

# the Connection



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Minister of Public Works Stewart McInnes was on campus recently to speak to approximately 200 students about the free trade deal proposed by the federal

government. McInnes said that Canada must come to a free trade agreement with the United States because with 80 per cent of our exports going there, Canada is

dependent on that market. The minister toured the campus and met briefly with university president Dr. Naomi Hersom.



## Parking crunch should be eased by end of the year

Parking problems? Paul Reyno, director of physical plant, says help is on the way, including an 80-space parking lot to be completed within a month.

"If people can bear with the parking crunch until Christmas, we'll be all right," says Reyno. "By the time the communications building is complete, we'll be ahead by more than 100 parking spaces."

On November 5, the building committee of the board of governors approved the building of another lot next to Rosaria Centre's two existing lots with fill

taken from the construction site of the communications building.

Tight parking should also be alleviated by an upcoming expansion of the Evaristus parking lot, as well as plans to allocate parking at The Meadows. Recently created parking at Marywood has provided a new parking area for the public relations and tourism and hospitality management departments.

Until the situation improves, security is directing traffic at the construction site and helping people find parking places. Some

people are forming car pools, for which university services issues special permits.

"People leaving their car at home help a lot over the tight spots," says Reyno. "I realize not everyone can do that, especially those who come from long distances, but those who do pool can help a lot — short-term pain for long-term gain."

So, why not have a few laughs over a bad situation. We challenge you to write the funniest limerick about the parking situation. The winner and runner-up will get \$30 and \$15 gift certificates for the

Bookstore and, of course, publication in *The Connection*. Submit your masterpieces to the public relations office, room 205 Evaristus, by December 9.

Here's a sample masterpiece . . .

*There was a young student named Fogger,  
Who worked hard and was a real slogger,  
But no place for her car  
When she lived so darn far,  
Soon turned her into a good jogger.*

## ICBC results

Ten of the Mount's business administration students are anxiously awaiting results of the Intercollegiate Business Competition (ICBC). The Mount was one of 28 teams across the country to enter the national case competition held annually by the School of Business at Queen's University. The top five teams will compete in the national finals at Queen's this January.

Teams from the Mount entered the high-level competition in four categories: marketing, policy, industrial relations and accounting (coached by Don Shiner, Ned Kelleher, Neils Neilsen and Bruce Densmore, respectively). Randall Fisher, co-ordinator of the effort, is pleased with the calibre of the Mount's entries.

"Although this is the third year the Mount has entered, it's the first year we've been as solidly organized," says Fisher. "It has really made people aware of the fact that there is a business administration degree program at the Mount. We should do better and better every year."



Sister Anna MacKinnon shares a smile with a youngster from the Child Study Centre. The children trooped up to the Motherhouse the day before Hallowe'en to show off their costumes to the Sisters in the Motherhouse infirmary. (Photo Veronica Gillies)

Any scholarship winner or deans' list student  
who did not attend the

### Academic Recognition Assembly

can pick up a program and special Mount Scholar pin at the Public Relations Office Evaristus Hall, Room 205.

## Almanac a great Christmas gift

The Alumnae Association has been sponsoring monthly fund-raising events on campus to raise money for the second annual fund drive.

In December, copies of Everywoman's Almanac will go on sale for \$9 each. These handsome calendar/handbooks make terrific Christmas gifts and contain artwork, poetry and anecdotes as well as the usual



calendar and addresses sections.

The books are 4½ by 6½ inches, with a soft cover and stitch binding — they make great last-minute stocking stuffers. For more information, or to place your order, please call ext. 463.

## Alumnae employment survey indicates positive trends

*Dr. Carol Hill, director of student services and counselling, recently conducted a survey of the class of 1986. The survey, which will assist the Student Services office in its career planning program, was entirely confidential. The data was analyzed by a summer grant student and will become part of the office's career counselling program.*

Those of us at Mount Saint Vincent University — students, staff and faculty alike — have always had a keen interest in what happens to our alumnae. For this reason, the Student Services Office conducted a survey of the class of 1986 to determine how these alumnae fared in their search for employment after graduation. A total of 204 responses was received last August from as far away as B.C., Labrador, the U.S. and Barbados. The information this survey offered was varied, insightful, and encouraging.

