

CBC celebrates 50th anniversary

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This week *CBC Radio and Television* network celebrates its 50th anniversary providing Canada with the utmost in cultural and educational Canadian programming.

On November 2, 1936, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation was established by an Act of Parliament. In 1968 the Broadcasting Act was amended, and required the CBC to provide a national broadcasting service which is predominantly Canadian in content, and that offers balance programming for different interests and tastes. The act also stated that it must reach all parts of Canada and be broadcast in both English and French. It must pay particular attention to regional needs, and contribute to cultural exchange, national unity, and Canadian identity.

In fulfilment of its requirements, CBC currently broadcasts three television channels; one English, one French, and one that broadcasts parliamentary proceedings (available in English or French on cable, via satellite.) CBC also broadcasts four radio stations; two English, and two French, available in AM or FM. CBC is currently accessible to over 99% of the Canadian population, either in full or in part, through the use of its 1,610 outlets.

Fredericton's CBC studio, which is located on Regent St. was opened in 1980, and is currently the home of CBC News for New Brunswick. This means that all programs in Moncton and St. John, for example, are routed through Fredericton.

The open house that was held by CBC on Saturday, was an attempt to introduce the public to the part of CBC that most people have never seen. News persons and CBC celebrities from the surrounding area were assembled in Fredericton to welcome the public and give them tours of the radio and television networks. Through the tours, one learned how news reports made it all the way from the field to home television sets.

The radio network was equally impressive: The Master Controller explained how the radio broadcasting system was now fully computerized and required only minimum man-



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A young visitor to CBC open house

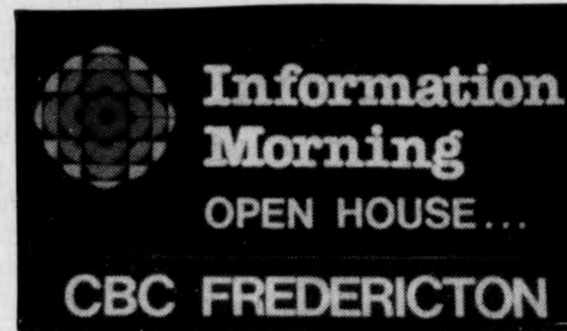


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power. During the six years of operation, the station has been knocked off the air several times by lightning and squirrels. However, with the help of back up generators and transmitters, the incidents have gone by largely unnoticed by the public.

With the amount of technology utilized and the level of skill attained, it is clear to see how fifty years of experience has made CBC a standard by which other stations may judge themselves.

Women's Network to have mandate

The NB Women's Network will have a clear mandate for action after the annual convention to be held in Fredericton on October 31 to November 2, at Bathurst Danny's Motor Inn, says Network coordinator Murielle H. Young.

We are expecting many women from all parts of the province to participate in a lively and stimulating ex-

change on issues affecting N.B. Women. From these workshops, strategies for bringing about necessary changes will be developed. "I expect that after this conference, government will know the N.B. Women's Network exists and will become intimately familiar with the concerns of the women of the province",

Young says.

Women working together will be the focus of the entire weekend. We will have workshops on demystifying politics and economy, fund raising techniques, newspaper writing skills, women and employment, as well as a panel discussion on equality among women.

This annual conference will also permit the three councils within the network to elect their representatives for the coming year on the liaison committee, as well as form resolutions on the issues discussed within their councils. This will form the Network's mandate for the year.

Frosh on the rise

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According to the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, the amount of full-time students entering first year university increased 1.5 percent over last year, universities in the Atlantic region however, experienced a two percent decrease in first year registrations.

Other statistics show that full-time undergraduate enrolment was up by 1.3 percent across the country. The survey indicated a twelve percent drop in undergraduate visa-student enrolments across Canada, however foreign student enrolment at the graduate level was up five percent over last year.

The Association cautions that these figures are preliminary in their indication of the enrolment picture across Canada.

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