



Capital Campaign

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support nearly one quarter of UPEI's student population.

The Cass Science building will be completely gutted, although the sound outer structure will be preserved. Renovations to the building are necessary because it no longer meets today's strict environmental standards and scientific safety codes. Classrooms and offices will be built to enable Cass to be used as a general sciences building, including space for engineering, math,

and computer science. Space presently used by those faculties in Memorial and Duffy will be used to expand the departments of psychology and biology. Founding members of the science departments at St. Dunstan's University and Prince of Wales College will have floors in the science facilities named after them in recognition of their contribution to the university community.

Renovations are set to begin later this fall.

Universities Rejoin MacLean's Survey

manner this year, allowing students to read the raw data and form their own opinions, rather than just ranking the schools, says Morris.

"We have seen some changes in the methodology and, although the methodology is not perfect, at this point its better to participate than not to participate," said Don Barnard, vice-president of the U of R.

"It gets more information about the institution to people across the country."

Morris admitted that promoting the university across Canada was a factor in the decision to rejoin.

"Memorial is looking further afield to attract students, (we're) looking to other regions of the country," he said.

Victor Dwyer, Maclean's education editor, said the magazine is delighted to have the universities back in the survey, which he says makes schools accountable.

"There is a full spectrum that gives you a picture of all universities. I think that is good as students are becoming more finicky about where they go (and) as universities are asking them to pay more," Dwyer said.

But while universities may feel the survey is better, Canada's largest student organization is still calling it a farce.

The Canadian Federation of Students was opposed to the survey from the beginning because of its arbitrary and artificial nature, said na-

tional chair Brad Lavigne.

"All it does is benefit those institutions that do well in the criteria that the Maclean's editorial staff have described as being important while harming others," Lavigne said.

Lavigne criticized the rankings for punishing universities that promote accessible education and ignoring things like sexual harassment policies.

"These rankings have to be taken with a grain of salt. They mean very little and they help push a particular agenda," Lavigne said.

"It is a very American based, American style of looking at it."

Maclean's ranks school in three categories: Universities with medical schools, schools with a variety of programs, but no medical school, and smaller institutions.

The Maclean's survey hits the racks each November and has been among the magazine's best sellers ever.

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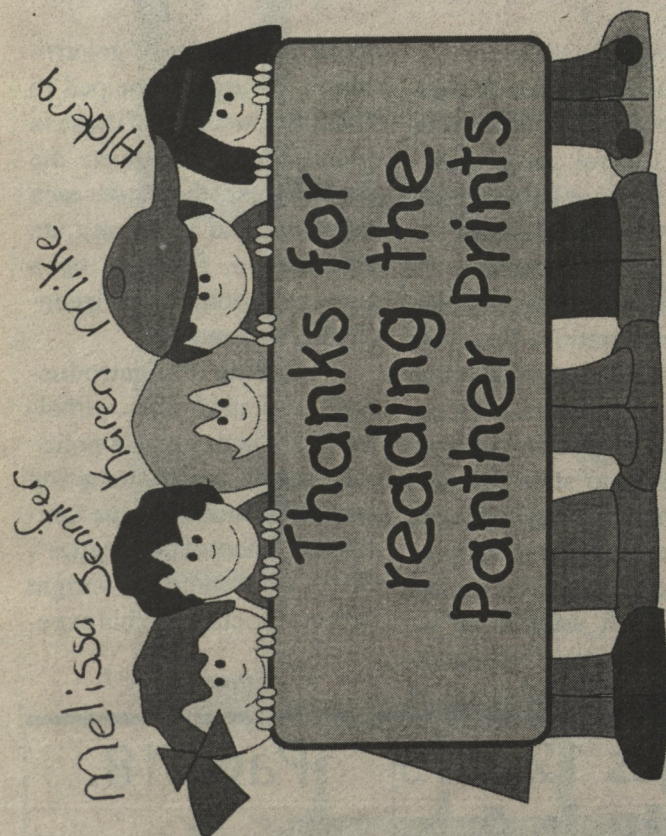
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