

Dear Fourth Year Student:
Enough of Library Woes.

Thank you for your letter to the Editor "X-Press November 7" regarding your experience in the University Library. Your sense of frustration certainly came through. Without making excuses, the implementation of an automation system in your Library has inconvenienced and frustrated many persons, faculty, students, library staff and library administration. It is an experience that is presently shared in several hundred university libraries in North America with the view that the end result will be a major benefit to all members of the University community.

Despite these interruptions, it is inappropriate to have discourtesy extended from the Library staff and it is inappropriate to have discourtesy extended towards Library staff.

The University has set up procedures so that problems such as yours can be addressed. You can speak directly to the Supervisor of the Circulation Department. Another alternative is that you advise one or all of the three student representatives on the Senate Library Committee. Another alternative is that you can address your complaints directly towards the Chief Librarian. In all cases, if a problem is to be resolved, names and time of day are important.

The letter states your perception is that many other students are being affected in a similar manner. I would appreciate the opportunity of discussing this with you alone or in accompaniment with other students.

With reference to your questions on the operation of terminals in the Library, these comments are addressed to all students but especially to Senior University students. You have had this system thrust upon you in your final year at the University. Please try the terminals. If you can't access the information that is required please let the Reference staff know. The system is the most "User Friendly" system available. After graduation you will still need computer access to information. Do it now!

Yours sincerely,
C. Merritt Crockett
University Librarian

Dear Editor,

What a great idea, CIMN Radio will be fantastic, and it's so simple, why didn't I think of it. All we have to do is play Top 40 music and students will love us, who needs this alternative crap anyways. We will finally have a "Real Radio Station", competitive to anything else in Charlottetown, wow.

Well, I think it's time to take a reality pill. Okay in a non-regulated world your idea might have a slight chance of being true, However we don't. CIMN has a licence, which is issued by the C.R.T.C. (Canadian Radio and Telecommunications Commission). All Radio and Television Stations in Canada must have one to Broadcast. CIMN's licence, like all other university stations in Canada, is an alternative licence. This gives artists who do not get exposure on commercial Top 40 Radio Stations a chance to be heard and also insures that Student Subsidized Radio does not compete with Commercial Stations who are attempting to make a living in a highly competitive industry.

CIMN Radio Management has set a goal of Broadcasting on FM airwaves (We are currently on cable FM). This would require a new licence, more costly equipment, and much more alternative music. The alternative policy at CIMN is only the first small, very small, step toward what would have to exist to broadcast open air FM with C.R.T.C. approval. As CIMN exists now the amount of truly alternative music which is played in relation to the amount of popular, if not Top 40 music, is well below what the licence requires. CIMN gets away with it because we do not hurt anyone and are too small to be a concern to the C.R.T.C. brown shirts. However if CIMN dumped its alternative policy and freely played all the Top 40 "most students" want to hear, eventually it would effect other local Top 40 stations markets which would most definitely trigger complaints to the C.R.T.C. and the end of CIMN.

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