

the Connection



Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, Nova Scotia



Snowstorms

If you're wondering how bad the weather will have to get before classes are cancelled this winter, here's some information that will help to set you straight.

First of all, the University will close only in "the most adverse weather conditions" according to a memo sent around by Michael Merrigan, Executive Assistant to the President.

In the case of morning classes the Executive Assistant will be informed of weather conditions by the duty Security Officer by 6 a.m. He will then discuss the situation with the President who will make the decision whether to cancel classes and close the University. The media will be informed and, hopefully, an announcement will be carried on all radio stations.

In the case of evening classes, the Academic Vice-President, after consultation with the President and the Deans, will make the decision to cancel classes, if necessary, by 4 p.m. The radio stations will then be notified of the decision.

Resident students please note: every effort will be made to keep the library open, even if the University is closed.

If an exam has to be cancelled because of a snowstorm, it will be rescheduled for Saturday, January 16.

On Campus News

Mount Saint Vincent University's admissions office has just sent off its own newsletter — "On Campus" — to more than 600 prospective students living in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. High school counsellors have also been included on the mailing list.

According to Admissions Officer Susan Tanner she's had the idea for some time. "It's a way of keeping in touch with those who have shown interest in our programs while we have been recruiting and also provides an opportunity to keep the many high school counsellors informed of our various campus activities."

Tanner said she hopes to send the newsletter out several times a year. It's a simple format with a self-cover, one color and printed at the university's own print shop to minimize costs. Tanner and her staff collect the information, write the stories and type the final copy.

The Mount now has six newsletters which all serve different publics — BPR Bulletin, from the public relations department; Updates and Innovations, from the home economics department; Newsletter, from the co-operative education department; Research Bulletin, from the office of Research and Special Projects, and the

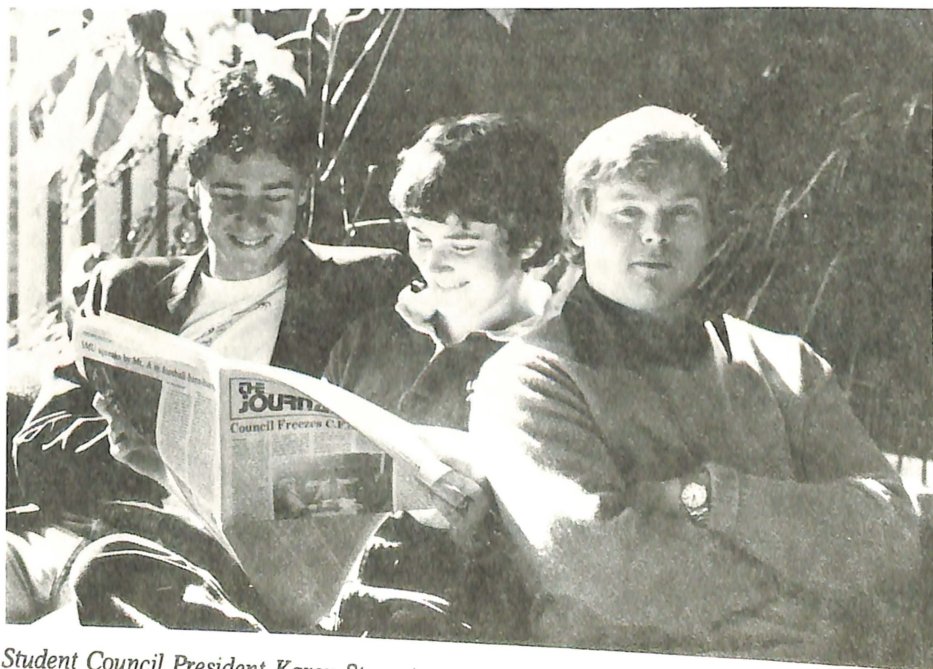
university's own newsletter, The Connection, produced by the public relations, alumnae and development office.

Only the Research Bulletin and The Connection are circulated on campus. While each department is responsible for the content of its own newsletter, they are funneled through the public relations office to avoid duplication. Pertinent stories which would be of interest to the Mount community are gathered from these sources and published in The Connection.

