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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For CUPA members who are interested in the Internet, Mr. John Woodrow, Director of Computing Services at our University, has announced that a new "pay-as-you-go" service is now available to members of the University community, including retirees. The cost is $10 per month, available in blocks of three months. To get "on-line", you must sign up at the University Computer Store, and Mr. Steve Zulkarnian, Manager of the store (tel. 848-7665) is available to provide you with details.

Software is not currently available at the Computer Store, but instruction sheets can be obtained which will list the specific requirements for your computer. Because this is a group operation, the telephone lines to your modem are shared with other users. The "contention ratio" - that is, the ratio of customers to the number of available telephone lines - is efficient at this time, and Computing Services intends to increase the number of lines to maintain good service to its clientele as the demand increases.

Elsewhere, your Association continues to be involved in many activities of the University. With his usual enthusiasm Geoff Adams made the Used Book Sale a remarkable success. No doubt this will become an annual event. A sum of $4600 was collected and will go to student bursaries.

Brian Counihan, on behalf of the University Annual Giving Campaign, made arrangements to have the last issue of CUPARUC distributed to all retirees; a few of our fellow pensioners who were not aware of the existence of CUPA have since decided to join us.

Finally, I could not end this message, the last one I shall write as President of CUPA, without thanking all the members of the Executive who have been of such great help during my term of office and especially Jim Whitelaw for his never-ending energy in the publication of our newsletter.

J.P. Pétolas.

MOT DU PRÉSIDENT

Pour les membres de l'ARUC qui s'intéressent à l'Internet M. John Woodrow, directeur du Service informatique de l'Université, nous a annoncé récemment un service offert aux membres de la communauté universitaire, incluant, bien entendu, les retraité/e/s. Le coût est de 10$ par mois, payable à l'avance en tranche de trois mois. Pour brancher votre ordinateur à ce service, vous devez en faire la demande au Computer Store de l'Université, et M. Steve Zulkarnian, gérant du magasin (tél. 848-7665), répondra à vos questions.

Les logiciels ne sont pas disponibles au magasin actuellement, mais vous recevrez une feuille qui contient les conditions requises pour que votre ordinateur puisse recevoir les données. C'est un système en groupe et la ligne de téléphone à votre modem est partagée par plusieurs abonnés. Grâce à une technologie avancée et à la rapidité des signaux électroniques, le service est très efficace. Le Service augmentera le nombre de lignes téléphoniques, si le besoin s'en fait sentir.

L'ARUC est toujours étroitement liée aux activités de l'Université, et Geoff Adams, avec son enthousiasme habituel, a obtenu de très bons résultats lors de la vente de livres d'occasion qu'il a organisée. Celle-ci deviendra sans doute un événement annuel. Un montant de 4600$ a été remis à des bourses d'étudiant.

Brian Counihan, qui travaille assidûment à la campagne de souscription publique de l'Université, a fait envoyer la dernière livraison du CUPARUC à tous/tes les retraité/e/s; nous avons ainsi recruté plusieurs nouveaux membres.

Finalement, je termine ce message, le dernier que j'écris en tant que président de l'ARUC, en remerciant chaleureusement mes collègues de l'Exécutif qui m'ont tant aidé pendant mon mandat et en particulier Jim Whitelaw, éditeur de notre bulletin, pour son ardeur continue. Merci bien à tous.

J-P. Pétolas

A MINOR GOOF

You will recall that, by arrangement with the University Advancement Office, the last issue of CUPARUC was printed and mailed out by that office to all retirees, whether or not they were members of CUPA. The list of names which the Advancement Office received from the appropriate University service was incomplete, with some seventy names missing. This was spotted by our ever-vigilant Secretary, who sorted out the mess. So everybody should have received their copy, even if some arrived a few weeks late.

