

Classics department to be dismantled?

By John Dougan

In a recent interview with James Kelly, it was learned of Senate's pending debate regarding the Smith Committee's recommendation to dismantle the Classic department.

Kelly, who is chairman of the department, stressed that "for anyone reading the report with an unbiased mind, it is clear that the recommendation to dismantle is not a hostile one."

The committee prefaced this recommendation with an earlier one urging the University to re-affirm the importance of Greek and Latin studies by maintaining

two tenure — stream positions in Classics. This would be achieved by lodging the two professors and their courses with the history and language departments.

The Smith Committee, which is the Senate Committee on Academic Priorities and Long-term Academic Planning, was intended to be the main effort on the part of the U.P.E.I. to order its academic activities to best cope with its tight resources.

It examines every academic department in the University and offers an assessment of their condition of operation and in most cases offers recommendations for the

future.

The recommendations, in some cases, included an upgrading or development of programs, while in others no change in status resulted with the suggestions for improvement.

The recommendations in some cases indicated a lowering of status. This could be achieved, in a sense, by linking existing majors with some other discipline to form a joint major.

In the case of Classics, however, there would be an even further reduction. "The department," Kelly said, "even in its present state has never had the right to

offer a major."

The Senate of the University is proceeding systematically through the findings of the Smith report and is now preparing to debate the recommendations pertaining to Classics.



SU sets up committee to study College

By Ruth Edgett

The SU Council voted Sunday to set up a student-faculty committee to examine long-term effects the Atlantic Regional Veterinary College will have on UPEI.

The council picked three students to the five-member committee and will be seeking two additional members appointed by the Faculty Association.

Its object will be to examine the economic and academic impact of the new college and weigh the positive and negative effects.

Student members on the committee are SU President Jack Keefe, Michele Dorsey and Kenny Baker.

The formation of the committee is a result of discussion among council members about the college. Construction on the new facility is to begin this year.

Keefe expressed concern in light of recent meetings in Charlottetown of provincial education ministers. He said they seemed to favor the idea of having universities specialize in certain areas, and he said he is worried UPEI could be left specializing in veterinary medicine.

Keefe said he's also worried about the distribution of educational funding

after the new vet school becomes operational. He said the university could see money going toward traditional arts and science programs and to the vet school at the expense of disciplines such as business and engineering.

Keefe said the location of the vet college here has been viewed by politicians, not

necessarily as a benefit to the university, but as a "capital intensive project" that will provide employment and attract money to P.E.I.

However, he said, a committee such as the one established Sunday will attempt to identify benefits as well as negative factors associated with the vet college.

Senate unclear on Vet college status

By Carolyn Ryan

UPEI has three choices as to the status of the Atlantic Veterinary College within its own structure, reports the chairman of Senate's ad hoc steering committee on the College.

The three are: 1) integration as a faculty within the university, 2) federation with the university, and 3) affiliation with the university (the most remote of the three defining relationships).

If Senate chooses integration, as recommended by Vet College Dean Reginald Thomson, the 1974 University Act will not need to be changed by government in

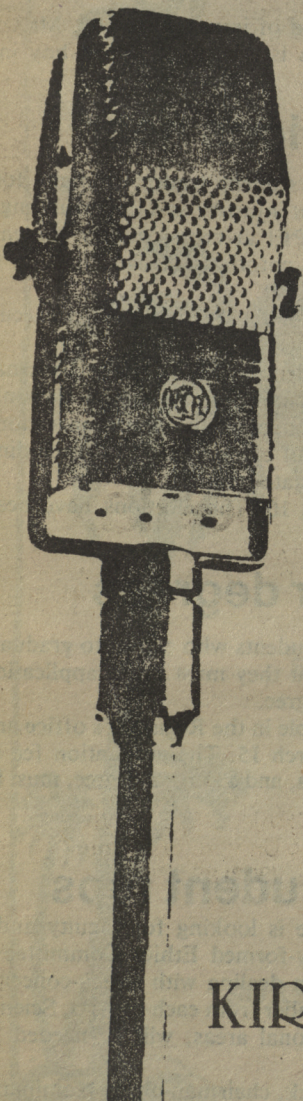
its next sitting, which begins in March.

It either of the other two options are chosen, enabling legislation must be prepared and advanced by government.

Thomson says the College may not receive full accreditation with the American Association of Veterinary Medicine unless it has full status as a faculty within the university.

After much impassioned discussion, Senate asked the steering committee chair Ivan Dowling to prepare detailed explanations on the three terms. A special Senate meeting will be called to discuss the results.

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