Students: Note

Classes Resume on Tuesday, January 5

No classes will be held on Monday, January 4 but the university will be open for business as usual with this one exception.



Student Council President Karen Stone (centre) shares a chuckle with a couple of admirers.

alumnae update

A new theatre group, Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Players, will be putting on an original Christmas play for children at the Mount on December 20.

Written by Marci Lin Melvin, "A Butterfly for Christmas" is a 45-minute fantasy about how butterflies celebrate Christmas on the planet Saturn. Author Melvin says, "Of course, not everyone realizes that Santa Claus was born on Saturn, which is why the play takes place there!"

Melvin says the new theatre group was formed recently "by a very enthusiastic group of alumnae who want to do several productions a year. Our next one is being planned for February."

Melvin is producing, doing publicity, designing posters and making props for the production. Her interest in theatre goes back to when she studied dramatic art and literature at the Mount, where she took her major in English in 1978.

At present she is articling for the Attorney General after taking a Law degree at Dalhousie University this year.

"Law is really a second string to me," Melvin admits. "My first love is the theatre, and I feel there's a great need for more children's theatre."

Knowing that a theatrical career can sometimes be difficult to achieve, Melvin says "I could be an entertainment lawyer if I don't make it on the stage, and that would still give me a connection with the theatre."

There will be two performances of "A Butterfly for Christmas" on Sunday, December 20, at 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. in Auditorium C, Seton Academic Centre. Tickets are available at the Art Gallery or at the door.

Help For Women

Domestic violence annually affects an estimated 500,000 Canadian women; one in 10 women who are married or share a relationship are battered by the men with whom they live.

Bryony House, operated by the Halifax Transition House Association, is a refuge for battered women and their children. It is a place for women in crisis to find a supportive atmosphere, together with counselling, referrals to appropriate agencies and information on housing, legal rights, social assistance, child care and other community resources.

In 1980, 219 women and 296 children

used the residential services of Bryony House. Core funding is provided through a per diem cost-shared by the provincial and municipal governments. To meet the remaining portion of the budget, approximately \$20,000 must be raised through private donations.

Your support is needed. Donations should be sent to Halifax Transition House Association, P.O. Box 3453 South, Halifax, N.S. B3J 3J1.

Chère Francophone

As tu pensé à Marillac, la maison française?

La Maison française du Mount Saint Vincent existe pour offrir, en plein milieu anglophone, l'occasion de vivre en français, avec des camarades de l'Acadie, du Québec, de la France et d'autres coins du Monde français, et avec des anglophones désirant apprendre à parler français et à connaître la culture française.

La résidence même est intime. On n'est que 16 dedans. Il y a une ambiance accueillante, chaleureuse, dynamique.

Notes and Votes

The Canada Service Bureau has opened a walk-in enquiry centre at 1675 Barrington Street, to help Canadians find the right information within the Federal government.

The two client service officers, Karen MacDonald and Ted Lemoyre, are equipped to answer questions and put you in immediate contact with the appropriate department to provide you with the Federal programs and services you may need.

Operating hours are from 9-5 Monday through Friday. Telephone number is 426-8092.

No one can say that we're not democratic at the Mount! Now we're looking for a name for the Project One Cookbook — so get thinking and send in your ideas to the Connection. Neita Castle, co-ordinator for the cookbook, is also looking for more of your favorite recipes so why not share your most delectable delights with others and help to raise funds for Project One at the same time.

There are approximately 1400 part-time students at Mount Saint Vincent University, represented on official university bodies by the Campus

On this same note, the University of Western Ontario has begun a free evening van service to provide extra security for women at the university. The van makes a circuit of campus parking lots, buildings, operating between 8 p.m. and 2 a.m. It can be signalled to stop by women anywhere along the route. The escort service, expected to cost the university about \$20,000 annually, will be evaluated after its first year of operation.

Toute étudiante qui habite Marillac est là parce qu'elle veut y être. On y fait sa propre cuisine, on s'y fait un petit monde.