UN PETIT CONTRETEMPS

On se rappellera que, grâce à un accord avec le Bureau du Soutien universitaire de l'Université, la dernière livraison du CUPARUC a été imprimée par le Bureau et envoyée à tous les retraités, qu'ils soient ou non membres de l'ARUC. La liste de noms envoyée au Bureau manquait quelque soixante-dix noms. Ces lacunes ont été comblées grâce à la vigilance de notre secrétaire, qui a ainsi réussi à tout mettre dans l'ordre. Tous les membres, donc, ont dû recevoir leur bulletin, même si dans certains cas il leur soit parvenu avec quelques semaines de retard.

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES

Who ? What ? Where ? Why ? When ?

by **Nancy Marrelli**

(Nancy Marrelli was the guest speaker at the October 1997 meeting of the Association. Owing to pressure of regular business, she did not have time to do justice to her topic, and we asked her to write an account of the work of Archives. Being a modest person, Nancy did not include details of her pioneering work in the field - setting up the Archives in the basement of a house, coping with the flood following a fire and supervising the freezing then the unsticking of the sodden material, its transportation to temporary rented quarters in a commercial building, and, finally, the move to a permanent home in the former Science Library in the Hall Building - Ed.)

"The Concordia Archives is the official repository for the documents of Concordia University and of its two founding institutions, Loyola College and Sir George Williams University. The collection of institutional material includes official records and department files of the University, publications, plans, photographs, audio-visual materials, and a small collection of artifacts.

"The Archives also collects private papers of faculty and staff members and other materials relating to the institution or people/activities associated with it. In addition, Archives collects private papers to support the research activities of the academic programmes of the University, within limited areas of specialization and in cooperation with other archival institutions.

"Archives is located on the tenth floor of the Hall Building, in room H-1015. There is an open space for public consultation, and an extensive storage area which is closed to the public. We are open for consultation Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 4.45 p.m., except from June to August, when we are closed between noon and 1.30 p.m. and on Fridays from 1 p.m."

So much for the official descriptions!

The Archives exist to be the institutional memory of Concordia University, and also to collect research materials to support the academic programme of the University. We do records management and take care of the historical archives of the University.

The records management part of our job includes such activities as developing a University Filing System, providing efficient storage for infrequently used documents, indexing selected University minutes, and generally trying to help the community get a handle on the mass of documentation which we produce and disseminate. At the same time, we ensure that Concordia meets its legal obligation to document its activities as a

publicly-funded body and to make this documentation accessible to the public, as appropriate. We try to ensure that there is a good record of Concordia University activities available to our own university community, to the public in general and to the research community.

In order to round out the Concordia "record", we collect and make available documentation produced by related bodies, such as student groups, and individuals who are associated with the University in one way or another.

We also collect, organize, preserve and make accessible some non-institutional material which is valuable to researchers and which supports the Concordia academic programme. The areas in which we currently have materials are: the Montreal visual arts community, especially alternate art galleries since the 1970s, Montreal jazz history, the Montreal Irish community, and various communication materials.

If you lined up our boxes end-to-end, they would measure about 2.5 kilometres.

That's a lot of boxes!!! Some of these boxes contain administrative documentation such as minutes, annual reports, financial records, etc. Other boxes contain University publications such as academic calendars, newspapers, magazines, newsletters, yearbooks, brochures, posters, student handbooks, etc. We have over 20,000 photographs, dating from the early days of SGW and Loyola up to the present. There are some oversize boxes, which contain plans of our buildings, including some from the very early years. We have a very significant collection of film, video and sound recordings of University events and visiting speakers and performances. Other boxes contain the records of groups such as the alumni associations, or the research files of individual faculty or staff members. We also collec things like trophies, crests, buttons and other memorabilia.

We have boxes of non-institutional material, such as records of *Véhicule* and *Optica*, significant Montreal alternate art galleries; important documentation of Montreal jazz history, including black and white musicians' scrapbooks from the 1930s, which document Montreal social history; and some very interesting documentation on the Montreal Irish community, which was so closely associated with Loyola. The Archives is part of the network of research facilities which makes historical documentation available to researchers.

