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Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, Nova Scotia

## Transition Learning: A New Digest

"Transition Learning" is a new digest compiled by the Atlantic Association of Co-operative Education, for corporate trainers, human resource managers, co-operative education employers and co-ordinators, and any educators and employers interested.

The association defines transition learning as "the cumulative effect of movement, between the roles of worker and learner, on individuals and on the organizations between which they move."

The quarterly digest aims to look at the impact of study, training and retraining on the worker; the impact of work experience on the learner; and the effects of various combinations of work and study on both the personal and professional development of the individual (or group) and the institution involved.

While it is largely a compilation of reprinted articles, its editorial board wishes to stimulate original research and attract reviews of relevant theoretical and applied topics.

Anyone interested in subscribing or contributing to Transition Learning should contact the Atlantic Association of Co-operative Education, c/o Mount Saint Vincent University.



Judy MacNeill (centre) received a \$150 Science Society Award from Robert Landry, president of the Society at a special presentation last month. The award came from a special fund set up by last year's executive and goes to a deserving science student who also has some involvement in the Science Society.

## National Network Studying Child Care In Canada

Dr. Pat Canning, Chair of the Mount's Child Study Department, is part of a national research network studying child care in Canada for a federal task force appointed by the Secretary of State.

With colleagues at six other Canadian universities, Dr. Canning is examining family needs for child care, current child care use patterns and parents' views about child care options, as well as the affordability and availability of child care across the country.

Dr. Canning says the National Daycare Research Network, a group of concerned day care educators/researchers, began working together last year to examine the type of research going on in Canada and to attempt to co-ordinate efforts in this area. The group met in December 1983 with funding from the Department of Health and Welfare, and again in April, to plan the study and compile a handbook for people interested in day care in Canada. It had also considered a day care symposium.

The study involves interviewing a

total of 336 families in 14 sites including large urban and small rural areas, families where both parents work, single-parent families, student parents, families on welfare and those in upper income brackets.

Some quotas were set so families with infants, preschoolers and school-age children would be represented and to ensure that one-third would be single-parent families.

Questions covered such topics as the number of hours parents worked in a week, whether they worked shift or freelance, how they found their current child care, workplace daycare, government involvement and funding.

Some of the issues dealt with by the task force were how much child care should be government-funded and what forms it should take; the licensing and regulating of day care; the fact that 10 to 15 per cent of children under six years old attend child care centres and the majority are being cared for by unlicensed, unsupervised caregivers in the home; and the existing statistics which show that women with children under three

years old have tripled their labor force participation in the last five years.

The survey also attempted to determine how many parents were taking advantage of the federal

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## Women Meet To Promote Peace

Seventeen women from across the Maritimes met at the Mount recently to plan regional activities leading up to the Women's International Peace Conference to be held on campus next June.

The women, who were from Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia's South Shore, Pictou County and Halifax, have decided to participate in a peace conference at the University of New Brunswick in May in preparation for the Mount conference.

They will also undertake local events to promote peace between now and then based on the work of conference co-ordinator Marion Kerans and her staff. They hope to raise money to sponsor a woman from a developing country to visit the June peace conference in Halifax.

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## Alumnae Update

Members of the Graduating Class of 1985 take note: IT'S TIME TO START PREPARING YOUR TIME CAPSULE! The Alumnae Office is now accepting submissions for inclusion in the Class of '84 Time Capsule which will be sealed during Grad Week, not to be re-opened until 1995 when the Class of '85 will celebrate its tenth anniversary.

Some of the more interesting items in the Class of '84 Time Capsule included mementos of Winter Carnival celebrations, class assignments (that are better left forgotten until 1995?), snapshots of those casual evenings spent at home in residence, taped interviews of Class of '84 members celebrating at their brewery tour (uncut renditions by the half-cut), a copy of George Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty-four*, a copy of Michael Jackson's *Thriller* tape, and many more priceless souvenirs of the way they were.

Alumnae Officer, Dilly MacFarlane advises, "Don't let those precious moments you really want to remember slip into oblivion . . . take a few minutes to think of something that you would love to see materialize at your tenth anniversary, and give it to us for safekeeping until Homecoming '95".

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The Alumnae Association is pleased to announce the appointment of Anne Burns, BScHEc '35 as Honorary Chair of Homecoming '85. Ms. Burns, a long-time resident of Ottawa, and retired nutritionist of national and international renown, was delighted to accept the position. Her active support of the Mount and the alumnae association resulted in her being awarded an Honorary Life Membership in the alumnae association at Homecoming '84 last June.

Homecoming '85 is scheduled for the weekend of May 31 to June 2, and graduates of years ending in 0 and 5 will be honored. Circle that date on your calendar, and watch for news of programming details.

The committee responsible for Homecoming '85 activities is now being formed, so, if you are interested in taking part in the social event of the alumnae year, please notify Dilly MacFarlane, local 136.

## Graduating?

Any student planning to graduate in May 1985 must be sure to submit to the Registrar's Office the "intent to graduate" form before February 15. Only those students who have submitted this form will be considered as potential graduates.

### FINANCING HIGHER EDUCATION AND UNIVERSITY RESEARCH IN CANADA

#### WHO BENEFITS? WHO SHOULD PAY?

A Financial Post conference to be held March 13, 1985 at the Westin Hotel, Ottawa, "Financing Higher Education" will cover such topics as "Facing the Crisis in Funding"; "University Research and its Interface with Industry"; "Why is the Federal Government Dissatisfied with the Current Funding Arrangements?"; "Student Financing: Universality or User-Pay?"; "Educating the Work Force for Economic Growth"; and "Will There be Life After 1985?"

For registration or further information contact Karen Rowland, Financial Post Conferences, Maclean Hunter Building, 777 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario M5W 1A7 (416) 596-5681.

## Single Parent Students' Support Group At Mount

by Diane Gauvin Samoiloff  
Consumer Studies student

A single parent student's support group began on campus November 15, 1984. The purpose of the group is to establish a supportive network for students engaged in the twin tasks of single parenthood and attending university.

It aims to bring together these students so that they can share survival skills.

Two major concerns facing single parent students are accessible housing and child care. Time is also a major concern and is directly tied into the first two.

Single parents who attend the Mount cannot tap into student housing, thus forcing them to seek accommodation in the Halifax housing market where they are discriminated against in many ways; because they are students, have limited funds and often are recipients of social assistance, and because it has become very difficult to place children in rental accommodation.

