

EPPERLY DEFENDS THESIS

Betsy Epperly, professor of English at UPEI recently received a letter from the University of London that she has successively defended her Phd thesis.

The thesis, which is titled Recurring Patterns of Language in Six Major Novels by Anthony Trollope,

deals with literary allusions and classical references and how Trollope used these for characterization and structure in six of his major novels.

Professor Epperly first became intrusted in Trollope in a novel course here at UPEI taught by Prof. Fran Frazier. She was

"fascinated" by The Warden, which was the Trollope novel studied in the course, and asked Professor Frazier to supervise a special studies course on Trollope.

Prof. Epperly "still wasn't satisfied that (she) knew as much as (she) wanted to know" and so did a master's thesis on Trollope at Dalhousie University. She then went to London to do her Phd. thesis.

many people telling (her) for so many years...that Phd's couldn't find jobs that would have been no inducement to go on."

Epperly went on to explain that her reason for working on a Phd was for her own satisfaction and to find out as much as she could about Trollope.

Trollope wrote 47 novels but he's best known as the author of the Pallisens novels which were made into a TV series by the BBC.

Although her Phd is in the bag, Prof. Epperly will not receive it officially until the Spring.

CIMN UNHAPPY INTERFERENCE ON 12

Cable 12, the Island Cablevision channel that is operated by CIMN, has suffered from interference both in the sound, and in picture quality, for over a month. This difficulty is concerned with cable only, as the on-campus reception is fine.

The Chief Engineer of CIMN said that the interference on the cable station is not due to any equipment belonging to CIMN, but is caused by something happening between the University and Island Cablevision headquarters in Pownal, or UPEI and Island Cablevision.

Both the engineer at CIMN, and a representative of Island Cablevision explained that interference was being caused by a short wave radio from the states cutting in.

The Island Cablevision representative said, however, that the problems with the picture are being caused

by over-modulation, or too much video power being broadcast by CIMN. He also explained that it would take about two weeks to trace the lines and find where the interference is entering the system. He said he hopes to get started in this procedure in two or three weeks.

Another representative earlier told the Sun that all lines connecting the University to the Island Cablevision have been checked out, and no problems had been found, this is a direct conflict with the statement of CIMN's engineer.

Although Cable 12 was donated to the Student Union radio station, it cost the University approximately \$1,600 for the modulator and other equipment.

As well CIMN has recently invested in a television typewriter which puts typed messages on the television screen over Cable 12.

When asked if she went for her Phd solely to enable her to obtain a professorship more easily, or Epperly responded that she "had been frightened by so

CANADA'S PERFECTLY LITERATE POPULATION

SAN FRANCISCO (ZNS-CUP)--

Amid the national outcry by university administrations over alleged "illiteracy" among students, it's easy to forget that Canada ranks as one of two countries in the world with a 100 per cent literacy level.

A world-wide study by a Washington e-vironmental fund showed that only Canada and Czechoslovakia can claim perfect literacy levels, while 10 other boast a 99 per cent rate. Forty-one per cent of the world's population cannot read or write.

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article, Coates defended South Africa's plans for the Transkei, the first Black homeland which was pushed into "independence" in October, 1976. He wrote:

"I visited the Transkei, met Prime Minister Kaiser Matanzima and many of his cabinet ministers. It has both secure borders, a foreign policy that differs

significantly from that of South Africa and the potential to become the breadbasket of Southern Africa. It would not have attained nationhood without the assistance of the South Africa government. It was deserted by Britain.

"It has the right to become a member of the Commonwealth on the basis of its past history and tradition.

Instead of recognizing the authenticity of the Transkei, it has been treated like a leper by the world," he added.

Coates also charges that Mansour's editorial said "that I have 'publicly supported the immoral and illegal activities of a

discriminatory government...' without having an iota of evidence to back up the claim."

In his newspaper article, Coates had described the South African occupation of Namibia, which has been declared illegal by the International Court of Justice, as "the most refreshing experiment in black Africa today."

"It rejects 'rule by the rifle', communism and tyranny. Will the free world stand by these men who have spent so many months to conceive a nation at the conference table? Or are they, also, to be classified as lepers for the free world to demean and denounce?"

Coates concludes his letter to the student paper:

"Somehow I had hoped that the degree of excellence that would be part of a university newspaper editorial would surpass even that available in the public press. My only comment is that when Miss Mansour undertakes her next editorial she get her facts straight."

NEWMAN CONNECTION

A committee of students and chaplains from the three Halifax universities is busy preparing for the Atlantic Regional Newman Conference to be held on the week end of January

20-22, 1978.

The guest speaker will be Dr. Byrl Oriss, a Toronto psychiatrist, who will be speaking and leading discussions on Motivation as it pertains to the university setting.

The Conference will be held at the Renewal Centre in the Mount Saint Vincent Complex and registration fees are \$25.00. For further information interested persons may contact either Father Joe Hattie, O.M.I. at 424-2287 or Brian Duggan at 455-0700 in Halifax, or call your local chaplain.

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