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Community Affairs Coordinator, Carolyn Robinson, links Dal with Halifax community organizations, all out of her closet in the Student Council offices.

Community Affairs Secretary explains herself

by Kim Marchant

Secretaries do it from nine to five and then some, as is the case with Carolyn Robinson, Community Affairs Secretary for the 1981-82 academic season.

"I act as a liaison between the Dalhousie community and the Halifax-Dartmouth metro area," she said. "I am a channel through which the two communities can remain in contact with one another."

Robinson does several things to achieve this. She helps to recruit volunteers for different organizations and she sponsors lectures and panel discussions that are of general interest.

She planned a seminar on rape which took place last Wednesday in the Green Room of the Student Union Building.

"In spite of ample warning not to do so, there are too many women still travelling alone at

night thinking, 'it will never happen to me,'" said Robinson. "I hope the seminar will inform women how and why they should be more careful."

The seminar attempted to be informative with representatives from the medical and legal professions, Women Against Violence Against Women organization, The Halifax Police Department and Dalhousie Security taking part.

Robinson recruits volunteers for organizations such as Citizen Advocacy, The Art Gallery of Nova Scotia and the Infirmary and Camp Hill Hospitals. Other contacts are the Drug Dependency Centre and A Woman's Place.

"Dalhousie is an institution of learning, what better place is there to extract help and information from?" she said.

The Community Affairs office

was established in 1974 by Michael Link, a former Dal student. Applications for the position are accepted every spring.

Robinson was appointed by past vice-president Jeff Champion and this year's president John Logan last April. When Logan made one of her suggestions into a paper airplane and flew it across the room Robinson had serious doubts about accepting the position, she said.

"I hope to give the Community Affairs Office a higher profile on campus and in the community. I am open to any ideas and suggestions people may have."

Robinson's office is on the second floor of the SUB. She can be reached at 424-3527. Get involved with Community Affairs for the community's sake.

The dawning of two-way TV courses

HALIFAX (CUP) — The day may not be far away when Mount St. Vincent University students will be able to pick up degrees without ever having set foot on campus.

Starting in January, 20 half courses will be offered in an experimental programme involving what has been dubbed "interactional/instructional television."

Students enrolled in these courses will be able to receive a lecture being broadcast from Mount St. Vincent on a twelve inch black and white television screen and will be able to interact with the actual classroom by speaking into a microphone provided with each of the TV sets.

The sets will be set up initially in four separate locations around metropolitan Halifax.

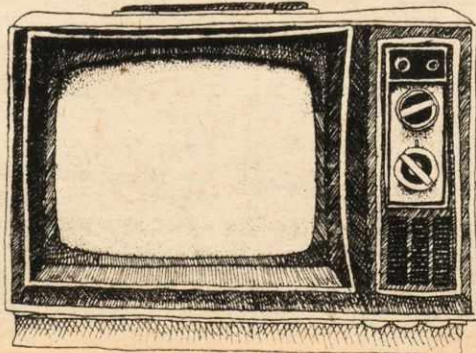
Dr. E.M. Fulton, President of Mount St. Vincent, said that the biggest downfall of similar programmes was that the broadcast was unidirectional.

"People don't do well unless they have a chance to interact," she said.

"What we need is an imagina-

tive kind of distance education." Fulton added that she felt the programme is such an example.

Currently the project is focussed at people in the workplace. Of the 20 courses being offered, 12-14 are in business, public relations and secretarial skills.



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