The family student housing facility in Halifax, open to Mount students, only takes in students who are married or engaged in a common-law relationship. Thus, Petergreen Hall, run by the Halifax Student Housing Society, excludes single parent students from their family student housing facility. The Mount does not have any family student housing available at all.

Single parent students, more often than not, end up in grossly inadequate shelter arrangements involving a combination of the following factors: having to travel lengthy distances to the university; cramped and/or substandard housing; overpriced housing and no security of tenure.

Mount students can place their children in the Child Study Centre, but because of the costs involved in placing a child there and because there are no provincially-subsidized spaces there, this facility is inaccessible to most single parent students on campus. In response to

the concerns raised by the Single Parent Students' Support Group, the Mount has reserved one space in the Child Study Centre for the child of a single parent student.

Dr. Carol Hill, Director of Student Services and Counselling, has been involved with the group since its inception. Two bursaries are to be made available to women with special needs, particularly single mothers, beginning in the 1985-86 academic year.

Single parent students are invited to contact the support group by dropping in at their next meeting on Wednesday, February 6 in Room 504, Seton Academic Centre, at noon. If the time of the meeting is inconvenient, or more information is required, contact Dr. Carol Hill, extension 359 or Diane Gauvin Samoiloff at 479-1863 in the evening.

## Job Prospects Brighter in '85

University and college graduates of the class of 1985 face brighter employment prospects than graduates of previous years, according to a survey undertaken by the Ottawa-based Pay Research Bureau of the Staff Relations Board of the Public Service of Canada. Prospects look best for engineering and science graduates, the survey says.

The 89 industrial organizations contacted by the board—including major companies, banks and utilities—plan to recruit 3,303 graduates in 1985, an increase of 59 per cent over 1984. Companies reporting an intention to increase rates of pay for entry-level graduates will do so by an average of 4.2 per cent in 1985.

For further information contact Guy Lalonde, technical officer with the Pay Research Bureau, Public Service Staff Relations Board, P.O. Box 1525, Station B, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5V2.  
(from *Notes from AUCC*)

## Theft On Campus Is Increasing

Thefts on the Mount campus are increasing, says Ann Eade, University Services, and she is advising the university community to take precautions against losing personal belongings, especially money.

"Just recently," she says, "we had three thefts on one day, in Rosaria, Evaristus and Seton. Three wallets were stolen with a loss of approximately \$120."

Leaving purses unattended on desktops is simply asking for trouble, Eade says, and offices that are left open and unattended are an invitation to thieves. "It may not be convenient to lock your work space each time you leave it," she says, "but it is necessary." The Mount's security staff has, in fact, been asked to lock any office which they find unattended.

The thefts started in Seton some time ago, Eade says, and have now spread to other buildings on campus. "It seems to increase as the economic situation deteriorates," she says.

The Mount community is asked to co-operate by reporting anything unusual to security immediately.

## New Life For Grand Piano

The grand piano which stands on the mezzanine floor of Rosaria Centre has a history.

Many years ago it belonged to the Ladies Musical Club in Halifax and was later bought by Mary Dee Girroir, a 1935 music graduate of the Mount, who was a talented and popular teacher of piano and singing in Halifax.

Girroir formed the Armdale Chorus, an all-female choir that made its mark on the national and international scene over the airways on radio. When she died in 1981 she left her piano as a gift to Mount Saint Vincent University, and for years it has waited for an expensive but very necessary overhaul.

Because of its "delicate" condition the piano remained covered much of the time, only coming to life at Christmas to provide accompaniment for carol singing.

Now Michael Merrigan, Executive Assistant to the President, says his office will provide the major part of the large sum needed to have Dr. Piano take the magnificent "grand" apart and completely refurbish it inside and out.

In addition, Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association is contributing \$500 towards the repairs, and the Mount Playhouse another \$500.

By the end of February, Mary Dee Girroir's piano will be back in mint condition ready to be put to its proper use at last.



Students at the Mount's successful non-credit Public Relations Program are keeping the lecturers on their toes by all accounts.

## PR Program Breaking Records

The Mount's new non-credit public relations program is a runaway success according to Dan Brennan, who, together with Glen Hancock is co-ordinating Introduction to Public Relations, an offering of the Centre for Continuing Education.

"With 44 in the class we have the largest extension course in the history of the Mount, outside of Christianity," Brennan says.

"We have excellent students with 90 per cent of them already with degrees while about 40 per cent have postgraduate degrees. About 15 per cent are already working in the field of communications and are taking the program in readiness for the CPRS (Canadian Public Relations Society) accreditation exams."

Hancock, who originally offered a similar course at University of King's College, finds the quality of the students taking the Mount program very high.

Brennan, who is presently marketing director for Tourism Nova Scotia maintains that the class is "keeping us on our toes. They're really quite a lively bunch." He feels that having "started up from nothing so well, we might, with the proper promotion, find the program growing to double its size in the future."

## Flower Project

Valentine's Day is fast approaching and the Mount Student Assistants are once again organizing their annual flower project. This is your opportunity to remember friends with a red, white or pink carnation for the cost of just \$1. Orders will be taken in Rosaria Centre on February 4, 5 & 6 from 11:45-1:15 and from 4:45-6 p.m. On-campus orders will be delivered while off-campus orders may be picked up anytime on Feb. 14.

Play Cupid on Valentine's Day and make someone happy . . .

## Funding Recommendations Not Reflecting Needs Of Universities

The Association of Atlantic Universities believes that the recently announced funding recommendations of the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission for 1985-86 do not reflect the real needs of Maritime universities.

Over the last five years enrolments in Maritime universities have increased by some 30 per cent while government grants have barely kept up with cost increases due to inflation. Last year the Commission recommended that the financial pressures this has created be recognized by governments by the inclusion of a special enrolment grant increase of 2 per cent. Although this recommendation was minimal, it was not in fact approved. In spite of further enrolment increases in 1984-85 and predicted increases for 1985-86, the Commission has chosen this year to recommend no increase at all for enrolment.

In addition, by choosing to recommend a sustenance increase based on projected inflation rates, which are currently falling, the Commission recommendations take no account of the much higher inflation levels of the very recent past which, together with the enrolment increases, have placed Maritime universities in a very severe financial bind.

The Association of Atlantic

Universities suggested in its recent brief to the MPHEC that an increase of some 10 per cent would be needed in 1985-86, if Maritime universities were to be able to maintain and consolidate their current levels of service without sacrificing quality.