Of the three categories of graduates, the certificate and diploma students appear to have come out ahead in the race for full-time employment, with 67 and 60 per cent success rates respectively.

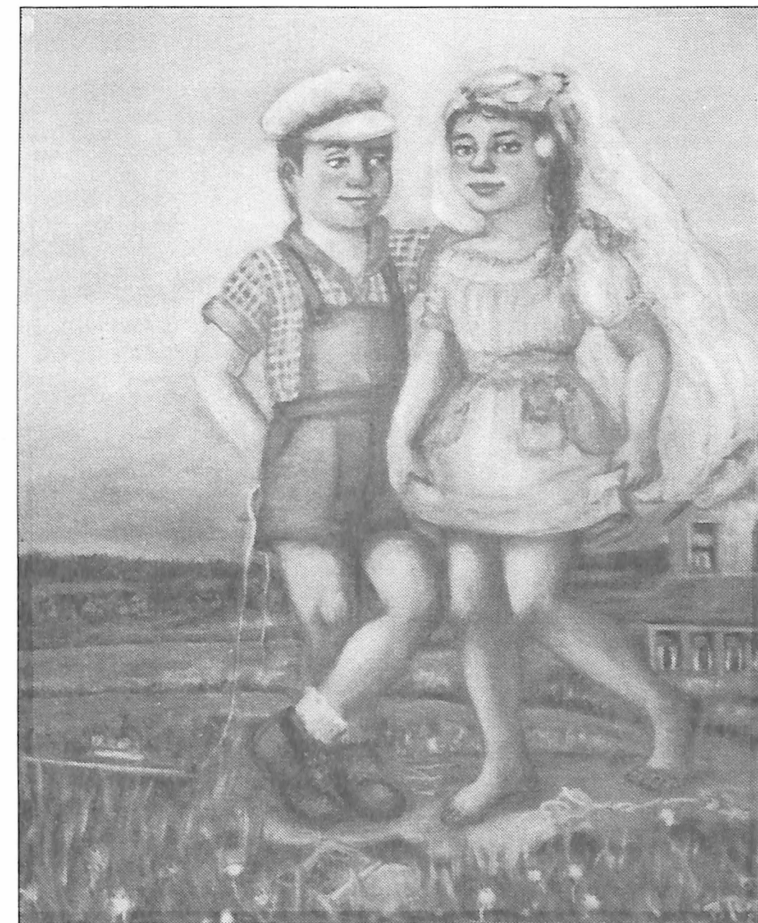
Of the graduates from degree programs, 43 per cent enjoy full-time positions. This is not to suggest that the remainder of graduates are unemployed, for many hold a variety of temporary and part-time positions. In fact, as of last August, only three months

after graduation, only 15 per cent of all graduates were unemployed. Even more encouraging news is that almost 70 per cent of those employed agree that their present job is directly related to their formal education.

The salary range for graduates seems more than positive with nearly half of the full-time employees enjoying annual salaries of between \$20,000 and \$45,000. It is difficult, however, to determine accurate specifications for each of the 204 respondents as information was not always given as to the number of hours worked and whether or not some of these graduates were in fact full-time and part-time students at the time of graduation.

The response to the Mount as a learning institution was overwhelming: 80 per cent of the graduates said that if they had it to do again, they would indeed choose the same program from which they had graduated. Furthermore, they would choose Mount Saint Vincent University over any other academic institution.

As one respondent commented, "MSV prepared me very well for the specific field I chose. I would readily recommend the Mount to prospective clients." If the class of 1986 is representative of all Mount alumnae, this university is successfully equipping its students to meet the demands of the working field.



Detail from Bernice Purdy's *The Dandelion Bride* (1987)

## Two new exhibitions set

Two new exhibitions open at the Art Gallery Nov. 27 and run until Dec. 17.

Downstairs, *Contemporary British Drawings* surveys British drawing between 1962 and 1975. David Hockney, Bridget Riley and William Tucker are among 22 artists whose works are included in the exhibition.

