

CIMN Update

By Anne McElroy

It has been almost nine months since UPEI's campus/community radio station, CIMN, lost all funding due to an under-researched decision by the 1995/96 Student Union.

In June of 1995, CIMN received a licence to transfer to the FM dial by the Canadian Radio-television Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) -- an

circuit (AM) on campus and cable FM to transmitting on the FM band.

Since that decision, much has changed. The Student Union has given CIMN a \$2000 grant to help defray operating expenses, and the radio station won a Standard Broadcasting Award in the category of small stations, adding another \$4000 to their budget. In this new



Volunteer Lorne Caborn at CIMN.

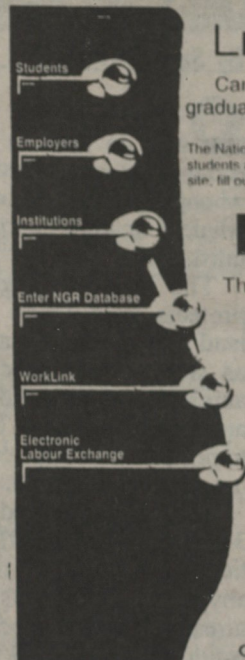
unprecedented decision as CIMN was the first campus/community radio station without full time staff to receive such a licence.

This achievement, however, was not to be fulfilled. Less than one year later, the UPEI-SU passed a motion crushing the station's progress and almost shutting down the station for good.

The decision to cut all funding was led by last year's SU President, Amber Allin, Vice President External, Fidel Murphy and Ombudsman, Chris Burns. This move left the station in financial dire straights at a time when it was ready to make the move from closed

year, CIMN is starting afresh with a new managerial staff, new volunteers and a new outlook. Although FM is no longer a prospect, the station carries on bringing an alternate view of culture, music and politics to an otherwise mainstream Charlottetown.

Campus/community radio stations are a vital part of student media and student life in general. It will take years for CIMN to completely recover from the hasty decision made by last year's SU. It can only make each student hope that the actions of one student council will not be trendsetting for those that follow in their footsteps at UPEI or any other university.



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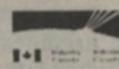


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Harassment of Faculty a Problem, Study Finds

By Richard McKergow

(CUP) - A substantial number of faculty members at the University of Toronto are harassed by students, suggests a study sponsored by the university's faculty association.

Harassment was defined in a survey as aggressive, intimidating behaviour considered either physically or psychologically threatening and other non-intimidating disruptive behaviour that creates stress in the job, or prevents teaching staff from performing their duties effectively.

Margaret Hawthorn, a member of the association and chair of U of T's Status of Women Committee says the survey suggests that approximately 30 per cent of women faculty and 17 per cent of men teaching at the university have been harassed or threatened by students over grades.

It was also found that of the 662 faculty members surveyed, 10 per cent of women and seven per cent of men have been harassed over

course content. And 28 per cent of women and 19 per cent of men said they have had lectures disrupted.

The study also reports that among respondents, approximately 32 per cent of women and 19 per cent of men experienced other forms of harassment.

And it is noted that faculty face harassment from other faculty as well. Varying degrees of harassment were revealed by the study, says Hawthorn.

"[Incidents ranged from] relatively minor, all the way up to frightening incidents," she said. "There has been physical assault."

Rhonda Love, vice president of grievances with the faculty association, says she was not taken aback by the substantial number of harassed faculty.

"From my position, I'm not the least bit surprised. We always felt [faculty harassment] was there, but not being

acknowledged," she said. "All the anecdotal evidence we have...has indicated this is an important issue for academic staff."

Love says she is not surprised that women professors at U of T experience more problems with harassment than their male counterparts, as this is common in society generally.

"International data indicates that the academy is affected by all social phenomena, so we shouldn't be surprised," she said. "This confirms what we know [from] other conducted surveys that women get it more than men."

Paddy Stamp, U of T's sexual harassment officer, said she could not explain why the study showed that women faculty were harassed more than men, but she had a few ideas.

"Maybe students feel it is easier to persuade females and maybe men did not report harassment to the same extent in the survey that women did."