The Archives provides service to administrators, faculty, students and staff, as well as to the general public and researchers from all over the world. We have a web site (http://archives3.concordia.ca/) which describes our holdings and the services we offer. Researchers use our collections in person, by telephone, mail, fax and e-mail. As well as academics, we frequently provide information to alumni, the media, film makers, and others who are looking for information about Concordia and/or Montreal.

We also provide expertise to the University community concerning preservation, and we give student orientation sessions in how to use archives.

If you have Concordia-related material which you would like to donate to the Archives, please contact us, and we will let you know if it would be useful to us. If you would like to do research in the Archives, please give us a call (tel. 848-7775; fax 848-2857).

DON'T JUST SEND IN YOUR CV - BE ONE!

The Book Fair, held in the atrium of the McConnell Building on February 26 and 27, was the first major event sponsored by the Concordia Volunteers (**CVs**). The **CVs** are an *ad hoc* group, representing faculty and staff, that came together in 1996 to plan ways in which we could support the University in difficult times. The money raised by the Book Fair ($4600) will be given out in the form of student loans and support for the student food bank. The exercise will be repeated next year. We will be calling on you throughout the year to donate books and/or to volunteer your help at next year's fair.

CONVOCATIONS REVISITED

by **Ken Adams**

(Ken Adams was for many years University Registrar. As part of the "Remember when?" series, he contributes the following personal reflections)

My first encounter with an on-stage experience at convocation was in 1968, when Don Peets asked me to replace him at the last minute. One of my functions was to robe the honorary degree candidates with their hoods. There were two candidates that year, the first being a gentleman at least six feet three inches tall. I was quite nervous since the mortar board added another two inches to his height. The time arrived, and standing on tip-toe I reached up and successfully deposited the hood on his shoulders. The second candidate, to my relief, was about five-five - no problem here, I thought. I casually placed the hood over his head and on to his shoulders - the job was done. I turned to walk back to my seat when I heard a wave of laughter, Unfortunately, I had left the hood hanging from his nose!

Once, when an honorary degree recipient was delivering the convocation address, his speech was more a series of reminiscences. Unfortunately, they were unending. The graduates, their families and guests were getting restless. They applauded at what seemed to be logical breaks, but to no avail - he continued his reminiscences. After suffering the pleading and angry looks of the Chancellor, the Rector and my boss, I was forced to rise and walk up to the speaker's side and quietly whisper in his ear: "I'm afraid the graduates want to receive their diplomas". It's funny now, but it was embarrassing then.

A year later, I was honoured by being selected to present Maureen Forrester for an honorary degree. A bonus was having lunch with her before the ceremony. It was a great experience. During the luncheon we discussed our inability to get the graduates and their friends to sing the National Anthem. Dr. Smola asked her if she could lead in the singing of the Anthem. Her reply was inconclusive. When we arrived at the theatre Ms. Forrester asked to be excused for a moment to use the phone. When she returned, she informed me that she had cleared the matter with her manager, and that she would be delighted to sing. The reaction to the Anthem was tremendous.

The Arts and Science convocation of 1979 will never be forgotten. For several years convocations were held outdoors on the Loyola campus. To allow time for the physical set-up it was the practice to meet early in the morning with the supplier and the Physical Plant staff to decide whether the ceremony was to be held inside or out. While it was cloudy and dark, the forecast was encouraging. The decision was to go - outside! As the day progressed, it got brighter, and I was pleased that the senior administration agreed with the decision. The ceremony was to begin at 2 p.m. I had given the signal for the graduates' procession to start. The platform party was just outside the door when the rains came! Bedlam! The graduates and their guests ran for cover. They were directed to the gym across the street. Upon arrival, the doors were locked! The ceremony finally started. Then the sun came out. Following the ceremony, the reception was set up outside. It was still sunny, but within ten minutes the rain came again. Bedlam once more, with people scurrying for cover, punch-bowls being overturned and sandwiches floating on the rain water! The Fates were active! I found out later that it didn't rain downtown, or on the West Island, or in Laval, or on the South Shore. It only rained in Montreal West and in the western fringe of NDG!