The provision of less than half this increase would face the universities with an even more serious dilemma than they have had to face to date.

The Commission's argument that enrolments are stabilizing and might decline in a few years' time does nothing to assist universities today to up-date their current facilities and equipment, and to provide for adequate salaries and staff complements.

The AAU recognizes that the ability of governments to meet the financial demands of university education, and for other vital services, has been eroded in recent years by the economic recession. It continues to believe, however, that first class education is vital to future development, and that the cost of providing it should at the very least be well understood by governments and the general public.

If funding for 1985-86 is indeed provided at no higher a level than recommended by the Commission, the ability of Maritime universities to provide a first class education will once again be seriously eroded.

## Part-Timers Want More Say And More Money—COPUS

According to the latest surveys, the average age of university students is going up and so is the number of part-time students attending university.

This fact was emphasized at a recent Atlantic Caucus of the Canadian Organization of Part-time University Students (COPUS) held at the Mount, where delegates from a dozen Atlantic universities discussed the issues facing part-time and mature students.

Shirley Baker, of the Mount, who is provincial co-ordinator for COPUS in Nova Scotia, said the Mount compares very favourably with other universities in its attitude towards part-time students. "Some universities are still geared to the typical full-time format, but the administration at the Mount is very sympathetic to part-timers and mature students."

There are, however, still some areas of concern at the Mount, according to Baker. "We need a long-range plan to let part-time students know which programs will be offered each year well in advance. A five-year plan would be most

useful," she said. "It would also be appreciated if part-timers were eligible for the Dean's List, and we'd like to see a part-time student on the Board of Governors."

Another concern was the fact that the part-time student's association at the Mount (CAPUS) must apply for funding to the Student Union and this can be a very time-wasting affair, dealing with a new student executive each year.

"It would be better," Baker said, "if CAPUS were either a completely separate organization, or if a definite arrangement could be made with the Student Union for a set formula for a percentage of fees each year."

The caucus spent time encouraging part-time students to form their own associations and the Mount was asked to describe how CAPUS was formed here on campus. Apparently a number of Maritime universities still don't have such organizations.

"It was a very lively caucus," Baker said, "with about 50 people attending, roughly half of them students and the other half

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## Classified Ads

**FOR SALE:** three-piece "National" luggage set in good condition. \$49. Call Christine, 443-6541.

**WANTED:** used trunk in good condition. Call Christine, 443-6541.

## Nowhere To Go Between Classes?

Many students may not be aware that Vinnie's Pub is open as a student lounge from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, (until 3 p.m. Friday).

No refreshments are available at this point, but food and drink from the Corner Store or the Coffee Shop (or vending machines) can be taken there, and if the demand is great enough, maybe food service could be extended to cover this area at some time in the future.

For those students who can't find space in one of the lounges in Evaristus or Rosaria, this is one alternative. Also, for those who complain about no space in Seton between classes, it might be worth the trip up the hill in the fresh air to have a bright spot to sit and read.

## Art Gallery - Workshops

The Mount Art Gallery, in conjunction with the Mermaid Theatre exhibition, is offering a "Puppets in Performance" workshop for children aged 8 to 11, 1:30-4:30 p.m. on Saturdays, February 16 through to March 2. Instructors Elizabeth Fajta and Jim Morrow will introduce simple construction, manipulation and performance skills. A Sunday afternoon puppet performance will end the workshop at 3:00 p.m. on March 3. Enrolment in the workshop is limited so anyone interested should contact the Gallery as soon as possible.

Another workshop—a one-day introduction to watercolor painting for adults—will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 16. Instructor is Andy James and enrolment in this is also limited.



## President's Grants

As a result of the competition held last Fall, President E. Margaret Fulton, on the recommendation of the Committee on Research and Publications, approved grants amounting to more than \$32,000 to 12 faculty members.

Grants were awarded as follows:

**Drs. Fred Harrington and Rudy Kafer - Psychology**  
\$1,890 - Nova Scotian Attitudes Toward Animals.

**Dr. Erdener Kaynak - Business Administration**  
\$105 - Manuscript preparation expenses.

**Dr. Terry Kenny-Mobbs - Biology**  
\$2350 - Origin and Differentiation of Skeletal Muscle in the Wing-Forming Regions of Chick Embryos.

**Dr. Terry Kenny-Mobbs - Biology**  
\$6,500 - Research Equipment Grant.

**Dr. David Lever - Mathematics**  
\$1,000 - Relative Manifold Theory

**Dr. Chris Lucarotti - Biology**  
\$2140 - Chytridiomycete Pathogens of Dipteran Larvae.

**Dr. Chris Lucarotti - Biology**  
\$6,500 - Research Equipment Grant.

**Dr. Philip McShane - Philosophy**  
\$1569 - Foundations of Communications.

**Ms. Deborah Norris - Home Economics**  
\$630 - A Formative Evaluation of the Marriage Preparation Program Offered by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Halifax.

**Dr. Norman Okihiro - Sociology**  
\$2380 - An Economic Regional Analysis of Access to Higher Education in Atlantic Canada.

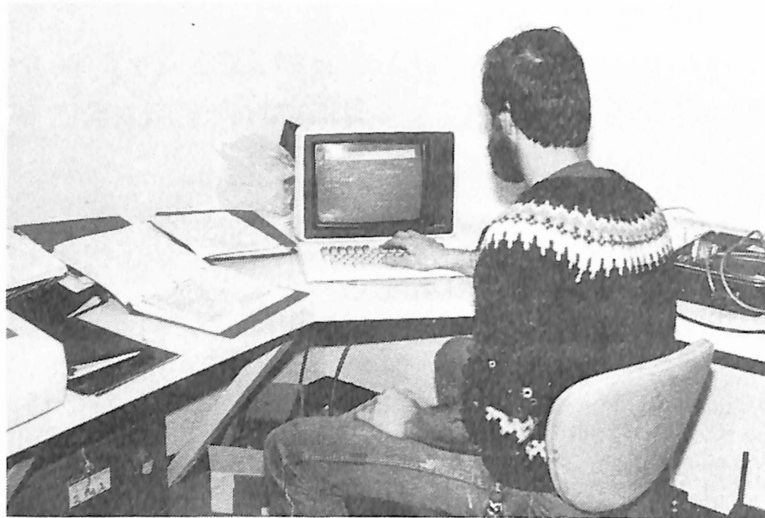
**Dr. Michael Pratt - Psychology**  
\$1938 - Once Upon a Time: Processing Demands and Narrative Performance in Adult and Elderly Populations.