Et ne crains pas d'y perdre ton anglais. Des que tu en sors, tu retrouves le monde anglophone autour de toi. Même à l'intérieur, il est possible d'échanger des connaissances — une heure d'anglais contre une heure d'aide en français.

Si cela t'intéresse, passe donc voir Marillac. Puis pose ta candidature. Heather Sutherland, Housing Office, Rosaria Centre, extension 355.

Association of Part-Time University Students (CAPUS).

The CAPUS Executive works hard to provide a supportive academic and social environment but it needs help and participation by part-time students. Meeting notices are posted at various locations around campus, and The Centre for Continuing Education can always keep you up to date.

This year's CAPUS executive is: Shirley Baker, President; Dorothy Simmons, Secretary; Heather Watts, Treasurer; and John O'Malley, Publicity.

In keeping with the policy regarding the Mount Saint Vincent University Memorial Fund, the following death has been reported:

Barry d'Orsay, brother of Margaret d'Orsay, Library Assistant. A contribution has been made to the Memorial Fund and donations from friends are also welcome. Send to the Development Office, Evaristus 215.

At the President's Christmas Party on December 9th, long service awards went to the following staff:

Five years' service: Ronald Adams, Donald Boutilier, Geraldine Coakley, Sylvia Fraser, Charles Gammon, Carol Goodwin-Hatt, Isabel H. Marie Kelly, Irene Pritchard, Butch Shaw, Sandra Shepard, Joan Strong.

Ten years' service: Tex Barkhouse,

**Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year**
To All Students, Faculty and Staff
of Mount Saint Vincent University

E. Margaret Fulton

**Dr. E. Margaret Fulton
President**

Pat Butler, Rena Casey, Muriel Giles, Len Kelly, Reine Larouche, Vi Porter, Ida MacMaster.

Fifteen years' service: Brenda Arsenault, Goldie Arsenault, Bonnie St. Peters.

It was nice to see all those familiar faces receiving that kind of recognition.

Senate Report

The following is the report from the November 30 meeting of Senate:

1. Dr. Fulton reported to Senate that, as a result of a motion passed at the October Senate meeting, Mrs. Jean Hartley had been appointed to the position of Convocations Co-ordinator for a four-year term.
2. Senate approved procedures for the transfer of classes between co-operating universities (Mount Saint Vincent University, Dalhousie University, TUNS, and Saint Mary's University).
3. Senate passed a motion that the President be asked to reinstate the President's Holiday.
4. Senate approved a proposal for the establishment of a Business Development Institute and agreed to forward the proposal to the Board of Governors.
5. Senate approved the following administrative procedures to be adopted in student evaluation of faculty.
 - (a) Each professor will be evaluated in every course until tenure or for a maximum of four years.

- (b) Thereafter, one course shall be chosen randomly every year. The course to be evaluated will be chosen by the appropriate dean, and the faculty member will be notified by November 15 or March 15.
- (c) Part-time faculty will be evaluated for the first four years; then, once over a three-year period, the year to be chosen randomly.

At any time, the faculty member, the department chairperson or subject representative, the dean or the Committee on Appointment, Rank, Promotion and Tenure may request a more complete evaluation, in which case all those involved will be notified by November 20 or March 20.

6. Senate approved a change in the degree requirements for the B.A. and the B.Sc. with a major, which will permit students to do a minor or an area of concentration of at least three units of credit. Areas of concentration, designed along non-traditional or cross-disciplinary lines, may be developed by a department or departments and presented through the Curriculum Sub-Committee and the Committee for Academic Affairs for approval by Senate.
7. Senate also approved the following curriculum proposals; an honours program in Economics; a Fine Arts concentration; the new courses, History 322, The Canadian North (one-half unit) and Political Studies 223, Women and Politics (one-half unit); and the deletion of English 110 and English 112.

Of General Interest

Many courses and programs will be offered in January, which will be of general interest:

*English as a Second Language

This program is designed for those who already speak English but wish to improve their grammar and writing. To be offered Feb. 10 - April 14, Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Contact The Centre for Continuing Education, Rosaria Centre, extension 243.

