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Animal rights groups and AVC

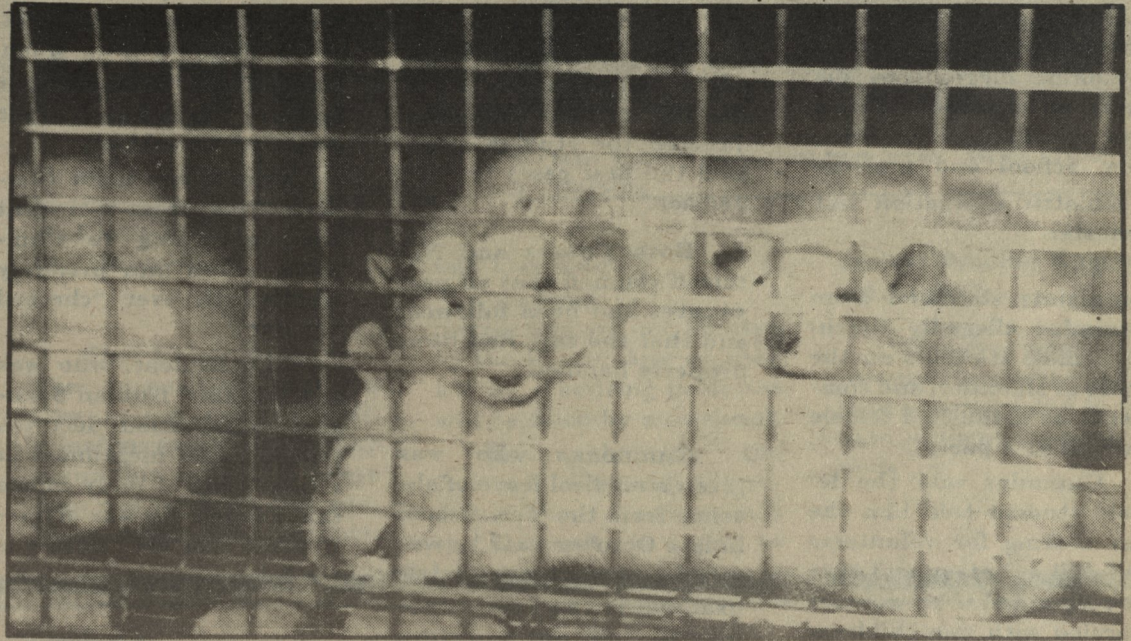
THE ATLANTIC Veterinary College has not been contacted or threatened by animal rights groups, says AVC Dean Dr. Reg Thompson. There has been speculation recently that the college may be one target of animal rights organizations such as B.C.-based Greenpeace or the Animal Defense league in Ottawa.

"There has been no contact that we are aware of", says Thompson. The closest they have come, he says, about two weeks ago when a person came to AVC asking "questions people off the street don't usually ask". The person was asked to come back at a later date so they could be given a proper tour, but the person did not identify themselves as actually being a representative of any animal rights organization.

Director of UPEI Security A.J. MacLeod says that because the AVC building contains valuable equipment, "a number of pre-

cautions have been taken for the building itself." MacLeod says that security must be maintained to prevent theft or damage to equipment. Admittance to the Atlantic Veterinary College is already controlled by security officers, and visitors after regular working hours must sign in and out of the building. Presently, because AVC is officially still under construction, the UPEI Security department is in charge of only a few areas in the building. The Computing Centre, Audio-Visual, and some labs are the responsibility of Security while the remainder is patrolled by a private security force employed by the construction company.

AVC provides several services in veterinary medicine. Besides the educational aspects, the college operates an animal hospital and also conducts a fair amount of research. Dr. Thompson says that AVC keeps "a few mice and rats to make antibodies", plus



a number of teaching animals.

However, Thompson says the treatment and conditions all animals at the college are kept in follow the strict guidelines of the Canadian Council of Animal Care, a monitoring group part of a federal department. The Council makes

periodic checks on educational institutions such as AVC to see that conditions fall within acceptable standards. Thompson says they visited the college about a year ago.

Although admittance to the building is controlled, Dr. Thompson says that they have nothing

to hide. Many tours of the facilities are made and any interested persons are welcome to inquire if they wish to learn more about the college.

MacDonald speaks at Model UN dinner

by Sam Okello

There is a need for global peace and justice according to Rev. Clarke MacDonald, former moderator of the United Church of Canada.

MacDonald addressed the annual UPEI Political Science Department fund raising banquet for Model United Nations student participants March 31 at the Rodd's Royalty Inn.

"There are nations who spend billions of dollars on military purposes, while a lot of people starve to death every minute," he said.

MacDonald pointed out that when the clock ticks on doomsday, people have the right to fear when the super powers will try to turn the milky way into a space station.

Gary Webster, UPEI Political Science Professor, indicated that delegates will come from schools across Canada and other countries such as the United States, Japan and West Germany to mention a few.

"Twenty-seven grains of sand from the Uni-

versity of Prince Edward Island will go to New York," he noted; one for each of the 25 student delegates and two faculty advisors involved in the UN simulation April 12-19.

UPEI students will represent two countries- Mexico and Guinea Bissau- according to Webster.

This marks the sixth year the university has sent delegates to New York.

UPEI student to study in Germany for the Summer

by Inge Dorsey

Lisa Wendt, a third year Modern Languages major has been awarded a bursary by the Goethe Institute to study in Germany for eight weeks during June and July. The Goethe is an international institute based in Germany involved in promoting the study of languages. Ms. Wendt competed in the Quebec/Maritimes region for this award.

Lisa will be travelling to the Black Forest region of Germany to take

up German studies. She has yet to be informed as to which university she will be attending. Lisa is a veteran to international study and travel. In 1985-86 she studied French in Strasbourg, France, located on the French/German border.

Lisa learned of this study opportunity through her German instructor Prof. Lothar Zimmerman. In the fall she intends to continue her studies toward a Bachelor of Arts in French.