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Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, Nova Scotia

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The Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association recently sponsored a 'Bake My Day' cake-decorating competition to raise funds for the Mount's Second Annual Fund Drive. The object of the contest was to decorate a cake

that most resembled Chef Rene. Faculty member Bill Johnson took first prize, with Honorable Mentions going to a group of Educational Psychology students and to decorating duo Lisa Brokken and Lenore Marchand,

whose cake is featured here. The dozen cakes entered for competition were then auctioned off. Chef Rene purchased four — including the winning cake and the one pictured here. (Photo Stu Ducklow).

Not too late for non-credit

It's still not too late to enrol in some of the non-credit programs offered by the Mount's Centre for Continuing Education.

Do you have dreams of owning a business empire? "Financing Your Business" may be the program for you. This half-day seminar will be held Nov. 14 and will examine the complex process of obtaining financing for a new business. It will be conducted by Acadia University's Lois Stevenson who has done considerable work on topics of relevance to women entrepreneurs. "Photography as a Professional Tool" focuses on basic photography techniques, as well as how to use photography in new and creative ways. Classes will be held Tuesday evenings, Nov. 10, 17, 24, Dec. 1, 8, and 15.

Instructor will be Kathleen Flanagan whose first book, *Pride of Home*, was published in 1986.

Also offered is "Basic Writing Skills" to encourage the budding writer to accurately express co-ordinated ideas and identify weaknesses in areas such as sentence structure, punctuation, grammar and spelling. The instructor will be Nola Clarke, a Mount graduate. This program will be held Saturday mornings, Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28, Dec. 5 and 12. Sr. Elizabeth Bellefontaine of the Mount's religious studies department is the instructor for "The Historical Books of the Old Testament," which will deal with the nature and content of the Israelites' experience of God in the books of Genesis, Exodus, Numbers, Joshua, Judges, Samuel, Kings, Chronicles, Ezra and Nehemiah. Classes will be held Thursday evenings, Nov. 5, 12, 26, Dec. 3 and 10.

"Planning Your Retirement: A Pre-Retirement Workshop" provides an overview of options that should be explored when planning for retirement. Topics will include the work-retirement transition, housing and health concerns, creative use of time in retirement and financial and personal planning. Instructor will be Linda MacDonald, M.Ed. Classes will be held Friday night and Saturday, Nov. 6 and 7.

To enrol or obtain further information on any of these non-credit programs or workshops, call the Centre for Continuing Education, extension 243/400.



A piano keyboard made from cookies, a variety of entertainment and a fair bit of laughter were all part of Margaret Is Music: A Musical Tribute to Sr. Margaret Young on Oct. 2. Sr. Margaret retired from full-time teaching in the spring but is still teaching part-time in the fine arts and education departments. As choir director from 1973 to 1980, along with her many other activities on campus, over the years, she inspired a great number of students, some of whom joined staff and faculty to say "Thanks for the memories!" Enjoying the reception with Sr. Margaret (centre) were Dr. Olga Broomfield, Dr. Carole Hartzman, Nancy Gilbert and Dr. Patrick O'Neill.

Student society has fund-raiser

Two Mount students will walk 100 kilometres from Truro to Halifax to raise money for the Canadian Paraplegic Association.

On Oct. 26, the students will set off from Truro and plan to end up at the entrance to Seton Academic Centre at approximately 6 p.m. the following day.

John Rodgers, executive director of the Canadian Paraplegic Association will be in Truro to give the students a send-off and will also be there to welcome them at Seton.

The event is sponsored by the Mount Marketing Society and proceeds will be split, with 75 per cent of the sponsorship money going to the Association and the remainder to the Marketing Society.

The names of the two walkers will be kept secret until the day before the event. A \$50 prize will be awarded to any student sponsor who can guess the names of the two on-foot fund-raisers. For further details, contact Andrew Damien McLeod, vice-president of the Marketing Society, at 455-6632 or at the Student Union offices (local 123).

NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES' WEEK SEMAINE NATIONALE DES UNIVERSITÉS

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NFB will pay tribute to NUW

The National Film Board's regular Wednesday night film series in Halifax will pay tribute to National Universities Week by screening three NFB productions about universities and student life, and an animated short about graduates seeking jobs.

"The Scholar in Society: Northrop Frye in Conversation," "An Aesthetic Indulgence," "Class of Promise" and "Diploma Dilemma" will be shown at the NFB Theatre, 1571 Argyle Street, at 7 and 9 p.m. Oct. 28. Admission is free.

"The Scholar in Society" is a filmed interview with Northrop Frye, Canada's foremost literary critic. Frye responds to questions about language, democracy and the role of the modern university, saying that "a democracy cannot function without articulate citizens."

"An Aesthetic Indulgence" profiles Nathan Mendelsohn, head of the pure-mathematics department at the University of Manitoba and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. In some ways a typical "absent-minded professor," Mendelsohn pursues excellence in mathematics — and gets paid for it.

"Class of Promise" looks at female students and graduates of the MBA program at the University of Western Ontario. Although an elite group, they illustrate some of the changing roles of women inside and outside the university.