Other strange events included: a convocation speaker in jeans and running shoes; a streaker, who never made it to the stage (I hope he wasn't a graduate!); the bright and sunny 1967 Expo convocation - you didn't need a programme to know who had attended - the sunburn on one side of their face was enough.

THEATRE EVENT - STEPHEN SONDHEIM'S "INTO THE WOODS"

D.B. Clarke Theatre (Hall Building), **Sunday, April 27 at 2 p.m.** Tickets $8.00 for Seniors. A lunch is planned in a nearby restaurant if enough people show an interest. Call Geoff Adams at 461-3487 to indicate commitment to the play or the lunch or both.

TRAVEL FOR SENIORS

by **Joe Berlettano**

(We discovered that our membership includes an expert in the travel field - Joe Berlettano, Vice-president of the ADVANtagE House of Travel Kelen, where he is particularly involved in tours for seniors. We asked him to give us a few pointers)

The travel industry is one of the fastest-growing industries in the world. Thirty-five years ago there were 55 million tourist arrivals recorded annually around the world. Today, that number is over 500 million and it continues to grow at a remarkable pace. According to a National Tour Association survey, 21.2 million people purchased a package trip or tour last year in North America, up from 19.5 million in 1994.

Today's travellers are more sophisticated and expect a great deal more from travel counsellors. Selling travel in the context of today's travel environment is more difficult and demanding. The travel industry has become more complex and competitive than in the past. Travellers as well as travel agencies are faced with on-going industry changes that include commission caps, ticketless travel, new airlines, new routes, different types of air-mile and frequent-traveller programmes, as well as a mind-boggling array of fares and services.

During the past few years society has also experienced a significant trend towards early retirement. As a direct result, "travel for seniors" has become and will continue to be a very important market. In response to this growing market, certain tour companies and cruise lines are packaging new products aimed at the over-55 market. Theme cruises and land tours which focus on such activities as golf, music, sports, nature, history, culture, etc. are now available.

Tips for senior travellers:

To ensure that Seniors receive information on the best possible range of products and services at competitive prices we suggest the following:

1. Obtain the advice of a trained qualified CLIA Certified Cruise Counsellor when planning a cruise.

2. Obtain the advice of a qualified Professional Travel Counsellor when planning vacation travel.

3 Advise the travel counsellor at the time of booking that you are a senior, in order to benefit from travel programmes offering senior discounts - e.g. a 10% discount is available on many North American flights; some hotels offer senior discounts; cruise lines sometimes offer special senior promotional rates.

4. Advise the travel counsellor if you are a member of any group offering discounts - e.g. CAA members are often entitled to special car, hotel and other discounts.

5. Advise the travel counsellor if you have been on a cruise before, because some cruise lines offer special discounts to members of their alumni.

6. If you are travelling alone and don't mind sharing, you can sometimes save the single supplement cost by requesting the "single share rate".

7. With rising health care costs and diminishing provincial health plan benefits it makes good sense to carry the extra protection of emergency medical insurance when travelling. Don't leave home without insurance. Travel with peace of mind!

(Joe's company publishes six times a year an in-house magazine called "Maturity", designed exclusively for older Canadians. A complimentary copy can be obtained by calling 842-8000. Ed.)

