

Campus goes FM

Crazy Idiots Making Noise in your home?

By Denise Richardson

Within a week anyone who wants to hear CIMN at home will have the opportunity by way of Cable Vision.

A new Modulator Converter arrived at the Barn Oct. 31, after a long 18 month wait.

The modulator converter takes the radio signal from CIMN and sends it through cablevision of P.E.I. The signal can then be sent

through your television cable.

The modulator tunes and sends out the FM signal. It is the power out put unit tuned to 102.3 on your FM dial.

This service will be available to anyone who has cable service.

What will be the benefits of spending \$3300 on a piece of equipment for the radio station. Radio station manager Ken Baker said "It will hopefully increase the listening

audience, give off-campus students an idea what is going on here and increase advertisement potential.

Baker said the modulator was "top of the line equipment for the price we payed, so hopefully it will last if it is looked after properly".

Once the equipment is set up, it will likely take about a week to work all of the bugs out since the station's format has been changed.

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A time for memories and reflection

By John Dougan

Gene Gorman, a retired bureaucrat and a W.W. II veteran representing the Canadian Legion, came to UPEI to share his views on war and Remembrance day. He, unfortunately had no audience; but he decided to share his feelings anyway.

He said "even during this week of Remembrance, the men and women involved in such experience recoil from the pain of its recollection. Standing in the ruins of London, Coventry, or

Hamburg, you couldn't have felt any exhilaration."

Gorman added "for many who came back there is the haunting awareness of the 'lost years', the sadness of finding it necessary to devote these critical and productive years of one's life to an experience so terrible and yet so necessary."

"Men and women were often called upon to defend and even die for their ideals and freedoms. It was not blood, race, and creed alone that made men kin, but ideas

as well."

It is right, therefore, for us to remember those men and women who sacrificed so much in the name of freedom and heritage.

The conflicts and inhumanities which we can see taking place make us realize that our struggles are not over. The rights and wrongs of certain issues are easily distinguishable and can become even more so by working to achieve "good, informed, and concerned citizenship."



Despite rough play, the Panthers hockey squad went on to beat St. Mary's in two games straight last weekend. Photo: Blacquiere.

New college "patronage scheme" - Webster

By Ruth Edgett

While some ponder the most suitable way to integrate the Atlantic Regional Veterinary College with the rest of UPEI, at least one professor says the best idea is not to integrate at all.

"I can't conceive why we should want to integrate it," says Political Studies Chair Gary Webster. In his view the best way to deal with the new facility is to let the veterinary experts handle what they know best and for the rest of the UPEI faculty to mind its own business. That is to ensure the university serves the purpose for which it was established.

Webster's says integration could go as far as a joint decision making body that would report to the board of governors; or the vet school faculty could form its own council that would report directly to the board.

Webster says he is one of a number of faculty members who doesn't approve of the college, but who, in the past six years have not been encouraged to talk about its expected effects on the existing institution.

"The veterinary college is not primarily an education project, it is a development scheme." It's been promoted by politicians, businessmen and some farmers but not a significant extent by academics, he says. Meanwhile most Islanders see it as a source of money and jobs rather than as an educational institution.

Webster describes the college as a "patronage scheme" in which the federal government and those of the Atlantic Provinces have been induced to put money into a project that is expected to generate more money for Prince Edward Island.

The political studies professor says dissenting views on the college haven't been made public because of internal pressure to keep quiet. And the last meeting to openly discuss the

broad implications of the college was at Senate in 1976 when a vote in favor of the principle of establishing a veterinary school passed by a narrow margin of eleven to nine.

"Now that it's (the college) here, it is very important for Islanders to understand that it's purpose is not the same as the purpose of UPEI — that is to provide a broad education to the largest possible number of P.E.I. high school graduates. By its nature it is limited to a small elite; by its nature it is extremely expensive."

The faculty will consist of 50 full-time instructors and with the addition of lecturers from other schools, could total 70. That number compares to about 110 professors at UPEI. The college will hold 200 students, while UPEI this year has about 1,700. Owing to a scarcity of veterinarians in Canada, people willing to move to P.E.I. and teach at the veterinary school will no doubt be scarce and expensive.

That brings up one of Webster's main concerns: that the school will end up costing so much to run that provincial money for secondary education will go to the vet college at the expense of liberal arts and science programs at UPEI. Webster isn't sure how cost effective the new institution will be, and he says he hasn't seen any figures to relieve his concerns.

As well, the Prince Edward Island government made a poor business deal when it signed the funding agreement for the \$36.5 million facility, says Webster. The federal government agreed to pay 50 per cent of the construction cost and the four Atlantic Provinces, the other 50 per cent. Of the \$18 million split among the four provinces, P.E.I. pays \$7.1 million and has agreed to pay for cost overruns. And costs that exceed budgeted amounts seem to be common place among public construction projects.

"In terms of paying for this, its my guess that the province of Prince Edward Island is going to find itself in big trouble."

Webster says the threat of cost overruns in construction and administration of the new facility means UPEI administrators are going to have to be very careful that the new institution doesn't "bankrupt the entire post-secondary education system on P.E.I."

The professor says another question that needs answering is who the beneficiaries of the new facility will be aside from the graduates. Although P.E.I.'s cattle herds are cited as one reason for locating the college here, Webster says his information is that commercial herds on the Island are on the way out. The planned Canada Packers closure in Charlottetown and the high costs of shipping together with a weak dairy industry means Island cattle farmers are finding it increasingly harder to recover their costs of production. So, a few years down the road, the new vet college might find itself with hardly any herds to service.

As for aquaculture, Webster says he hasn't received much information on that branch of the veterinary school. But he said he wonders whether the work that will be done with marine life will benefit independent fishermen or large fish corporations.

So far, says Webster, there's been a lot of PR about the new college but no concrete answers to hard questions, such as whether the facility be cost effective. He said the university community has been "sold short" and kept in the dark during the planning of the college.

He summed it up this way: If a business student were assigned to do a policy project and he came up with answers similar to those given to faculty members about the vet college, he would flunk.