

# UPEI GETS COMPUTER

by Dennis MacKay

For the sum of thirty thousand dollars, the University of P.E.I. has purchased a second-hand computer from the University of New Brunswick. The computer, an IBM 1620, came on the market around 1960, then cost \$375,000. The IBM 1620 was succeeded by a newer model in 1965.

John Mainwaring of the Math Department is responsible for getting the computer operational at U.P.E.I. He hopes that it will be ready by the time classes begin. It will be located in Room 208 of the Duffy Science Center. It is hoped that there will be a full-time director for the computer center this term. "As of yet," says Mainwaring, "there is no one with the full-time job of being responsible for the computer."

Any member of Holland College or U.P.E.I. who learns how to use it may use it free. People outside the educational community will have to pay a fee, but no fee has been agreed upon as of yet. As yet there are only two courses which will be using the computer as part of their program; an engineering course and a business course.

Mainwaring said he would like to see a non-credit course given so that interested students and faculty might learn how to use it. According to Mainwaring it is not that difficult to learn how to do simple operations with the computer and manuals on how to use the computer will be on sale at the University Book Store and the Computer Center.

The computer will be used by the University mainly for teaching i.e. how to program and use the computer and academic research. It is not expected to have any administrative use.

What the computer will do apparently depends a great deal upon the operator who is using it.

Evaluating math expressions, sorting information into categories and processing surveys are a few examples of what it can do.

The card reader unit in the computer is capable of reading punched cards and while a good key-punch operator could do one or two cards per minute, the computer can do 500 per minute.

Mainwaring also compared the speed of a reasonably good typist to the speed of the computer. He said that a typist could do two or three printed lines per minute and the computer can do two or three hundred lines. (Of course the newest computer models can do over 1,000 per minute)

Mainwaring stated that the purchase of this somewhat dated computer was an interim solution; and that it was hoped U.P.E.I., Holland College and the provincial government would study the possibility of purchasing a newer model.

## BEAR FACT

by Bearcub M.

CHARLOTTETOWN (CPS) —

We have it from reliable sources that the ever present and growing Bear Party will once again submit a budget to the Student Union Council. The money, if granted, will be used for the purpose of bringing bears back to the Island.

A Bear Party survey reported that out of a total of 30 thousand tourists interviewed this summer 99% said they would not return to the Island because of the absence of bears. The survey also showed that people are in general very disappointed that bringing buffalo to the Island was made a priority over that of the Bears.



The University's IBM-1620 Computer

## 3 NUDE BUSDRIVERS MEAT

— a personal memoir by Guido U. Basso.

Subways always made John have a bird. "Hmmm," said John (or at least that is as close as we can come to what he said) "let's see now, that's three birds to the ounce, four threes are twelve and so are two sixes."

Satisfied by this information John proceeded to declassify the Seven Roads to Wisdom, translated the "Wrestler's Monologue" into Sans Crit, ate himself into a stupor and moments later he awoke on a subway track.

Seeing a light ahead he pressed on. "Hmmm," said John, "a light." John wasn't exactly one of our greatest minds when it came to snappy dialogue. Arm in arm they walked fearfully out of the tunnel. they were in love and looking for a man of godot to marry them. Seeing no one they called for help. "Oh sucker, oh sucker," they observed gally. When he had arrived they were married. The child was named Mordar, after their saviour (over his

strenous objections that the fairy-child be dubbed Mordar II - - or, if you prefer, Mordar also).

Cynthia had the little nipper under a wee (or, in Quebec, oui) fairy toadstool, oblivious to the traumas it might cause that would become apparent when the child entered man's estate.

Mary ran off with a bank manager trainee, John got a divorce and took ballet lessons, and the flaming groovies made porno flicks. More than that is not yet known.

"Hmmm," said John.

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