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Dr. Dasgupta is positive for the policy's future. "It may make it easier to quit... the best thing to do is quit. I know it's not that easy; it took me 20 years." Currently, people are obeying the no-smoking policy in the cafeteria. However, the weather is still relatively warm. "The winter time is the real test. It'll be hard on the people who smoke to adjust... but, they will adjust." On the successful integration of

the plan, Dasgupta admitted that the "policy can only be implemented if it's accepted on people's own volition.

"Up to this point, smokers have been cooperative. It's difficult to police people whether or not they are smoking. The feeling's already established that you don't smoke in public places. I feel that people will (follow the policy) on their own volition... (with) no need to police it."

This is a policy based on respect for a non-

smokers right to breathe clean air and respect for a smokers right to smoke. It provides designated areas for smokers in each building, and it details that smoke cannot recirculate in smoke-free places such as lounges. In the past, students and faculty have voluntarily followed the university's non-smoking policy for classrooms. In effect, this is a natural extension of that trend. It's up to the Board of Governors to deal with the policy to ensure the health and rights of all people here at UPEI are considered. ■



WHAT HAVE THEY DONE TO OUR BEAUTIFUL CAMPUS?

The New Hot Water Heating System

by Chris Vessey

As you may have noticed, the entire campus of UPEI is currently undergoing major renovations. There are hundreds upon hundreds of feet of insulated piping laying about the grounds. You ask, "what is it all for?"

It's called "District Heating". It is a project of the PEI Energy Corp., in conjunction with UPEI, and phase 1 should be complete by mid-November. The Utility building on campus is the source of hot water that is piped to Towers, Holland College Royalty Centre, Charlottetown Rural High, Mount St. Mary's, the Sisters of St. Martha, and of course buildings on our own campus. In Phase 2, to be next year, the system will supply the K-Mart shopping plaza, the RCMP station, the Department of Agriculture, and will eventually meet a simi-

lar system progressing from a boiler downtown.

The system is called a closed-loop energy transfer line. This means that the water that is in the pipes doesn't leave them; it runs around this thermal piping, continuously. At each station (or building) there is a converter which transfers the heat energy in the water of the closed loop to the water of the station, which is separate from the loop. The loop water loses heat, and the station's water gains the heat. This process is called "Energy Conversion", and is deemed to be quite efficient.

The startling fact about this is that UPEI receives no revenue from this operation. The project is funded by the PEI Energy Corp., and so the maintenance and insurance costs are paid for by the corporation.

"It (the project) evolved, originally,

after UPEI entered into a Canertec Agreement, three or four years ago, which was an energy retrofit," says Don Coles, Director of the UPEI Physical Plant.

According to Coles, the retrofit produced a substantial yearly savings. After the Canertec agreement they explored the possibilities of going with solar heating (as evidenced by collectors on Duffy and the Utility building), or "biomass". The biomass system became the wood chip system currently in use.

Currently, the utility building houses 4 boiler systems, 1 wood chip and 3 "Bunker C" oil burning units. According to Coles, the total energy output of the 4 boilers is approximately 2300 horsepower.

The trenches around campus should all be filled in by mid-November and the system will be up and running. ■

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