The final film, an animated short, presents some of the difficulties graduating students may encounter in finding employment. Using a humorous style, it tells the story of two graduates and their bizarre adventures in looking for work.

Canadians exhibit concern for world peace with ethical investment funds

Dr. Larry Fisk, Political Studies Department

Jackie Pratt is the manager of the new Investors Summa Mutual Fund. Her tasks are double that of the normal manager since she must choose stocks which are not only potentially profitable but those which measure up to high ethical standards — no companies involved in tobacco, liquor, pornography, gambling or armaments, and no companies connected with repressive regimes like that of South Africa.

The dramatic growth of ethical investment funds is indicative of the concern which many Canadians have in avoiding any form of financial support for social injustices and the arms race. The Summa fund, for example, began in January of this year and already has assets of \$37 million.

The Vancouver City Savings Ethical Growth Fund began in February 1986 and money invested in that fund is yielding more than 12 per cent interest and rising. There are other smaller ethical investment funds springing up in Canada and The Canadian Network for Ethical Investment

(Box 1111, Victoria, B.C. V8W 2S6) supplies a regular newsletter on questions related to ethical investing in Canada.

For those of us investing in our own university's pension fund or other RRSPs, there is a difficult task of duplicating Jackie Pratt's work for our own retirement or investment portfolios.

It is possible, with the assistance of publications like those of Project Ploughshares and some defence journals, to obtain a picture of many of the companies contributing to what we may conclude are undesirable components of defence spending. The October 1986 issue of the journal *Defence Electronics* provides a guide to Canada's defence industry. Through such a search we can avoid the investment fund which has, as part of its prospectus, companies like Boeing of Canada which produces components for the nose-cone of the MX missile; Hawker-Siddeley, Canada, which produces the launcher for the Lance missiles carrying neutron bombs; and Spar Aerospace Products Ltd. which produces the remote manipulation system for



satellite killers.

At first blush it appears that most companies and mutual funds are reluctant to make decisions on anything but financial grounds. The president of one highly successful mutual fund recently told me in a personal letter: "As you yourself point out . . . it would be quite impossible to weigh the individual moral concerns of every prospective subscriber to the fund in the management of the portfolio. In addition to your own personal concerns (armaments which fuel the arms race) this would involve those of environmentalists, human rights activists and others."

However, social and ethical concerns expressed by large

numbers of people are readily translated into financial considerations. I have been told by several financial consultants that company and mutual fund managers often recognize that the avoidance of socially unacceptable investment is good business. The glossy promotion sheet of Dynamic Funds Management Ltd. illustrates this fact. In plugging its Dynamic Precious Metals Fund, the broadsheet emphasizes that the "long-term capital appreciation" of the fund is achieved "by investing directly and indirectly in precious metals and securities of non-South African issuers." The emphasis exists in the promotion piece.

It is apparent that with Ontario's Bill 195, governments will increasingly assist and make legal divestment from companies with quite reprehensible records socially or ethically (in this case South Africa). This may mean in time that pension funds will be an immense source for the expansion of ethical investing.

One step in this direction is for university faculties, like our own, to insist on applying ethical or social criteria to our pension fund.

Sandra Kirby: Olympic rower combines determination with hard work

PROFILE

To say that Sandra Kirby is tenacious would be an understatement. She has rowed hundreds of miles in alligator-infested rivers under a scorching Florida sun and loved it. Such determination won the assistant professor of sociology and women's studies the lead spot on Canada's 1976 Olympic rowing team.

"I am quite tenacious," she says. "I never die, never quit. Even if the crew was dying at the end of the race, I'd still have something left to give."

Kirby had no idea how her life would be changed the day in 1974 she went for a swim in Saanich, B.C. Then 25 years old and teaching English and physical education at a local high school, she was invited to go rowing by a lifeguard. After falling in love with the sport and spending two gruelling years of training and trials, she was leading the Canadian rowing team at the Montreal Olympics. "That was one of the peak

experiences of my life," she says. "I get shivers when I think of walking into that stadium wearing a Canadian uniform, and seeing 70,000 people stand up and applaud. I was so proud."

Because her father was in the army, Kirby moved 13 times before Grade 12. And she's been on the move ever since. She received bachelors of physical education and education degrees from the University of British Columbia. She then taught high school in Saanich, B.C., for five years, taking time off for the 1976 Olympics.

From 1977 to 1980, she studied for her master of arts in sport psychology, while training six hours a day and managing a sports store full-time.

After the Canadian boycott of the 1980 Moscow Olympics, she happened to check out job possibilities at the University of Victoria. Within three days she had a sessional contract to teach,

which she did until she went to the University of Alberta in 1982 for her PhD in sports psychology. Someday, she hopes to publish her PhD thesis, a major study on female Olympic athletes and their retirement.

In 1981, her last year of international competitive rowing, she won the Royal Canadian Henley, the pinnacle of amateur racing in Canada; the Canadian Open; the U.S. Open; and the prestigious Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston — beating several American Olympians to boot.

"The final strokes of that last race were agony, but euphoric," she says. "I knew I'd never have to feel that kind of pain again: 22 minutes of full-out effort. It's like running up a very steep hill and, no matter how tired you get, you have to keep going."

