

Letters to the editor

Sackville Sluggishness
By Jonathan Davis

Here we are, another semester at school started. For many people, this means another year of studying and running back home to friends and family for weekend visits. Last year, I made a weekend trip from PEI to Sackville (Mount Allison) about every second weekend. Each time, there is at least one other person making the exact same trip, catching the 12:30 (12:00) ferry, then the ferries went to their winter schedule bus. This bus would land us in Sackville at about 7pm.

This year, I have made one trip so far, and there was no one else with me. This is surprising, I was expecting homesickness to hit about last weekend when I went. I soon found, to my dismay, that there was a good reason there wasn't anyone else making this trip. The bus schedule had been changed since last year, making it that the 12:30 bus won't deliver one to Sackville until about 9:00pm. This was because there is an almost four hour wait in Moncton with nothing to do. I assume that everyone either didn't think it was worth it, had to pick them up, or just took the 7:45 am bus and skipped their morning classes.

To pass my time in Moncton, I required into the schedule change, and if there was any way to have it changed. Apparently, they are making a new schedule become active in October, and they will welcome suggestions.

So, I am here to try to get word to all those people who also travelled to Sackville last year, and wish to do so this year. We CAN have the schedule changed if we speak up. If you have suggestions for the new schedule, or just feel that we need better (faster) service, you can mail or phone in your feelings.

My suggestion is this: presently, the bus from PEI arrives in Moncton at 4:30pm.

The first departure of any connection from Moncton is not until 5:50pm. That is one hour and twenty minutes of sitting around doing not too much. There is enough time there for the bus to take a different route, one passing through Sackville before going to Moncton. This would get us to Sackville around 4:00-4:15, rather than 9:00pm. Not only is this a lot easier for us, it is actually less work for the bus people because they don't have to play with our baggage in Moncton. Incidentally, the 7:45am bus already takes the Sackville route to catch a train connection. It wouldn't be much trouble for them to make this change. If they could also do the same for the return trip, it would again mean less work for them and less time being bored in a waiting room for us.

To mail a letter to the SMT coordinator, put it in an envelope and address it to:
SMT Eastern Ltd.
100 Midland Drive
Dieppe, NB
E1A 6X4
Attn: Operational Manager

You can either buy a stamp and mail it, or you can drop it off at the local SMT bus station on University Ave. (beside That's Entertainment) and they will get it where it is going by their own interoffice mail (you don't have to pay for delivery).

If you would rather phone in a vote for faster PEI-Sackville connection, telephone 1-800-567-5151. Nothing could be easier.

I know for a fact that I am not the only person that goes to Sackville, and the more people that contact SMT, the better the chances of getting what we want.

AVC EXPANDS ITS MANDATE

by Paul Michaud-Nolan

Beginning January 1st, 1996, the Atlantic Veterinary College will offer UPEI's first Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree. The program was finally granted to the AVC by the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission, after the formal petition had weaved its way through the bureaucratic maze for three years. Before the announcement, AVC was the only veterinary school in North America which lacked a Ph.D. program.

The purpose of the Ph.D. program is

to train graduate students into independent, reliable, and competent research scientists. The Ph.D. program will also enhance the research capabilities of the university; first by increasing the quality of graduate research, and also by increasing AVC's ability to compete for research funds.

Applicants for admission into Ph.D. studies normally have obtained a Master's degree, which is already offered at AVC. However, a student who has achieved extraordinary academic standing at the B.Sc. level may enrol into a combined Masters/Ph.D. program.

Academic Dishonesty Regulation

from: John Degrace, Registrar

a) Actions which constitute academic dishonesty are considered an offence within the University and include:

1) plagiarism, which occurs when:

A student submits or presents work of another person in such a manner as to lead the reader to believe that it is the student's original work; self-plagiarism is the submission of work previously submitted for academic credit without prior approval of the professor.

2) Cheating on tests or examinations

3) falsifying records or submitting false documents

4) other academic misconduct such as the unauthorized use of recording devices or the unauthorized acquisition of computer software or other copyright material.

b) When there is reasonable evidence to support an allegation of academic dishonesty, the matter shall be discussed with the student at the earliest opportunity. A written record of the incident and the response of the University will be sent to the student and to the

appropriate chairperson and Dean, and will be placed on the student's file in the Office of the Registrar.

c) One or more of the following sanctions may be imposed, depending on the seriousness of the offence:

1) the instructor, within his/her authority for assignment of courses grades may impose:

i) a reprimand
ii) assignment of a mark of 0 (zero) or a failure for the piece(s) of work under review.

ii) assignment of a grade of 0 from the course in which the offence was committed;

2) the Dean, in consultation with the Department where appropriate, may recommend to the president suspension or expulsion from the University;

3) the President may impose suspension from the University,

4) the senate may withhold or revoke a degree, diploma, or certificate.

d) The student has the right to appeal through the provisions of Academic Regulation 29.