

CIMN back on the air



CIMN BACK ON THE AIR AGAIN,... FINALLY...

By Derrick Webber

CIMN STUDENT radio is finally back on the airwaves. Connections between the station and its carrier current transmitter were re-established March 8th, according to CIMN Manager Rhonda McLellan. The station can now be heard in all UPEI residences and in the Robertson Library Lounge.

The station was cut off the air in October when a fire in service tunnels behind Dalton Hall destroyed cables. CIMN managed to get reconnected to its FM cable almost immediately, but has not been available on campus until recently.

McLellan blames the extreme delay in getting CIMN service to the campus reconnected on a lack of a reliable technician.

McLellan says the reconnections finally had to be done by Don Coles of the Physical Plant with the assistance of station member Bob Stanley because CIMN's technician John Bentley, didn't have time. She said Bentley, a full-time

employee of CHTN radio, was called repeatedly but didn't have time to reconnect the station. She says that the station wound up waiting until the UPEI maintenance department had identified all other wires damaged in the fire before they figured out which ones belonged to CIMN.

The station manager also attributes the delay to lack of trying on the part of Heather Hickey, the Student Union executive responsible for CIMN.

"I don't think that enough was done by the VPO. And whether she knew the technical parts or not, which I'm sure she doesn't, I think that what she should have done is to hound Maintenance and say 'what's going on?' If she had done that they probably would have acted a lot more quickly", says McLellan.

She said that as Manager she had done her part to get the station connected.

"I had called maintenance several several times. Don Coles

I talked to on many occasions... It's not the fault of CIMN or CIMN management that the wires weren't connected more quickly. I don't take any responsibility for that."

However, regardless of who is to blame for the ridiculous delay, CIMN has no plan to get its wires reconnected should they be cut again. McLellan says that it was suggested to Maintenance that the wires in the tunnel be labelled, but she does not know if this was done.

Presently when CIMN has a technical problem, they rely on the full-time technician at CHTN Radio or Bob Stanley, a UPEI graduate and long-time station member. However, as demonstrated by the October to March delay in getting the station broadcasting to the campus again, frequently neither have time to do the work.

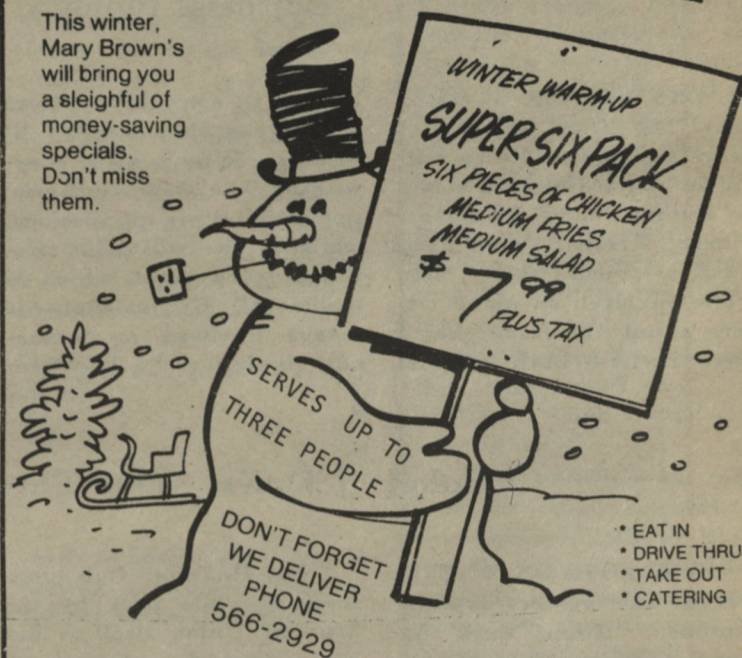
But despite the fact the station hasn't been available on campus most of the year, McLellan says it has been a good year for CIMN.

"It's been really good feedback from the listening audience off campus," she says. The station has been called from as far away as Bunbury from people tuning in on cable. McLellan says many callers are students and they like listening to CIMN because there are not a lot of ads.

To combat the lack of audibility CIMN has suffered, the station plans to be recruiting at High Schools and has been doing remote broadcasts from the Charlottetown Mall.

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"It's just promotion of the station. We get the DJ's down there talking to people in the Mall and it sounds pretty good," she says.

To expand the listening audience, McLellan says she is going to request that the Food Committee make sure CIMN is on in the cafeteria at all times rather than playing C-100 which they presently play.

"It's student radio and it should be played where students congregate and students can hear it. Not only does that benefit the students, it benefits the station as a whole to increase listening audience which also increased our revenue be-

cause of advertising," she says. CIMN would also like to see speakers set up in many of the student lounges on campus.

Presently, CIMN is looking to update some of its equipment. McLellan says they would like to buy two new turntables over the summer and are waiting for council approval. She says the station needs repairs on two cart machines, but in general the station has all the pieces it needs.

"It's really good equipment," she says, "CHTN wouldn't have the cart machines we do. It's really good equipment. It just needs to be repaired."

Election results

President:

DEAN MACMILLAN
706 (E)
RHONDA
MACLELLAN 91
TOTAL 797

Vice president operations:

TONY DOYLE 122
KIRSTIN LUND 259
MARY ANN
FITZPATRICK 422 (E)
TOTAL 803

Vice president finance:

JOAN MASTERSON
522 (E)
DON CARR 249
TOTAL 771

Senate:

JOEL IVES 286
SUSAN ARBING 283
LAURIE REEVES 455 (E)
EARL BYRNE 379 (E)
TOTAL 1403

Vice president academic:

LISA MURPHY 510 (E)
JOHN SCOTT 177
TOTAL 687

Business:

VALERIE ADAMS 138 (E)
DOLLY BHATIA 82
SHANNON MACDONALD 114 (E)
TOTAL 334

Arts:

HANS CONNOR 185 (E)
ROB MACDOUGALL 169
SANDY JARDINE 96
JENNIFER
BARTLETT 203 (E)
TOTAL 653
YES NO ABSTAIN
DARYL COLE (E) 163
25 66
LAURA KILFOIL (E)
219 24 54

Science:

YES NO ABSTAIN
JOHN MACDONALD
(E) 167 7 13
DWIGHT THOMPSON
(E) 154 15 16

Ombudsman:

YES NO ABSTAIN
SEAN MACINTOSH
(E) 566 50 13
THE VOTER
TURNOUT WAS 813 VOTERS OR 41.3%. WHICH IS UP FROM LAST YEAR OF APPROXIMATELY 30 TO 35%.