**Dr. Barnett Richling - Anthropology**  
\$275 - Phase II: The Northern Labrador Fur Trade, 1782-1926.

**Dr. Susan Whiting - Home Economics**  
\$1262 - Effect of Caffeine on Calcium Metabolism.

**Dr. Robert McDonald - Chemistry**  
\$3600 - Kinetics/equilibrium Studies of Organic Reactions Involving Thiols.

In addition, sabbatical leave research grants were awarded to Dr. Patricia Canning and Edith Shantz for the 1985-86 academic year.



*New computerized equipment is rapidly reducing energy costs at the Mount. The maintenance staff have mastered the intricacies and keep the system operating at maximum efficiency.*

## Mount Maintenance Earns Praise for Adaptability

Mount maintenance supervisor Art Landry and his men earned some high praise from engineers of Canertech Conservation (N.S.) Inc. recently for how quickly they took over the controls of the new equipment which is now rapidly reducing university energy costs.

At a meeting of the building committee of the board of governors, G.J. Samson said the work of installing necessary equipment had taken place with the minimum of disruption to the university's operations.

"The energy saving resulting from the implemented proposals have accrued to the university's account during the last several months (upwards of \$26,000)", he said.

The project, begun last summer, was completed despite extremely tight material delivery schedules and came in at \$488,875—some \$17,000 less than the contract price.

Since the university hasn't put up any money, the savings realized go to Canertech which is a novel way of getting your money for work done. Needless to say, the company wants its equipment to work well as it hopes to recoup its investment within a few years.

That's why it's so important to have the co-operation of university staff members who monitor the computer and make the adjustments necessary to keep the system operating to its maximum capability, said Samson.

Following the meeting, committee members visited the control room located in the maintenance building.

*Resident Assistant Applications for 1985-86 now available. Contact the Canada Employment Centre, Rosaria Centre.*

Asked what the temperature was in the public relations office in Evaristus Hall at that minute, the terminal shot back—74.

During the night shift, security men also monitor the screen looking for any cold or hot spots so staff can be alerted to necessary adjustments.

The Mount is the first university in the area to have the Canertech energy conservation retrofit in place and Michael Merrigan, who recommended its installation, feels it has come at a good time.

## On the Move

Dr. Antoinette Thomas, of the Mount's Child Study Department, has held five workshops for social workers on the analysis of children's drawings, in the past few months. As well, she has given two presentations to members of the Children's Aid Society, who were particularly interested in the role of drawings in the understanding of abused children.

Before Christmas, Dr. Thomas held three full-day workshops in New Brunswick, for people working in child protection and adoption.

She had also given a series of workshops through the Mount's Continuing Education Centre in the Fall, attended by teachers, parents and psychologists.

Marge Shackleton, Counsellor in Student Services, has been asked to sit on the National Review Committee on Eating Disorders of the Health League of Canada. The committee will review and critique materials published for eating disorder sufferers and their families.

Shackleton was also interviewed on C100 radio's "Nova Scotia Today" show recently, on the topic of bulimia and treatment resources available in Halifax.

## UWO Baboon Study

The Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC), responsible for ensuring proper care and use of animals in research, teaching, and testing at all levels across Canada, regularly conducts "on site" reviews of all institutions. Such a review was conducted at the University of Western Ontario (UWO), London, in April, 1984. Following this assessment, the CCAC has followed its established practices of ensuring its recommendations are implemented.

Exchange of information and the processing of the implementation is continuing. The UWO is well aware of the need to follow CCAC requirements and recommendations. Therefore, contrary to press reports, the CCAC has seen no need to warn the university that research funds for animal-based research could be withheld.

The CCAC, in ongoing dialogue with the university has recommended that alternative restraint methods be sought in the cardiovascular research presently involving baboons. There is, however, no indication that B43 or any of the baboons used previously have experienced pain or distress. Such a conclusion is confirmed by veterinary inspectors of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, observers from humane organizations and the daily surveillance of professional and animal care technical staff of the university who have had 10 or more years' experience with similar studies involving non-human primates.

Technology in handling and restraint of monkeys is constantly advancing. The CCAC, therefore, has recommended that the University explore these new methodologies.

The CCAC is opposed to the terrorist activities of the Animal Liberation Front (ALF), and sees them threatening the productive discussion between the scientific and the animal welfare communities which has already produced significant strides in ensuring improvements in the care and use of animals in research, their replacement where possible, and reduction of numbers used.

The welfare of the animal is the prime concern of the Council. The CCAC will continue to strive to fulfill this mandate.

A confidential, computer-based program is now available at the Health Office, Rosaria Centre. To determine your health risk factors and learn how to overcome them contact the Health Office, Student Services for an appointment.

## MPHEC Releases Financial Plan

The Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC) recently released its report **Financial Plan 1985-86**. The report contains the Commission's 1985-86 financial assistance recommendations for Maritime post-secondary institutions as well as forecasts for 1986-87 and 1987-88.

The MPHEC is recommending an increase of 4.5 per cent in 1985-86 to sustain existing levels of activity.

The **Financial Plan 1985-86** also contains funding recommendations in respect of program expansion, equalization and capital projects. Such recommended amounts have varying implications for institutions and for contributions by the respective provincial governments.

The MPHEC report focuses upon enrollments in order to provide a greater understanding of changing enrollment patterns, reasons why levels have varied from earlier projections, implications of current levels upon quality and accessibility, and enrollment directions for the future. This emphasis is in support of the continuation in real terms of current funding for existing activities and the provision of additional funding for some new program needs in a period of retrenchment in government spending.

The Commission, in its report, reaffirms its position that accessibility to a quality post-secondary system should continue to be a high priority with governments.

The Commission's financial assistance recommendations have been submitted to the Council of Maritime Premiers and the provincial governments for consideration. The Commission expects a response to its recommendations from the Council of Maritime Premiers within the next two months.

Copies of the report **Financial Plan 1985-86** are available from the MPHEC, P.O. Box 6000, Kings Place, Fredericton, New Brunswick, E3B 5H1 (Telephone 506-453-2844).

### Future Directions: Will There Be Life After 1985?

The role of Canadian universities and colleges to meet the social and economic demands of the future and who will foot the massive bill for higher education, are but two of a number of concerns to be discussed by an authoritative group of speakers at the "Financing Higher Education and University Research in Canada" conference March 13 at the Westin Hotel, Ottawa.

