

Trouble In The A/V Lab

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I recently visited UPEI's audiovisual lab, located in the AVC, and felt rather disappointed as I left. This was because the attendant told me that the equipment housed there was only available for students doing formal assignments. A professor's permission is required to borrow any of the supplies: standard procedure, apparently.

But, what of the students in my position? I had intended to borrow the camera in order to record a short film. This was not decided on a whim, I have been interested in film making for some time, but lost access to a camera when I moved to Charlottetown. This somewhat disheartening experience serves as an antithesis to one of the basic principles of any university: To allow students to become free-thinking, functional members of society. If we, (the students) are not allowed to explore and pursue our interests, this imposes a sort of "manufactured" free thought. Meaning that, we are only allowed to explore those areas that have already been deemed "useful" by society.

Of course, this could be for a simple reason: lack of demand. Perhaps, there aren't many students clamouring for

audiovisual equipment to serve their non-academic needs. And the University has adapted to accommodate this. Basically, the "average" student has been shifted to describe those who are studious, but not very adventurous. As a result, UPEI has developed as a school with enthusiastic nurturing of academic pursuits, but is seemingly oblivious of other, "lesser" interests a student may wish to develop.

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My interpretation of this situation is rather extreme. As with anything else, there may be another way for me to obtain the equipment I need (aside from actually buying it). In any case, more student interest needs to be shown in areas such as these. Although, heightened awareness wouldn't completely solve the problem, it would serve to dispel the idea that university is a place of "manufactured" free thought.

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