Sketches and drawings as well as paintings on paper and graphic studies for works in other media are included in the exhibition, organized by the British Council. "We have taken the broadest possible licence with the term 'drawing,'" says Norbert Lynton in his catalogue essay. "To show all these reveals the function of the drawing in modern art and reminds us of its continuing importance," says Lynton. "Drawing has not only survived: it has taken on new value as well as a new range of functions."

Upstairs, *Close to Our Hearts* is Bernice Purdy's first solo show. Purdy's paintings recreate her experiences of growing up

between the years 1942 and 1955. The strength of Purdy's work, which has been called the "spirited product of the art of survival," is her direct engagement with the community she has known. Now a single parent living in Halifax, Purdy was born in Lockhartville in Kings County, growing up with eight brothers and sisters at River Hebert, Cumberland County.

Her "memory paintings" depict scenes of butter-making, the local general store, family, school and church. In these works Purdy explores childhood innocence, country simplicity and the complexities of being human in a large family. "By deeply re-experiencing my own life and emotions, I touch the 'heart' of our common experience," says Purdy.

There will be a public reception for *Contemporary British Drawings* and *Close to Our Hearts* Sunday, November 29 at 3 p.m. Bernice Purdy will be present.

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER FOR PART-TIME & MATURE STUDENTS & GUESTS

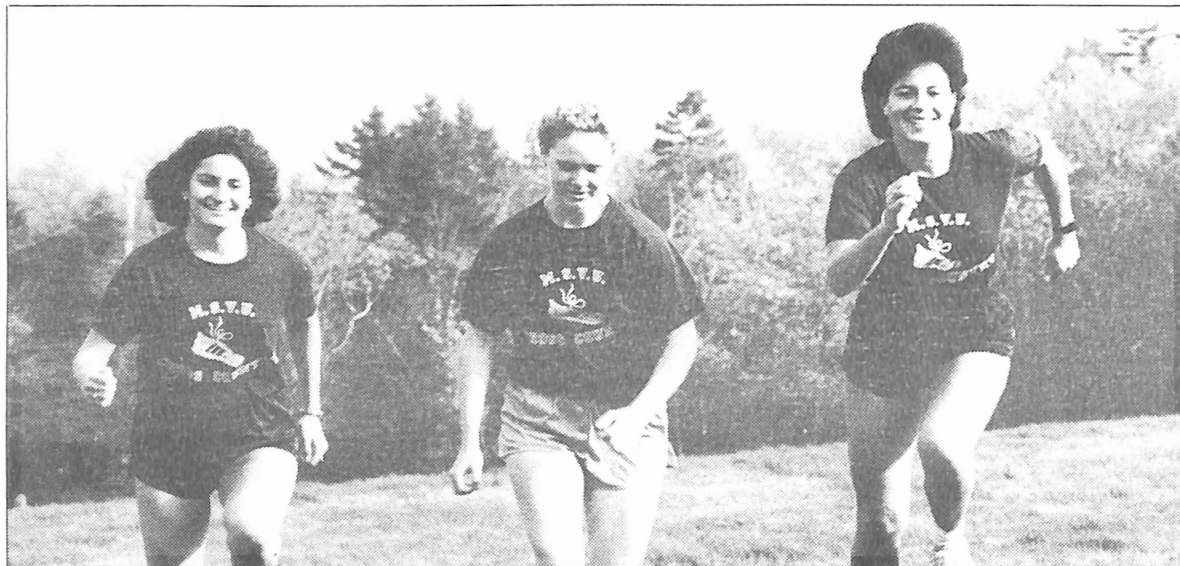
7-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4  
Coffee Shop, Rosaria Centre

Hosted by the part-time and mature students,  
Student Council and The Centre For  
Continuing Education

No charge — pot-luck  
Cash bar opens at 6 p.m.

RSVP Jean Merritt, 443-4450, ext. 244





(Left to right) Patti Strole, Margaret Kenney and Melanie Claude of the Mount's Cross Country team. The three-member team captured the Nova Scotia College Conference Provincial Championship trophy for the third consecutive year earlier this month. At one of the three meets leading up to the championships, Alison Sarty (not shown here) "pinch-hit" for Margaret Kenney, who was unable to attend. Chef Rene put on a dinner for the winners in the cafeteria as a tribute to their winning spirit.