Sponsored by the Financial Post and Air Canada, planners hope to draw senior university administrators and faculty along with corporate executives and provincial and federal government representatives to the all-day event.

## NOTICE

**The first MSVU Community Happy Hour will get underway 4 p.m. Friday, February 8, in the Don MacNeil Room, Rosaria Centre.**

**There will be a cash bar, plenty to eat and lots to talk about.**

**Come, bring a colleague and help initiate what it is hoped will become another Mount tradition.**

## NSCUFA Condemns MPHEC Plan As Unprincipled and Defeatist

Om Kamra, President of the Nova Scotia Confederation of University Faculty Association (NSCUFA), has condemned the recent Financial Plan released by the MPHEC as unsatisfactory and unprincipled. "They have simply tailored their recommendation to suit political pressures," he said. "Their report embodies a defeatist attitude to government restraint rhetoric and should be retracted and replaced with recommendations based on the real needs of educational institutions and students."

These comments by NSCUFA followed a detailed review of the Financial Plan and the recent experience with MPHEC recommendations. The government of Nova Scotia has cut back on MPHEC recommended levels of funding in each of the last three years. Now the MPHEC has apparently admitted defeat on three fronts:

(1) The recently announced Financial Plan provides that funding necessary to maintain physical resources like libraries and labs which has been denied in Nova Scotia in the last two years is to be diverted from operating grants. This will mean that the increase in operating grants recommended for Nova Scotia will be lower than for the other Maritime Provinces. This recommendation will now exacerbate the effects of Nova

Scotia's ill conceived undermining of essential facilities.

(2) The MPHEC has accepted that funds allocated per student should decline, that governments should not be compelled to direct additional funding to post-secondary institutions to compensate for enrollment increases. The equivalent of an entire university larger than Dalhousie has been added to the system in the last five years with no real increase in financial resources. The consequence of this has been and will continue to be overcrowded classrooms and class sizes that will prevent faculty from giving the kind of individual attention to students essential to effective learning.

(3) The Commission is recommending that N.S. tuition levels, already the highest in the country, should rise again. The province has lagged behind the rest of the country in educational attainment of its labour force, and barriers to access like higher tuition fees can only hinder the process of catching up to the rest of the country. This gives a whole new ring to their professed commitment to accessibility.

The consequence of these factors is that we as faculty cannot and will not

## Two-day Retreat

The Mount's chaplaincy office is sponsoring a two-day retreat in Mabou, Cape Breton beginning 8 p.m. Friday, March 22, until noon on Sunday.

According to organizers the retreat is in response to requests made by members of the Mount's faculty and administration.

Facilitators Srs. Elaine Biolo and Nancy Brown have organized the retreat around the theme "Building a New Creation: Integrating Faith and Justice."

Those interested should contact the Chaplaincy Office, Rosaria Centre, Extension 349. Spouses are welcome to attend and there will be a \$40 fee to cover the cost of food and accommodation.

be able to provide proper service to students. The institutions cannot ensure "acceptable quality in their programme offerings," when underfunding by government is not only allowed to continue but encouraged by bodies like the MPHEC. The MPHEC has abandoned its purpose since these recommendations will mean post-secondary institutions will operate beyond the levels appropriate for efficient and effective utilization of resources.

We are recommending that the MPHEC retract the 1984-85 financial plan as proposed, and formulate a new one based on the realities of the needs in education in the region. Rather than capitulate in the face the political reality of the Nova Scotia government's underfunding of education, let the MPHEC join the fight to ensure an adequate level and quality of education is provided.

NSCUFA represents the 1500 faculty members at Nova Scotia universities. (Nscufa Release)

## Business society Meeting

Harry Steele, chairman of Eastern Provincial Airways and president of Newfoundland Capital Corporation, predicted that Canadian airlines will soon be offering "no frills" air travel in order to reduce costs.

He told his audience at the Mount's Business Society dinner recently, "We've missed the boat on airline business. We're supposed to take people from one place to another but we serve them fine cuisine, and give them carnations and drinks."

Customers, he said, were more interested in getting a break on price and pointed out that only about 15 per cent of airline passengers pay full fare now—the rest buy discount fares.

Patrick Sullivan, co-president of the Business Society, says that he is pleased with the turnout for the dinner. "We had about 180 people there," he says, "and 67 of them were business representatives. There were at least two business people at each table with the students and I know for a fact that some students got leads for possible jobs."

Head table guests at the dinner included Alf Hamshaw, Alderman for Ward 10; Dean Susan Clark; John Squires, co-president of the Business Society; guest speaker Harry Steele; Shelley Adamson, executive officer of the Business Society; Jeff Whitman, conference co-ordinator; Ramsey Armitage, assistant general manager of the Atlantic Provinces Transportation Commission; Dr. E. Margaret Fulton, President of the Mount; Joel Matheson, MLA; Dr. Erdener Kaynak, chair of the Business Administration Department, and Patrick Sullivan.



## Profile



Pat DeMont

"What am I doing here? I guess it's because I've watched our exercise classes grow from five to 20 a week and those who participate increase in number from three or four each class to 40 and sometimes 60 per class. And I've watched our university athletic teams attract very fine players," says Mount physical education and recreation co-ordinator Pat DeMont.

The question wasn't put lightly. DeMont often travels daily to and from her Wolfville home for the privilege of working at the Mount. With her qualifications and experience, DeMont could be working anywhere—especially closer to her back door. She's quick to point out, however, that there are a lot of women like herself who work at the Mount.

"With all the frustrations caused by few resources and limited budgets, there is still something special about working in this environment. There's no other like it in Canada.

"You know, when I first came here we had to struggle to get people in our exercise classes and to find players for our teams. All that has gone. People line up for our programs and we have wonderful young athletes coming to the Mount," she says.

The opening of Rosaria Centre made the difference, but also the university's growing support for Student Services has helped to make it all possible.

DeMont suspects that the time was right. "Dr. Fulton talked a lot about holistic education and I think there is a greater awareness on the part of the public that this is the way to approach things.

"Another reason for our 2,000 per cent growth is the fact that we've shown our students and our faculty that we care about them. They see that we don't make things easy for ourselves. We work at all hours and we keep trying to provide programs convenient for them.

"Dr. Fulton has also shown great leadership here and that's what made

it happen and while we have limited funds it seems to me we have the right philosophy."

