

CIMN having good year despite technical disasters

RADIO CIMN has begun another semester of operations, and despite being ripped of the air twice, Station Manager Rhonda McLellan says that spirit wise it has been a good year.

"The DJ situation is really good", says McLellan. "We have better DJ's and better spirit this year than any other year I've seen."

CIMN suffered a major set back in September when it was discovered that the demolition of the interior of Main building had also destroyed the station's broadcast cables. After repairing the damage, a fire in underground service tunnels in October destroyed more cables and took the station off the air again. CIMN is now can now broadcasting through television cable to homes in Charlottetown, but service to on-campus residences and the speaker in Robertson Library has not yet been restored.

McLellan says that on-campus service could be restored in a matter of days. All that remains to be done

is for the station technician to go into the service tunnel where the cable was destroyed, locate the remaining cable, and splice in new ones.

"They could hook us up just like that" she says.

However, the station technician has not been available to come in and reconnect the damaged cables. Until that time, the station can be received by anyone subscribing to Island Cablevision by connecting the antenna of an FM radio to the cable and tuning 102.3.

In past years, cable reception of CIMN has been extremely poor. The station is broadcast very close to the stronger signal of C100 in Halifax and this and other interference on the cable had frustrated listeners trying to tune in the station.

However, since Island Cablevision reconnected CIMN after the fire, the signal has improved greatly.

"The signal is stronger and not as hard to find. It sounds really good." says McLellan.

The improved signal may be the cause of an increase in off-campus response to the station. McLellan says that when two DJ's did an all-night broadcast, there was quite a bit of response from off-campus and that on Monday night, when a poll on the fixed crossing was done, there were a number of calls.

McLellan expects no difficulties in filling this semester's DJ schedule. She says the enthusiasm and energy of this year's DJ's is very good.

For students looking forward to CIMN's annual Hawaiian pub, it will not be held this year. Instead, the Student Union will be sponsoring a 'Beach night'. McLellan said that the Student Union asked her if CIMN wanted to use that theme for a pub, but she didn't want the station to lose money and okayed it for the Student Union.

Even with the disasters it has suffered in the first semester, CIMN appears to still be going strong. The Gem will print the CIMN schedule in a future issue when it is finalized.

The CFS National Week of Action

Throughout the week of January 18th-22nd, the students of UPEI will have an opportunity to express their discontent about problems that have arisen as a result of government underfunding to post-secondary education. These difficulties include such items as higher tuition fees, overcrowding, as well as a reduction in student aid programs.

One of the major issues the Student Union will be dealing with during this national "Week of Action" is EPF payments or Established Programs Financing payments. These payments involve federal funds that are given to the provincial governments to subsidize the various provincial gov-

ernmental departments. The problem that has been occurring is that there has been conflicting statements by the provincial and federal governments on how much money was given to the provinces for education and how much was spent.

Our purpose during this week is to ask why these discrepancies exist and how might we come to a solution to eliminate these errors so that the money earmarked for education by the federal government is spent on education.

During this week, if students have other concerns which they would like to be addressed, both federal and provincial politicians will be available on the UPEI cam-

pus to hear your voice. The tentative schedule of events during this week is printed below.

The committee that organized this week of action, the Executive and Council of the Student Union can only do so much. In order for our voice to be heard effectively we need your participation.

There are concerns which affect all students so let your voice be heard and participate as much as possible during this important week.

—The CFS Committee
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Schedule

Monday, Jan. 18

POST CARD CAMPAIGN in which members of the CFS Committee will visit most classes and explain exactly what this week is all about. We will then ask each student to sign 2 post cards to send to the Federal Minister of Finance, Michael Wilson, and the provincial minister of Finance, Gilbert Clements. The cards will express the student's discontent with the inequities of the present system of post-secondary education funding.

Tuesday, Jan. 19

GENERAL MEETING of the UPEI Student Union. 11:30 am in Library Lounge.

This is your chance to express any concerns about the Student Union or what will be happening during the "National week of action."

Wednesday, Jan. 21

MEMORIAL SERVICE at the Barn to symbolize the dying state of education. Complete with coffin and pallbearers. All students are encouraged to wear black and the service will begin the evening's activities of the "Irish Wake". An Irish Folk band will perform.

Friday, Jan. 22

PREMIER GHIZ will come and hear any concerns the students have. 11:00 am in the Library Lounge. This is the big one.