## Mount Athletes enjoying an exciting season

The Mount's basketball season will be off to a high-flying start on Wednesday, Nov. 25, with a double header against the University of King's College. The women's team will play at 6:30 p.m., the men's following at 8:30 p.m.

The Mount women's basketball team came second in the provincial championships last

year, and this year's team is out to win.

Alumnae athletes have been invited to a reception between games, for a chance to raise a glass with current students and athletes.

There will be door prizes of kit bags and T-shirts and anyone attending the games will get into Vinnie's Pub afterward for half

price (there's no charge to attend the games).

Head coach for the women's team is Anne Lindsay, with assistant coach Peggy Boudreau. Team captain is Alison Sarty.

The men's team goes on the court with head coach Louis Gannon, assistant coach Dr. Rudy Kafer and team captains Gerard Flynn and Paul Henderson.

## PR student named Air Canada fellow

Natalie MacLean, a senior public relations student at the Mount, has been named 1987 recipient of the Air Canada Fellowship.

The Fellowship program, an innovative approach to corporate giving, helps non-profit agencies employ Mount public relations students in the co-operative education program.

MacLean has already begun her four-month work term at Spencer House, this year's designated agency. Spencer House supports seniors in problem solving, developing self-help skills and obtaining services.

MacLean has become a strong advocate of co-operative education. "Co-op is a natural complement to studies in public relations," she says. "I've done school projects for other non-profit agencies, but a small project is far removed from reality. Working full-time within an organization is a good, practical balance to theoretical studies."

Air Canada Fellows are academically distinguished students who have previously completed two work terms, and are selected by a panel of Mount public relations faculty and Air Canada staff.

## Busy vice-president is happy to be back 'home'

### PROFILE

When the Mount's new vice-president (administration) gets some free time, she'd like to ski and learn how to golf. But with long hours, endless meetings and consultations, Lois Dyer Mann won't be seeing the slopes or the green for some time.

A typical day for Dyer Mann begins at 8 a.m. and often finishes, depending on committee schedules, at 11 p.m. Although she is currently on the Board of Directors of the Public Legal Education Society, she plans to limit her involvement in community-service projects for the time being.

But she's never been one to shy away from hard work. Since she graduated from Dalhousie Law School in 1974, each of her positions has demanded more than a nine-to-five commitment.

"In order to be professional, you have to be devoted," she says. "Right now I'm learning, which takes longer. There are so many groups of individuals involved in a university, it has a potential of being fractious. Because the job is its nature consultative, I think background has been

beneficial as it helped me develop problem-solving and communication skills."

Before coming to the Mount, she served as executive secretary and administrator to the Marshall Commission. "It was very exciting, very stimulating," she says, "a wonderful opportunity to get involved again in exploring the system and to work with that kind of detail again."

Although she has never practised law, she has never regretted it.

"The turn my career took at a very early stage allowed me to work with very capable and well-informed senior members of the bar in all the provinces in Canada," she says. "My education gave me a tremendous opportunity to work with all these people as a peer."

Dyer Mann's family — she has four brothers and sisters — moved to Montreal from Halifax when she was three years old, but maintained a home in Chester.



Lois Dyer

They moved again to New York when she was 13, but she and a sister stayed behind at a Montreal boarding school. She returned to Halifax after high school and attended Sacred Heart Junior College for two years before completing her bachelor of arts and bachelor of law degrees at Dalhousie. Her proudest memory is of graduating from law school.

"I always knew I wanted to participate in some form of professional activity," she says.

"Both my parents were very supportive of that and of getting as much education as one could absorb. It was a wonderful choice to have made, and really has proved to be the foundation for so much of what has happened since."

After being admitted to the bar, Dyer Mann served as executive director of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society. She then spent nine years in Ottawa — as director of professional services and national section co-ordinator of the Canadian Bar Association, and later as executive director of the Canadian Law Information Council. However, she's glad to be back in Nova Scotia.

"We were always sustained in a spiritual sense by our Nova Scotia roots," she says. "Nova Scotia has always been very much home."

"I've been so lucky in my career path as I've had so many wonderful opportunities presented to me . . . projects that were new and provided me with an opportunity to learn," she says. "Certainly the Mount is doing that as well. I find that very motivating and challenging."

