Fighting Days" about Canadian suffragists and pacifists. Everyone is invited.

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The Mount's education department is sponsoring a public lecture and workshop in elementary school mathematics, Nov. 18 and 19, featuring Daiyo Sawada, a professor of elementary mathematics education at the University of Alberta. The public lecture, "Mathematics: a flunking grade", will examine the pervasive downtrend in the general level of math performance among elementary school students, and ways to alter that trend. It is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 18, from 8-9 p.m., in Auditorium C of the Seton Academic Centre.

The workshop will be held Nov. 19 in Room 406 of the Seton Academic Centre. The first session, from 9-11 a.m., will examine techniques for working with children's creativity. The second session, from 1-3p.m., will discuss a collaborative approach to teaching, learning and researching. Registration for the workshop is \$50. For more information call Sr. Yvonne Pothier, ext. 183.

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Melissa Hayes Whitehead, a Mount Bachelor of Secretarial Arts graduate and currently a supervisor with Kelly Services in Halifax, has been named 1988 Supervisor of the Year by Kelly Services of Canada.

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The Student Alumnae Association is requesting donations of toys for the drop-in Day Care Co-operative at the Motherhouse. Donations can be placed in decorated boxes situated in the front lobby of Evaristus Hall, outside the corner store in Rosaria Centre, in the front lobby of the Seton Academic Centre, and at the Motherhouse.

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The Mount's Life Planning and Learning Centre is offering a one-day workshop on non-traditional areas of employment for women, on Monday, Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 138 Bedford Highway. Registration is limited. Call ext. 281.

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Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

Sampson says there's been "phenomenal growth" in the psychology department, which had just two other faculty members when she joined in 1973 and which she chaired from 1974 to 1979. Over the years her academic work and committee involvement at the Mount have been wide-ranging. "If you're here long enough you'll volunteer or get recruited for just about everything," she chuckles.

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