DeMont points out that the Mount is still the only university with facilities more like a high school—no raquet ball courts, no track and field, no pool. "And yet, even without, we are probably doing more per capita for our students than any of the others."

She says, "We also assist our minority male student population. There is no tokenism here, not like the limited funds spent on women athletes in other universities despite the fact that their numbers are now moving beyond 50 per cent in some universities."

"I guess that's why I stay. I see results," says DeMont.

Well known in the Halifax community, DeMont is a product of Queen Elizabeth High School where she excelled in basketball and played a lot of tennis. She went off to McGill University and obtained her BScPE, married a lawyer and settled down in Toronto, began raising three children all the while working with the YWCA as a fitness volunteer.

The family moved back to Nova Scotia seven years ago—daughter Christine, an MBA graduate, works as a planner in Ontario and sons Frank and Richard are still in university.

DeMont went back to university and obtained her Masters in Education from Acadia. She and her husband Eric became active in local politics—she as secretary of the Annapolis-Hants Liberal Association and he recently was elected to the Wolfville Town Council.

The family, when it can, spends the summers at Melmerby Beach, near New Glasgow, "where we swim and play a lot of tennis."

DeMont has worked hard to bring federal government employment grants to the university "in fact, many of our programs wouldn't have been possible without them, both in the winter and during our summer projects." She has served for several years on the national board of the YWCA and is now looking around for more challenges.

Her pet peeves are too few women in coaching positions and calling the shots regarding Canada's recreation and athletic future, and she would like to see the Mount receive the same kind of facility-assistance given to other universities.

"We need track and field facilities here to help us in our fitness programs. We have an obligation to provide the best we can not only for our students but for those in our surrounding community."

And where is DeMont spending the night? "Well, I've got a late fitness class so I'll flop here tonight and head on home tomorrow night."

## External Grants Go To Eleven Mount Faculty

Eleven Mount faculty members have received an estimated \$134,000 in grants from external agencies recently. They include:

**Dr. Olga Broomfield and Dr. Susan Drain**

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Conference Grant - \$2,000 - Beyond the Canon: Innovation and Integration.

## Women's Studies Research

Three research projects currently underway at the Mount's Institute for the Study of Women should give researchers a comprehensive view of the impacts of office automation on women working in the office and its organization.

The first project, funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, looks at the effect of office automation on clerical workers. Mount faculty members Glen Flemming and Wendy Doyle have been involved in this research. See **The Connection**, December 3 for details on the first part of this study.

A second project, also funded by the SSHRC, is a longitudinal study of secretarial students and their careers—a study begun in 1977. The first three phases of the study were conducted by Dalhousie University's Institute of Public Affairs, with the initial sample made up of 452 students enrolled in a variety of secretarial programs in the Halifax-Dartmouth area.

Students were interviewed on their backgrounds, skills and the attitudes which they developed during their training course and subsequently during their job search and placement activities.

The follow-up interviews, conducted by research associate Janice Graham-Migel will hopefully develop a comprehensive understanding of the work careers of the respondents to date. Special attention is being paid to the impact of office automation on secretarial careers, job satisfaction and work attitudes.

Results of this study are expected by September.

The third research project underway at the Institute for the Study of Women deals with impact assessment and is funded by the federal Department of Communications. The impact of office automation on the restructuring of jobs, job satisfaction and office productivity are among the variables under assessment. Results of this project are expected by the Spring.

Further details can be obtained from the Institute for the Study of Women, Mount Saint Vincent University.

**Dr. M. Pratt - Psychology**

\$1938 - Once Upon a Time: Processing Demands and Narrative Performance in Adult and Elderly Populations.

**Dr. Nanciellen Davis**

SSHRC Fellowships Division - \$9,500 - A Comparative Study of Family and Households in Nineteenth Century New Brunswick.

**Ann MacGillivray**

SSHRC Conference Grant - \$1,500 - Atlantic Schools of Business Conference.

**Dr. Wendy MacLean**

SSHRC Conference Grant - \$3,500 - Atlantic Canada Economics Association Thirteenth Annual Conference.

**Dr. Pierre Payer**

SSHRC Fellowships Division - \$12,500.

**Sr. Yvonne Pothier**

SSHRC - \$5,810 - Partitioning: The Emergence of Rational Number Ideas in Young Children.

**Dr. Patricia Canning**

University of Guelph - \$12,248 - Task Force on Child Care: Parental Needs.

**Dr. Susan Clark**

Department of Communications - \$62,000 - Studies to Assess the Impact of the Office Communication System Field Trial. Phase III.

**Jon White**

Health & Welfare Canada - \$32,233.50 - Studies to Assess the Effectiveness of Public Affairs Activities Undertaken by Health and Welfare Canada.

**Paul Zwicker**

Employment and Immigration Canada - \$2,579 - Training Contract.

## Sinking Roof

Quietly and without much fanfare during the past few years, the Mount has been holding legal discussion involving the structural problems with the roof of the Seton Academic Centre which led to the installation of two supporting columns in the auditorium.

The columns, which impair vision and take away from the original design of the auditorium, were installed temporarily, when it was learned that the roof, built in 1971, was sinking. Almost immediately talks were undertaken between the Mount and Seton's builders.

Prior to Christmas "discovery examinations" were carried out by lawyers representing both parties and university administrators are now deciding what alternatives to pursue.

To date the Mount has had to shell out upwards of \$138,000 to ensure the roof was safe and to pay for engineering and legal fees.

## Opinion

by Debra McDougall '84

I think, as a senior student at Mount Saint Vincent University, it is sadly ironic that antifeminism appears to be a thriving force among students on this campus, continuing to keep women fearful, silent and away from drawing support from each other. This is evident from my observations of other female students—their feelings, attitudes and behaviour do not correspond to the university's philosophy.

A heavy stigma is attached to anyone who mentions the word feminist—it's always used in a negative and derogatory way and can provoke "gasps" from many of our students. Of course, feminists are also put down at other universities and in general but I want to deal with my world—a university which has a mission to provide higher education opportunities for women . . . a university where the women outnumber the men 15 to one and the only university in Canada where the female faculty and administrators outnumber the men.

Of course the word "feminist" conjures up various stereotypes which are often media-produced images and historically, the ugly, inaccurate labels such as bra burners, militant, man hater, lesbian, radical and even communist. A feminist's behaviour is stereotyped as: aggressive, shrill, Jewish, screamer, hysterical, etc.

