

Convocation Speaker—The one and Only Illich

Choices for a convocation speaker were made at a meeting of the Senior Class last Wednesday night in the Panther Lounge; Ivan Illich was the first choice with second going to Chinua Achebe and third to June Callwood. These persons were chosen by a vote of members of the Senior class present. Early in the semestre, class President, Laurie Quiggan, set up nomination boxes so seniors could submit suggestions. At the end of October Laurie collected the suggestions and a Convocation Committee was set up to tabulate the results. There were numerous suggestions put forth ranging from Herbert Marcuse to Adrienne Clarkson to a "P.E.I. farmer with shit on his boots". Illich and Achebe were among the

favourites.

A meeting of the Senior class was held in early November and more suggestions were taken. In the second set as well, Achebe and Illich were again among the favourites. The vote held on Wednesday night was the final one. Illich again was heavily favoured by the majority of students.

Ivan Illich, an Austrian Educator and Expert on International affairs, has written several books. One, Deschooling Society, has been internationally acclaimed by a wide range of educational and societal prominaries. Illich has put forth vibrant shock waves onto an educational system which he says stands for oppression rather than liberation of the individual and the

society. He has a number of violent criticisms about the non-practicality of our present system and its inability to operate functionally within our present world structure. He as well puts forth several 'real' propositions on how we might effectively alter this network of bureaucracy in a fruitful manner. He is presently teaching in a university in Cerro de las Campanas, Mexico, which he founded.

For once I think that the choice for Speaker has gone in the right direction. A visit by Ivan Illich is something that would go down in the short history of this university, something that would leave a lasting impression on U.P.E.I.

Charles M. Mills

Wind Energy Shows Promise

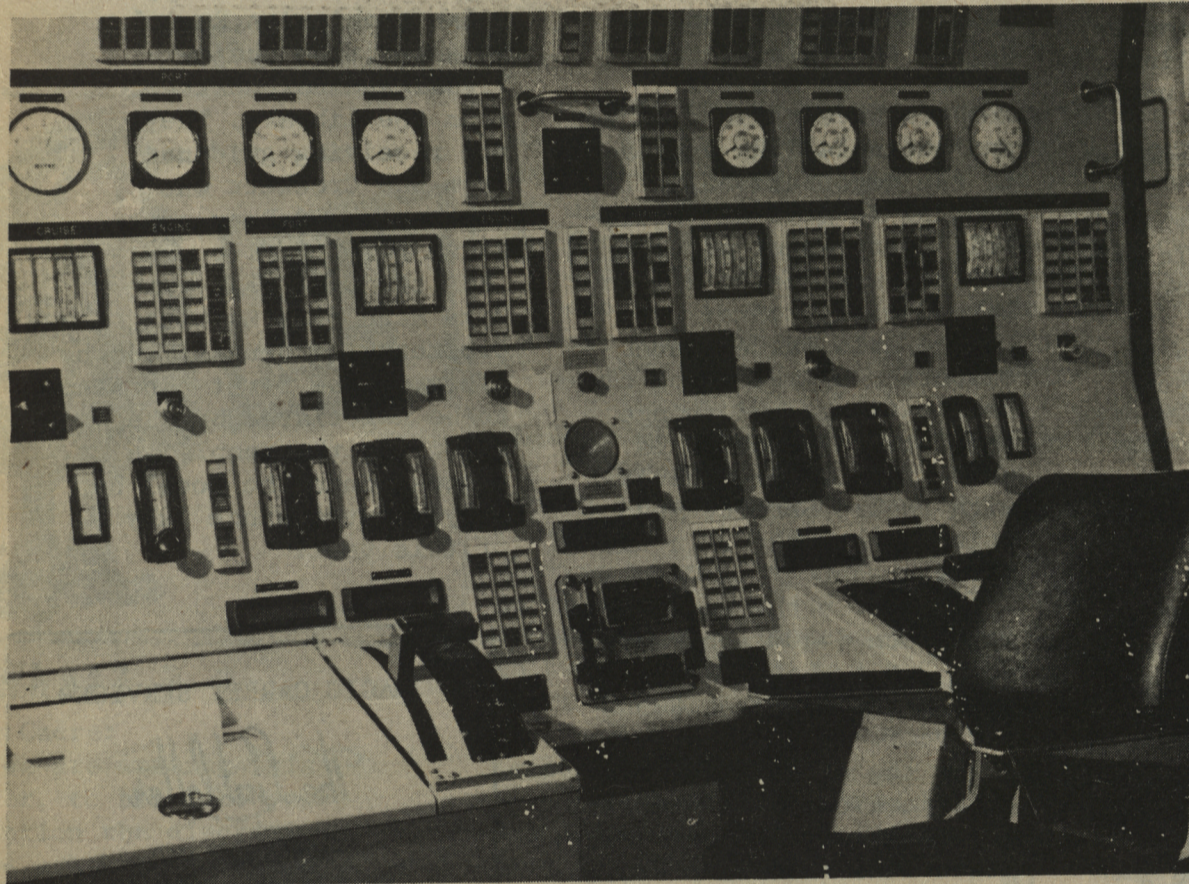
Wind-electric generators, small stream hydro-electric generators, Solar energy, Fuel Cells and Methane gas are only a few of the self-sufficient or supplementary power sources which utilize the forces of nature without causing environmental stress or pollution.

Wind generators, although in service in many regions of the world, are relatively new to Canada. However, in the face of ever increasing energy costs and the uncertainties of continuous power from conventional sources, power generation from the wind has come into acceptability as a viable alternative for a variety of applications.

It should be noted that the proliferation of tractor and gasoline powered generators has been vigorous in recent years throughout the province as farmers realize the need to protect themselves from electrical power interruptions. It has been demonstrated that wind-generators can fulfill this same purpose with the added advantage of being operable 365 days of the year allowing the user to benefit from the generation of power on a full time basis by supplementing his energy requirements as well as providing energy for essential services during periods of conventional power outages.

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Donna Clarkin



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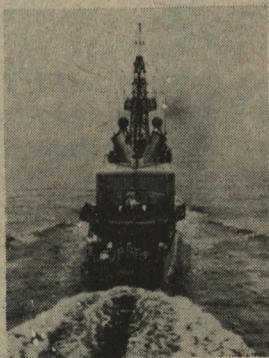
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