Although Kirby has had back problems off and on since 1982, the plague of many rowers, she has competed at the master's level and hopes to race again next year.

Along with her teaching, Kirby is a council member for the Women's Action Coalition of Nova Scotia and vice-president of the Nova Scotia Rowing Association. She runs coaching clinics, coaches rowers and sets up training programs for clinics.

"The fact that I'm an Olympian has certainly opened up a lot of doors for me," she says. "But we still need more women participating in sports at every level — competitors, officials and coaches."

Cheese for sale

Greg Coakley will once again be selling blocks of Farmers' cheese and Christmas packs for the Friends of Schizophrenics. Orders will be taken until the end of November and the cheese will be delivered Dec. 16. For details, get in touch with Greg at extension 140 or Evaristus 121.

Seton lecturer discusses role of laity in the Church

Dr. Elizabeth Lacelle, in this year's Elizabeth Seton Lecture Series held Oct. 7 and 8, spoke about the changing role of the laity in the Catholic church.

The chair of the religious studies department at the University of Ottawa and consultant to the Canadian Catholic Bishops Conference since 1970, she chose a particularly timely topic. In the last of her three lectures, "The Laity at the Opening of the Roman Synod: A Crucial Challenge for the Church," Lacelle focused specifically on the roles and desires of women in the church.

In June, Lacelle was one of 40 women invited by the Conference of International Catholic Organizations to participate in a colloquium in Brussels. The aim of the colloquium was to compile a document stating the female vision of the church and laity, to

be used at the Roman Synod.

Unjust situations in which women find themselves in the church and society were outlined as far more serious than a drop in numbers of women participating in the Catholic Church. Lacelle said that the problem was deeper. "What is at stake is a loss of catholicity or universality. It is a betrayal of the churches' mission to all people," she said.

Yet the document was not simply negative. After outlining the existing problems and conceivable consequences of sex discrimination and historical inequalities between men and women, Lacelle said that women meeting together were expressing new desires with hope. Co-created as equals, women are now encouraging a new understanding of what it means to be human and they wish to emphasize what men and women, clergy and laity have

in common. In baptism we are equal in God, she said, and this was the point they wished to convey to the bishops. "It is not the case of women wanting to be men. The resurrection tells us that we have a future because of God's grace. We are all saved by God — women and men."

In concluding, Lacelle said that this vision of the church, outlined for the bishops, was to emphasize the emergence of human dignity born wherever barriers which hurt existence are destroyed. "Communion in spirit — the essence of Christianity — is the foundation of the spirit of equality," she said.

The document will be available for perusal through the Archdiocese of Halifax now that it has been read at the Roman Synod.



Dr. Elizabeth Lacelle

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The Mount's Campus Ministry has been on the move, from serving Kool-aid during registration and holding pot-luck suppers to conducting weekly communion services in the chapel.

The Mount chaplains will host the regional chaplains' meeting at the Mount Saint Vincent Motherhouse Nov. 3 and 4.

Rev. Ruth Jefferson attended a meeting of the National Inter-

Faith Committee of the Anglican Church in Mississauga, Ont., earlier this month. She will also attend a meeting of the World Council of Churches' assembly planning committee in Geneva in

December.

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The French section of the modern languages department attended a conference at Acadia University earlier this month, on "le thème de l'exil dans les littératures d'expression française." Dr. Armand Morel, Josette Deleas-Matthews, Rannveig Yeatman and Dr. Renate Peters all read papers at the conference.

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President Naomi Hersom will address a "Singles and Single Again" conference, sponsored by the First Baptist Church, next month.

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Although broadcast times were not available at press time for Colloquium, the Mount's upcoming series of debates on post-secondary education, the line-up of topics and participants for the four shows is as follows:

1. "The University, the Arts and the Community" (Mary Sparling, Mount Art Gallery director, and Deborah Grant, Halifax Ward I alderman);

2. "University Research — Why, How and How Much?" (Dr. Wayne Ingalls, Assistant to the President for Research, MSVU, and Dr. Robert Fournier, Assistant Vice-President (Research), Dalhousie University);

3. "The University and the Teaching Professional" (Dr. Andrew Manning, Chair of the Mount's education department and Ron Morrison, Nova Scotia Teachers Union); and

4. "Post-Secondary Education: Managing the Challenge" (presidents of six Nova Scotia universities)

Check television schedules for broadcast times on local cable stations.

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One in two families in the Halifax-Dartmouth metro area is touched by some form of help from a United Way agency.

This is an amazing statistic until one sees the impressive list of agencies which receive partial funding from the United Way campaign.

October 26-30 is the last week of the metro area campaign, and the push is on for the Mount's effort.

If a canvasser has not already approached you, someone will be in touch this week. Any questions about the agencies involved, about designating funds for a particular charity, or about payroll deduction — the painless way to share — can be answered by the canvasser in your group.

Please support the campus campaign — help the United Way help others.



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Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association

WHY:

Raise funds for Second Annual Fund Drive

WHERE:

Seton Front Lobby & Rosaria Terrace

WHEN:

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