Many of these sorts of patriarchally-produced images are in fact, scare tactics, threats used to invoke fear and silence on the part of women: used to "keep women in their place" to evoke guilt and anxiety that they should want freedom to be in charge of their own lives.

In the four, now going on five years I have been at the Mount, I have learned a great deal about what it is to be a woman and it's only been in the last one or two that I have been able to appreciate what the word feminist means. Prior to then I was like a lot of the younger female students—ashamed of asserting or showing any kind of independent thought—for fear of being accused of being one of those "man haters."

### Being Afraid

Silence has always been very difficult to overcome. Being afraid to meet with other women and gain support through discussion keeps women from mobilizing themselves into a politically active force. It's like having a noose around our necks or being on a short leash.

Down through history, they tell us, people have been afraid of change—especially change that shakes the foundations of structures that have been there for centuries and mostly put in place by male-dominated thinking. Rather than destroying these structures as most

people seem to mistakenly believe is the feminist's goal, the women's movement is simply a social revolution attempting to transform/change the traditional, patriarchal world we live in to a more caring and humane one—one in which our society will accommodate and encompass all humanity with equal acceptance and opportunity.

Just like any other revolution, the women's movement of the 60's and 70's necessarily had its radicals—some believing firmly that by withholding sexual favors en masse women could effect change. There were those who wanted to get away from the "painted doll" image and refused to wear make-up, frequent beauty parlors or give in to wearing restraining garments like brassieres and girdles. And there were others who wanted to have nothing to do with men who, they felt, had been their oppressors for too long.

Such radical behaviour scared off a lot of women. And, of course, the male-dominated media jumped in to perpetuate notions of there being a direct link between feminism and lesbianism. Feminism and lesbianism, for a long time, were mistakenly assumed to be synonymous.

### Question of Choice

Feminism of the 80's, I believe, really boiled down to CHOICE. It means wanting all barriers removed with regard to women: it means striving toward equality of opportunity. Women should be given the same respect for their intelligence as men and should be given an equal opportunity to compete for the same jobs and the same wages.

I feel that many of today's young women at the Mount live under the great illusion that they have the world by the tail, that they have it made, that things are great, that there is equality. (I notice in the Dalhousie Gazette that the students deal with real issues facing women).

At the Mount, most cannot look beyond their own individual life and the things that they have been able to accomplish.

The statistics on wife battering, rape, child abuse, pornography and all types of violence against women have nothing to do with them; they cannot see that many women have not been so lucky. They cannot see that the friend sitting next to them in class may have been a victim of child abuse, or that the mature woman further back in the class may have been a victim of wife battering. Students at the Mount have always helped out with the homeless men at Hope Cottage, but why did it take so long to establish Adsum House—a place of refuge for homeless women?

And, of course, many of us at the Mount don't realize, or tend to forget, that we wouldn't have the vote unless there had been women with

courage enough to chain themselves to the gates of Parliament. Nor would we be sitting in university classrooms if the women who have gone before hadn't fought for the right. Perhaps most of us wouldn't be able to read this article right now if it wasn't for the struggles and strong will and determination of many women throughout history who never gave up the vision of a better life, a more humane life for half the world's population.

### Laughed Off

Feminism is laughed off ever so lightly and easily. It's a big joke for most of the women, and sad to say the men, at the Mount. But every time they do laugh it off they are putting women down and denying themselves the right to equality of opportunity, the right to change themselves for the better, the right to determine their own futures.

I have thought about this for a long time. But it has only become more evident to me in the past year with my courses in women's studies. I have wanted to write articles for the Picaro, but felt that it wasn't the proper vehicle to do justice to my beliefs.

In a way, with this article, I am breaking my silence, coming out of the closet as it were and declaring I am a feminist and proud of it. And I am happy to join others at the Mount, both women and men, who are working for legal, economic and social equality for everyone.

Women must have choices. People must have choices. We must recognize that there should be no boundaries or restriction placed on any one sex—a woman should not be confined to looking at one piece of sky out of her kitchen window—she should have the choice to see more.

### Women Ridiculed

For the past few decades when women first began to speak out with courage and determination against the inequality they had experienced or witnessed in their own lives and in the lives of others, they have been ridiculed, ostracized, punished, emotionally tortured and made to feel less than they were. But, in my opinion, all women deserve recognition and dignity for whatever choice they make—whether it is to teach in university, work in a factory, stay at home with their kids or drive a truck. But first, they should have the opportunity to make that choice themselves.

While most are familiar with the women's movement, this awareness does not necessarily mean they understand that it's all about caring and sharing. It seems the majority are still too inundated with the stereotypes and media images and prefer to accept them.

This is my last year at the Mount and I will be sorry to go. My post-graduate work will be carried out elsewhere. But I'll never forget the Mount despite the immature attitude toward feminism that is consistently evident among its students.

## Residence Decisions

Returning students interested in living in residence for the 1985-86 academic year can pick up residence applications at the Housing Office, Rosaria Centre now.

Those interested in applying to live in Marillac (the French residence) or in the health and fitness residence, must complete two applications and return them to the Housing Office before Friday, February 8.

Interviews are held to select candidates for these specialty residences, between February 11 and 22 and successful candidates will be announced on March 6. A \$45 non-refundable room deposit must be paid by March 8 to have the room held.

Students interested in other residences must complete an application and submit it with the \$45 deposit to the Housing Office before March 8 to participate in room draw.

Females thinking of moving into residence for the first time should also complete an application form and return to the Housing Office.

## Women's Day

Plans are now underway for celebrations at the Mount during International Women's Week with a committee of eight, headed by senior student Anne Hanrahan, hard at work organizing the various events to be held at that time on campus.

Special films relating to either women's issues or peace will be shown at Seton Academic Centre on March 5, 6 and 7, with discussions to follow.

On Thursday, following the featured film, an entertainment night is planned in Vinnie's Pub with songs and skits tied to a peace theme.

A Women's Day Rally will provide the grand finale to the week's activities and will take place in the Seton Auditorium at noon on Friday, March 8. A major speaker will be featured together with music and entertainment.

The committee, composed of Anne Hanrahan, Janet MacBeth, Alice Sandall, Marion Kerans, Dr. Carol Hill, Dr. Deborah Poff, Dr. Mairi Macdonald and Pat Copeland, will be announcing final details in later editions of **The Connection**.



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income tax deduction for child care expenses.