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The Association of Atlantic Universities' Office of Educational Communications is co-sponsoring a seminar on the subject of information communications and education technology.

reflects sex bias. Mount Saint Vincent has purchased a documentary that takes an informative and amusing look at sexism in language.

Written and directed by filmmaker Heather MacLeod, *A Word In Edgewise* examines historical developments in the English language and its everyday use. It also presents language alternatives while illustrating how our unconscious use of sexist language perpetuates sexist attitudes.

Faculty interested in obtaining the documentary for classroom use should contact library staff.

The militarization of women's lives, women and crime, reproductive and genetic engineering and their impact on women are just some of the topics to be covered at the Women's

Studies Summer Institute to be offered by The Centre for Research and Education on Gender at the University of London, England in July 1988.

The two-week courses will bring together feminists and researchers from all over the world, and early registration is advised.

A copy of the summer institute brochure is available from the public relations office, by calling extension 249.

Mount Saint Vincent University will open its doors to high school students in the Atlantic provinces who wish to familiarize themselves with the campus, November 27.

Tours will be given at 10 a.m., an information session will follow, and lunch will be provided. Students interested in particular programs will be able to arrange appointments with appropriate

faculty or department heads.

The open house is one of four planned for this winter by the Mount's admissions office.

Immunization is a life-long process and most adults in North America are inadequately immunized.

Tetanus and diphtheria immunization should take place every 10 years. Influenza immunization is recommended for individuals over the age of 65 as well as for those with a serious chronic illness.

Booster shots for tetanus and diphtheria, and influenza immunization shots are all available from the Mount Health Office. Contact the nurse at local 353 or visit the office in Rosaria.

## Teaching nominations open

Do you think one of your professors or colleagues does an outstanding job in the classroom?

Excellence in teaching is one of the primary goals of any university. Since 1981, the Mount has recognized excellence within its faculty through an annual Alumnae Award for Teaching Excellence, announced at the May Convocation and presented at the alumnae association's annual dinner.

Some of the things considered by the eight-member selection



Back issues of the Mount yearbook are available from the Student Union offices at \$5 each. The issues cover the period from 1978 to 1985.

committee are whether the faculty member encourages critical thinking and analysis, organizes class time, sets clear objectives for the class, has a sensitivity to class members and whether s/he instills a love of the subject area in the students.

Students, faculty and alumnae are invited to nominate a full-time faculty member who has taught at least three consecutive years at the Mount.

Photographs of past recipients can be seen opposite the bookstore in Rosaria Centre.

The deadline for nominations isn't until Jan. 15, but you're encouraged to pick up a nomination form now, available from the offices of the deans, the vice-president (academic), alumnae and student council, at Seton front desk or in the Picaro.

Nomination forms must be accompanied by the names of two other students, alumnae or faculty members who support your choice and a short description of why your nominee should be considered.



Dr. Naomi Hersom turns the sod for a shrub planted near the Seton pond by the Student Union, represented here by Paul Card, external vice-president. In the weeks since the National Forum on Post-Secondary Education and National Universities Week, student unions throughout the province have planted shrubs they hope will symbolize the growth of federal and provincial commitment to education in Canada.

Whether we realize it or not, most of us use language which



# Soldier becomes conscientious objector after Panama tour

Saying, "I've reached my limits, I feel like betraying my own people," Mexican-American Daniel Cobos became the first member of the United States armed forces to object publicly to duty in Central America. Cobos, an Air Force cryptologic linguist stationed at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska, had been part of a team which flew reconnaissance missions over Nicaragua several times a month to gather electronically-transmitted information, whether of military value or not. Cobos, a 30-year-old sergeant, had been nominated Airman of the Year.

While stationed in Nebraska, Cobos met refugees at local churches who spoke of the horror they experienced in Central America. "These were people who were fleeing for their lives. They've taken off their shirts and shown me their scars where they were tortured," he recalled, of a meeting in Omaha where some Guatemalans recounted the great massacre of their people.



"Learning about these events caused me to wonder about my role in the Air Force."

After a one-month assignment in Panama, Daniel Cobos realized he had become a conscientious objector.

