

News

AM or FM future for CKDU?

by Cathy McDonald

CKDU is still considering going either AM or FM, according to Station Manager Derek Daniels, but he says the station's Board of Directors is frustrating attempts for it to do so.

Daniels said in a report to student council last Sunday that CKDU programming is better this year, getting advertising was "not so hot" and he's not putting much money into expanding the areas CKDU can be heard on campus.

Daniels said if he were to spend a lot of money on a transmitter to Howe Hall, the station's reception still wouldn't be good. Similarly, he'd rather wait a few years to see if the air waves on either AM or FM with much better reception, before spending money on a transmission line to the Dal rink.

Currently CKDU can be heard in the Student Union Building. Until recently, it was transmitted by carrier current to Fenwick Towers.

Daniels said going FM is the CKDU Board of Governor's responsibility and he asked "how to make it (the Board) do something." He said Board meetings are usually cancelled a few hours before they are held.

Vice President John Russell, a Board member, said he didn't have time to do the leg work in investigating the FM proposal and suggested the initiative should come from CKDU staff. But Daniels referred to CKDU's constitution, claiming the initiative was not his responsibility.

\$5,000 was allotted by last year's council to investigate going FM over the summer, but the money has almost all been spent on rewiring, according to DSU Treasurer Shawn Houihan. "When I came into office, this guy (John Bollus, CKDU technician) was already hired... the money would have had to be spent (on rewiring equipment) anyhow," Houihan said.

Council absenteeism

Hart is one of five councillors who have missed two meetings without excuse, and whose status will therefore be reviewed at the next meeting. The others are Member-At-Large George Fraser, Medicine rep Andrew Hamilton, Dentistry rep Ed MacMurdo and Administrative Studies rep Michael Solway.

Student reps want input

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Even though their input has not been requested, student Senators and Board of Governors reps want to make sure their concerns are heard before University President MacKay puts the squeeze on Dalhousie.

According to MacKay's announcement of financial constraint three weeks ago, deans, faculty, Senate and other university sectors have until December 20 to suggest cutback priorities for Dal. The 12-page memo did not solicit student input.

"We have to make a report" said Senator Colin Hames, "no doubt about it. It's a fact of life there's going to be cutbacks." Hames said he was scared the proposal to cut 12 arts programs at University of Prince Edward Island could happen here.

What the report will look like is hard to imagine right now. "Nobody understands what's going

on," Hames said. He said MacKay's outline of the need for financial constraint give few clues as to where the University might look to cut back. Board of Governors rep Atul Sharma agrees MacKay's outline "would have been more effective if he gave different areas we could prioritize."

Sharma said the lengths to which MacKay is consulting various sectors in the University is great, but he condemned the lack of student consultation. He stressed "it's important for faculty societies to get out there and prioritize possible cutbacks in programs."

Student Senate and Board reps are going to meet to put together a student perspective, but a date hasn't been set yet. In fact, of the four Senate members, Hames was the only one on hand at the Sunday council meeting. Phil Fraser left part-way through the meeting, and Beth MacConnell was absent, as was Chris Hartt.

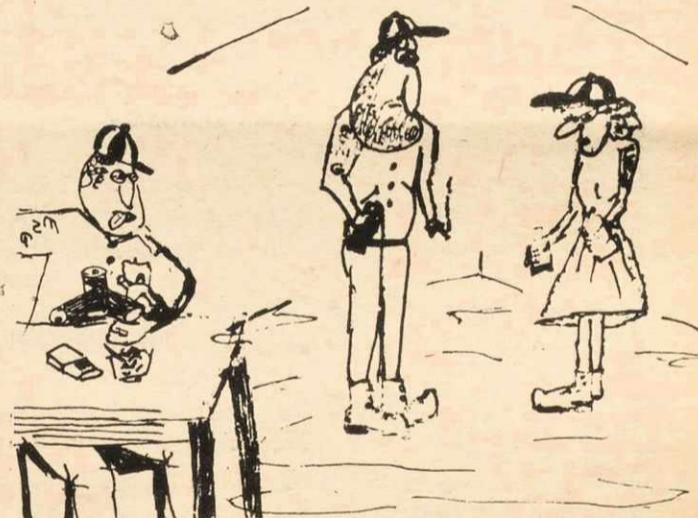


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In last week's story "Financial constraint discussed at Dal Senate" university President MacKay was misquoted as saying a "quite distinguished" undergraduate nursing program at the University of Mich-

igan had been cut to allow funds to be redirected to enhance a graduate nursing program. The quote should have read "quite undistinguished" undergraduate nursing program. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.