On the question of affordability, family spending on child care ranges from nothing (if a relative or neighbor provides the service) to parents who are spending \$200 a week per child. Central co-ordinator for the project, Professor Donna Lero of the University of Guelph, says parents are concerned about such issues as quality, cost, convenience and transportation.

The data is being analyzed at the University of Guelph and recommendations will be made to the task force early this month.

Dr. Canning says she and her colleagues—Professor Lero; Lois Brockman, University of Manitoba; Alan Pence and Maxine Charlesworth, University of Victoria; Hillel Goelman, University of British Columbia; Steen Esbensen, Université du Québec à Hull; and Fred Morrison, University of Alberta—still hope to go on to do a wider national study and the handbook.

## Mount Study To Help Disabled

A study done last summer by Dr. Pat Canning and Assistant Professor Mary Lyon, of the Mount's Child Study Department, will provide information that may help young disabled children in the future.

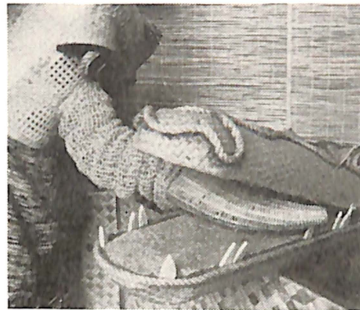
The study, made possible through an internal grant and funding through Canada Employment and Immigration (to hire two research assistants for the summer), looked at community service needs for preschool children with disabilities.

The research assistants contacted day care centres, primary teachers and public health nurses to gather information on the number of children they identified as having special needs, and the services available in their communities.

Some of the questions asked were whether any of the children they were dealing with had access to developmental preschools or home intervention programs; and whether the day care centres had a psychologist or other support personnel readily available.

"As we suspected," says Dr. Canning, "there are many children out there whose needs are not being met prior to school entrance." She says the study showed the critical need for services for the children, parents and preschool teachers.

A summary of the findings of the study will be presented to the Department of Social Services. Dr. Canning says this type of study is also vitally important in developing curriculum for the Mount's Child Study Department, which tries to instill in its students the importance of becoming innovators and advocates in their field.



*Mermaid Theatre will re-tell Kipling's Just So Stories on Saturday, March 9 at 11 a.m. in Seton Auditorium A. Tom Miller's puppets are made from raffia, rope and wicker and include a snake so long that even the designer didn't think it could be worked!*

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continuing education or extension administrators."

Baker said that universities with a high number of part-time students face a great disadvantage with funding, with five part-time students being equated with one full-time student. "This means that universities such as the Mount lose out on their funding," Baker said, "and COPUS felt that they should recognize this fact and perhaps try to add their voice to universities who are having a difficult time in this respect."

She felt that part-time students at the Mount are fortunate in having their own space in Seton Academic Centre, however small, but "it would be useful" she said, "for CAPUS to have a small office with a phone and perhaps a part-time person to deal with enquiries. However, we are grateful for what we have. Many universities have no space at all to offer their part-time students' associations."

The caucus, held on January 18 and 19, was sponsored by COPUS, CAPUS (Mount Saint Vincent University), and the Mount's Centre for Continuing Education, and was the first to be held in this region by COPUS.

## "Victory for Free Speech for Women"

Last month's civil jury trial of Acadia University English professor Dr. Donna Smyth, novelist and prominent peace activist, was a "victory for the free speech of uppity women everywhere", says Mount faculty member Mary Clancy.

Dr. Smyth had been sued for libel by Dr. Leo Yaffe of McGill University in regard to an article published as an opinion piece in the Halifax Chronicle Herald nearly three years ago. Her critique dealt with the statements, events and public reaction to the controversy surrounding possible uranium mining in Nova Scotia. The newspaper which carried the story was not sued.

Clancy, a Halifax lawyer, represented Dr. Smyth from the onset of the civil action and was joined by

## In Praise Of Puppetry

Watching a child watching a puppet show is almost as fascinating as watching the show itself. Children's imaginations catch fire when puppet figures come on stage. It's a highly specialized art requiring skills above and beyond what is usually looked for in actors and directors.

The Mount Art Gallery is paying tribute to the art of puppetry from February 15 to March 10 with an exhibit, *Tom Miller and the Mermaid Theatre*, featuring masks, puppets, costumes, posters, banners and films while highlighting the important role that Mermaid's co-founder and resident designer Tom Miller played in shaping the theatre's reputation.

Nova Scotia's Mermaid Theatre, founded 13 years ago by Evelyn Garbary, Tom Miller and Sara Lee Lewis, has become one of Canada's major theatres for the young. The company has earned national and international acclaim for its innovative multi-media productions and original scripts drawn from old and new children's classics.

The exhibit will be opened by Louis Stephen, Deputy Minister, Nova Scotia Department of Culture, Recreation and Fitness on Friday, February 15 at 8:30 p.m.

On Sunday, February 17 at 3 p.m. Tom Miller will give a lecture/demonstration, *An Introduction to Simple Puppet Construction and Manipulation*.

A preview performance of the Mermaid's innovative re-telling of Kipling's *Just So Stories* will be shown on Saturday, March 9 at 11 a.m. in Seton Auditorium A. Tickets are \$5 (students and seniors \$4).

On Sundays at 2 p.m., during the course of the exhibit, there will be films, videos and slide presentations representing various aspects of the Mermaid Company's work.



## A Reminder

"Celebration of the Healthy Woman"—a full day of major workshops and mini talks on health, lifestyle, physical fitness, and nutrition. Saturday, February 9, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Rosaria Centre.

When is Thin Too Thin. Birthcontrol Update. How's Your Love Life? Superwoman: The Stress Of Being A Woman. Hey Mom—What's Sex? Are You Younger Than You Think? Pornography—A Woman's Issue. Buyer Beware. Childbirth: Do It Your Way. Extra Nutritional Needs During Pregnancy. You've Come A Long Way Baby (how women are portrayed in the media). The Healthy Home: House Design For Easier Living, Better Breathing. Families Are People—People Are Families. Oh, My Aching Back. Your Body And How To Talk To Your Doctor. Why Do Women Lose Bone? Street Proofing Alone. Your Skin and You.

Just a few of the interesting talks are listed above—there are plenty more along with aerobic exercise, jazz dancing, yoga, films, health assessment, foot massage, body building, break dancing—and display booths by the dozens.

Make this your day. Babysitting all day for participants' children, two years and up.

Sponsored by the Mount and the YWCA and open free of charge to the entire community.

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