"My time in Panama was a surrealistic nightmare . . . it was hard for me to look the Panamanians in the eye because I began to see myself as a mercenary. The poverty of the people was staggering, and hearing the other airmen make

light of their condition embarrassed and disgusted me. The wheel of life was being destroyed everywhere and I was helping to destroy it. In ravaging these people and their land, I was ravaging myself. My abhorrence for violence convinced me that I had become a conscientious objector."

Cobos has now been reassigned to clerical duties at Offutt, pending the outcome of his application for conscientious objector status. However, there is a possibility that criminal charges may be leveled against him for disclosing supposedly classified information to a newspaper. Cobos had reported he took part in a number of missions over Nicaragua during a time when they were prohibited by the Boland Amendment voted in by the U.S. Congress.

The case of Daniel Cobos illustrates an awakening consciousness and conscience. For others who are concerned with issues of war and peace and with

the dynamics of non-violence, I strongly recommend a book which has just been published by Orbis Books: *Education for Peace: Testimonies from World Religions* edited by Haim Gordon and Leonard Grob. From a variety of viewpoints (Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist), it explores the possibilities for a profound, ontological change in the way that the people and nations of the world think of one another, imagine and realize their self-interests, and act and react in the political realm. It concludes with three very down-to-earth chapters entitled: *The 'Demonic Double' and Early Education for Peace; Peace, 'Peace Movements,' and 'Peace Studies': a Dissenting Voice; Fun, Fantasy, and Failure in Education for Peace.*

Meanwhile, letters of support can be sent to Daniel Cobos, 3550 Cass, #6, Omaha, NE 68131, U.S.A.

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Three Mount faculty members attended a CRIAW (Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women) conference in Winnipeg Nov. 6. *Women and Well-Being* was the theme of the conference. Dr. Sandra Kirby spoke on *Injury and Ill-Health: The Unwritten Story About Canada's Female Olympic Athletes*. Dr. Margaret O'Brien's topics included *Being Never-Married, Eighty Years and Over* and *A Woman: The Life Experience*. Dr. Marguerite Andersen, recently appointed to the Chair of Women's Studies at the Mount, attended a plenary session entitled *The Contribution of Women's Studies Chairs to the Well-being of the Women's Community*. Dr. Marilyn McDowell's talk was called: *A Model for Program Planning: A Multi-Method Needs Sensing Approach*.

Ivan Blake of the Co-operative Education department has been appointed to a Provincial Task Force on co-operative education recently established by Ron Giffin,

minister of vocational and technical training.

Dr. Hersom was guest speaker at an Honors Dinner at Acadia University as part of Fall Convocation and the 150th Anniversary celebrations.

Conference Officer Frances Cody attended a meeting of the Canadian University and College Conference Officers Association in Whistler, B.C. She took part in a panel discussion entitled *Universities in the Convention Business — An Essential Ingredient*, presenting the university perspective. Frances stepped down as president of the Association and begins a two-year term as Past President.

Professor Alleyne Murphy, Department of Home Economics chair, was recently elected chair of the deans and Directors of Home Economics and Related Areas in Canada (DDHERAC), an associate member of the

Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada.

Josette Deleas-Matthews, also of the modern languages department, was a member of the jury for the Atlantic Film Festival held in Halifax recently.

Dr Peter Schwenger, English department, is co-editing a special issue of *Cahiers du Griff*, a Paris journal, with Melinda Jo Gutmann, a professor of theatre at City University of New York (CUNY). The special issue will be devoted to the nuclear arts and will be published next spring.

Carole Hartzman, modern languages department, attended the Ninth Biennial Conference of the Canadian Ethnic Studies Association on "Cultural Diversity and Nation-Making" held in Halifax in October. She read a paper on "Surmounting Obstacles to Cultural Retention? The Latin

American Experience in Nova Scotia."

Don't miss the Seton Cantata Choir's "An Evening at Christmas" Sunday, Dec. 13 at 8 p.m. at Saint Mary's Basilica on Spring Garden Road. Included will be works of John Rutter, Nancy Telfer, Healy Willen, Gardner and Praetorius. Guest solists will include soprano Shriley Gaudet and organist Andrew Ager.

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