Engineers go stamping off to the ball

It wasn't as obvious as some years, but the Engineers' annual 'Stamp the Gazette' caper took place last week. Because of the intervention of SUB staff, however, only 2,500 to 3,000 Gazettes of the 10,000 copies were marred with the red ink message "Engineer's Ball Nov. 12".

A few weeks before the Engineering Society Ball, which usually takes place in November, the Gazettes are abducted, and returned that evening.

Last Thursday, about five cars and station wagons grouped around the Gazette delivery truck in front of the SUB, according to Gazette editor, Ken Burke.

Wendy Coomber, the paper's production manager, was the first to notice the operation. Along with Burke and features editor Alec Bruce, she tried to intercept the Gazettes as they were thrown from the truck. Then three SUB staff also appeared on the scene, and, according to observers, this was enough to convince the Engineers they should "take the 3,000 and

run".

Engineering Society President Carrie Bernard said they were disappointed they only got a third of them. Stamping the Gazette is one of the tricks used to advertise their ball, she said, as it's an open event and the whole school is invited to attend.

But the Gazette staff is upset for a couple of reasons. "They never distribute them, and because of the delay, maybe half the people who ordinarily read it can't. They're wasted. We're going to have to pay extra to get them distributed," Burke said.

Bernard wondered why distribution would be held up, as only one-third of the papers were taken, and they were returned the same evening. One explanation for the delay was that the remaining issues were locked up in an office, in case the Engineers returned to get the rest of them.

The Gazette has billed the Engineering Society \$750, which includes payment for damaged Gazettes, the cost of a front page

ad, payment for aggravation, extra cost for distribution, and money to appease advertisers.

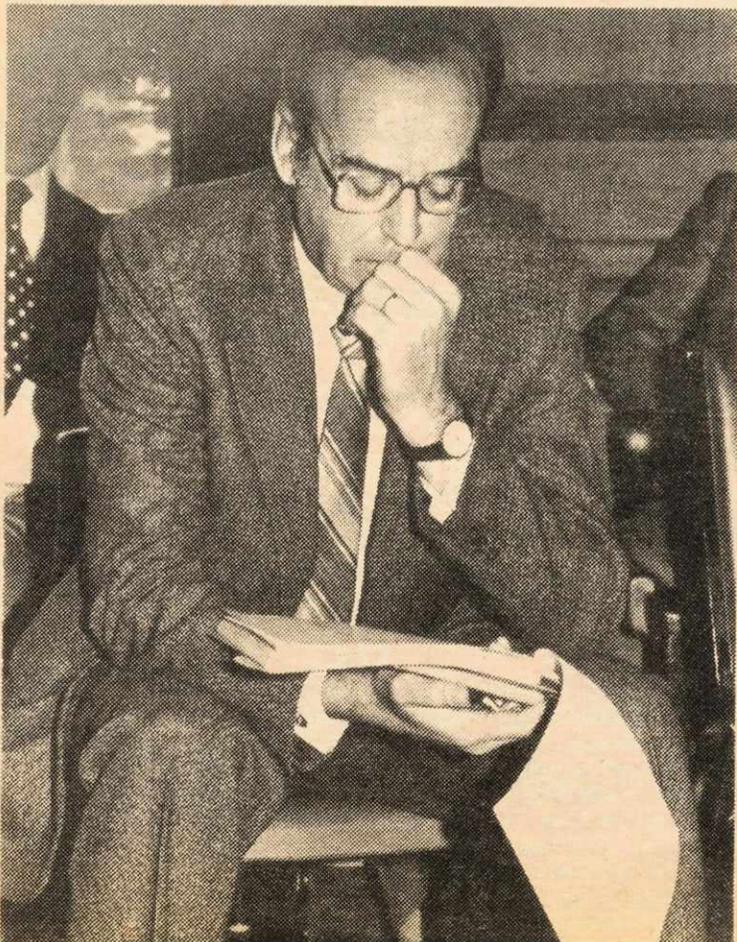
Bernard withheld comment on the bill.

Burke said the front page article, which is an important news story, isn't read because people won't make the effort to read through the ink.

Three packs of Gazette bundles were strewn over the Engineers' house lawn this year as well. "It made a mess out of our lawn," Bernard said. "Maybe it was revenge. We stamped them and distributed them."

"This makes people pissed off every year," Burke complained. "It's one society screwing up another society. It would be the same as us knocking out a number of windows in the Engineers' house - just as much fun and just as elaborate."

The purpose of the stamping is not to advertise the ball as much as a part of tradition, Bernard said. "Engineers like to be noticed, to get people on campus to laugh."



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