*Personal Typewriting

A non-credit course offered through the Department of Office Administration during second term. Classes will be held either Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:05-9:55 a.m. (starting January 11) or Tuesday, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (starting January 12). Contact the Department of Office Administration, extension 196.

*Word Processing: Concepts

A half-credit course, starting January 5, Word Processing: Concepts is designed to give students an overall view of what word processing is, how it developed and why it is so important. Classes will be held Tuesdays, 7:00-9:30 p.m. Contact the Department of Office Administration, extension 196.

Board Report

The following is the report from the November 19 Board of Governors meeting:

1. The new Dalhousie University representatives appointed to the Board for 1981-82 are Dr. Lorraine Laurence and Dr. Chester B. Stewart.
2. The following are recommended for chairmanships effective July 1, 1982: Dr. Lillian Wainwright, Biology Department, further three-year term; Dr. Robert McDonald, Chemistry Department, three-year term; Dr. David Monaghan, English Department, further three-year term; Dr. Armand Morel, Modern Languages Department, three-year term; Dr. Larry Fisk, Subject representative for Political Studies Department, further three-year term; Dr. Erdener Kaynak, Business Administration Department, further three-year term; Dr. Fred Harrington, Psychology Department, three-year term; and Dr. Sheva Medjuck, Sociology Department, additional one-year term.



Helen Folker, Athletics Officer and coach of the Volleyball team.

Mount Volleyball Team

Helen Folker, coach of the Mount Saint Vincent volleyball team, feels the strength of this year's squad lies mainly in "its unity on the floor."

This unity is provided by combining the strengths of returning and newcoming players on the team. Returning are Geralyn George, Nanette Elsinga, Betty MacDonell and Jacquie Melanson. New additions include Dyanne Shaw, Susyn Miller, Jackie Coyle, Margaret Glover, Lynn Frolic and Maria Jacobs.

The Nova Scotia College Conference champions last season, the Mount team hopes to capture the title once again this year. It will host the Provincial College championships in March 1982. The winner of this title will be eligible to attend the National Championships to be held in Calgary, Alberta.

The volleyball team must now start fund-raising activities to finance a possible trip to Alberta. Your help will be needed.

Library Open

The library will be open during the Christmas holidays on December 29 and 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This should give anyone a chance to borrow material that they may want for holiday projects or return books no longer required.

Also, please note that random security checks will be made on library patrons which may cause a little inconvenience from time to time. A fund for this purpose has been provided by the Senior Administrative/Finance Committee and it's hoped that the experiment will be a deterrent effective enough to spare the univer-

sity more costly methods of security. Library losses are not high at the Mount but do cause some disruption as books and periodicals are never quickly replaceable.

What's In A Name?

Apparently, quite a bit, as the University of Manitoba found out recently.

This fall the university's faculty of home economics changed its name to the faculty of human ecology, in an attempt to

erase the "unfavourable stereotype" created by the old name.

First-year enrolment in the faculty promptly jumped almost 55 per cent, from 105 to 162 students and part-time enrolment increased to 26 students from four last year.

The name change also convinced nine men to enrol in the faculty, in which not one male student was registered last year.

The "phenomenal increase" is not solely because of the change of name, admits Robert Raeburn, director of university relations and information. The faculty has also changed its curriculum, allowing students to begin specializing in their first year in subjects such as nutrition or family studies.

Federal Appointment

Dulcie Conrad, Director of Public Relations, Alumnae and Development for Mount Saint Vincent University, has been invited by the Hon. Andrew Ouellet to serve as a member of the Stamp Advisory Committee of the Canada Post Corporation.

The Stamp Advisory Committee was created in 1969 in recognition of the importance of the image of Canada as conveyed by its postage stamps. Its purpose is to recommend subjects for the postage stamp program and to ensure aesthetic and philatelic excellence.

The committee's responsibility is to advise the Minister responsible for the Canada Post Corporation on the selection of subjects for stamp issues, the selection of artists and designers and to recommend finished artwork for stamp production.

Conrad, who has been with the Mount for two years, has an extensive background in fine arts having studied at both Mount Allison University and the Academy of Fine Arts, Rome, Italy.

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