Annual General Meeting
Assemblée générale annuelle

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 29, 1997 at 10.30 a.m. **in the Senate Chamber in the Drummond Science Building, Loyola Campus.**

L'Assemblée générale annuelle aura lieu le mardi 29 avril, 1997 à 10h30 ***dans la Senate Chamber, Pavillon Drummond Science, campus Loyola.***

POETS' CORNER

Readers will recall the delightful poem by Henry Beissel published in our last number under the title "Anno Aetatis Sexagesimo", in which he soliloquized on the pros and cons of reaching the age of three-score, including an awareness of teen-age-like "cardiac upheavals" caused by the sight of a much younger member of the opposite sex. We should, of course, hasten to explain to those who omitted to take Latin at school that "sexagesimo" has nothing to do with that all-present three-letter word. Henry's poem aroused a response from Tom Nogrady, whose primary reputation is that of a biochemist, so that he spent his Concordia years unaware of Henry's presence under the same academic roof. We take pleasure in printing this below, with the delighted approval of Henry Beissel, who points out that contrary to what might be inferred from his poem, he is in fact somewhat closer to Tom in age. What this means in terms of cardiac upheavals is not for your Editor to speculate upon.

ANNO AETATIS SEPTUAGESIMO (+1)

Responsum ad Henricum Beissel

by Tom Nogrady

Henry, my young friend, at sixty years of age
Is just a kid - not qualified to gauge
Retirement he has not even reached,
The threshold so much expected when breached.

So let me tell you what you can expect
But only if you, too, are circumspect.
"A little exercise, a little rest"
I'm sure young Henry is obsessed by jest.
"A little rest" - ha! - a snooze is *de rigueur*
If you hope to function when the clock strikes *dix heures.*

It's true, though, that one's "cardiac upheaval",
While a misnomer, is still quite primeval.
That's good! Because if you perchance outgrew
The urge to learn and other urges too
You are doomed to turn into an old f..... ,
Which is to be avoided - so said Descartes.
As to your views on selfishness and greed
And politics despicable - agreed!

So, my young friend, the one I've not met,
Ageing is a qualitative game of roulette
Where, if you want to win, you must recall
What gave you pleasure without a pratfall.

As for becoming wise:
Me neither - it's just a disguise.

Postscriptum: this will teach you never to provoke a biochemist into writing poetry.

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS / *NOUVELLES DE NOS MEMBRES*

We are happy to welcome the following, who have joined CUPA since the last issue / *Nous sommes heureux d'accueillir ceux et celles qui sont devenu/e/s membres de l'ARUC depuis la dernière livraison du CUPARUC:*

Sylvia Carter, Claude Denis, Sol Katz, Gwen Newsham, Iris Robbins, Pierre Simon.

We regret to announce the death of / *nous regrettons d'annoncer le décès de:* **Kenneth Cunningham** (Feb. 10).

Teresa Amorim, daughter of **Artur Amorim** writes: "Thank you for keeping in touch with your retired members, even if they don't participate in your activities. Because of a language handicap my father is not as active as he would like, but he's always happy when I explain to him any correspondence you send". A sua saude, Artur!

Paul Arsenault writes: "I'm down on good old PEI, resting up after my four years' coaching in Europe - Italy and Slovenia. I hope to return to coaching again next season somewhere ?? In the meantime I'm looking for a little tourist business here on the Island to the advantage of our new bridge."

Pierre Simon nous écrit: "Je viens à l'instant de recevoir le bulletin de nouvelles de l'association des retraités de l'Université Concordia. Je ne suis pas membre car, en fait, j'ignorais son existence ou je l'avais tout bonnement oubliée. Comme je vis essentiellement à la Côte d'Azur (dans les faubourgs de Cannes) je n'ai naturellement que peu de contacts avec la vie associative montréalaise. Je désire néanmoins être membre de l'association. Je reste intéressé par tout ce qui se fait à Concordia où j'ai passé quelques belles années de ma vie. Après quelques opérations cardiaques, la dernière remontant à 1996, je me suis assez bien rétabli et j'ai même repris le tennis (en double!). Ma vie de retraité se passe assez bien et l'environnement de Cannes me va à ravir. Il y a toujours quelque chose qui se passe dans cette région, et le soleil, la mer et les palmiers ajoutent une très belle note à ce décor."

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