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# Impeachment motion presented against DSU VP Nick Murphy

## Job performance, behaviour called into question by the union

BY SALLY THOMAS

A student union vice-president faces impeachment for allegedly failing to do his job and screaming at a student employee.

The motion to have vice-president internal Nick Murphy removed from his job came from three members of the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) executive, including council president Ted Chiasson.

It was brought to council last Sunday, and the deciding vote will be held next Wednesday.

Chiasson says the motion was about accountability, and that the DSU executive just didn't have confidence in Murphy's ability anymore.

"We're paid by students to do a job and it's a question of performing up to their standards," he said. "There is some doubt of that."

The first complaints about Murphy's performance were lodged in November, with a request to assess Murphy's performance.

At the time, the council executive approached Murphy, who came up with a nine-point plan to

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improve his performance.

He is said to have completed one of his nine points.

The complaints came from Tia Ryan, DSU treasurer, and VP community affairs Dean Naugler. Each said Murphy did not meet the 25-hour a week minimum for office hours. And both complained of having to pick up the extra work he failed to do.

But Murphy says that he did "fulfil the majority of the report," pointing to the hiring of an office manager at Daltech — one of the points in the report.

He says the allegations about his job performance were included

to add weight to an incident that some councillors are calling the "straw that broke the camel's back"

— Murphy's behaviour at the recent student union-funded

Student Appreciation Night.

He is said to have screamed at student union employee Lilli Ju.

Ju, in a written statement, says Murphy screamed, "you fucking bitch, you're going down."

Murphy was described as very drunk that night, and later apologized for screaming, and pushing a council member up against the wall.

For the incidents on student appreciation night, Murphy is being cited under the DSU constitution's provisions against "gross misconduct or conduct likely to bring the union into disrepute."

While Murphy feels bad about

the incident, he does not believe an impeachment is the correct course of action.

"It wasn't a smart thing to do," he said of the incident. "I apologized to [Lilli Ju]... I feel like a jackass."

"I do feel there should be a recourse, but I don't believe they're in the right to impeach. It seems drastic."

But Brian Kellow, executive vice-president of the union, said the impeachment proceedings are a

necessary measure.

"It's a horrible thing to have to do," he said. "But I believe we have to hold the executive to, if not a higher standard, then at least the same standard as [DSU] employees and students."

"Over the course of the year we have barred people from the building and fired people for similar activities."

with files from Shelley Robinson and Greg McFarlane

# DJs get new rules after CRTC reviews campus radio

BY KELLY PEDRO

OTTAWA (CUP) — University DJs across Canada could be spinning more Canadian tunes and fewer hit songs next year if the CRTC goes ahead with proposed changes to regulations affecting campus radio stations.

Among the changes being considered by the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission are: an increase in Canadian-content levels to 35 percent of air time from 30 percent; an increase in the spoken word requirement; a decrease in the percentage of commercial hit songs to 10 percent from 15 per cent; and a loosening of advertising restrictions for campus radio stations.

The policy — which is still only at the proposal stage but could be implemented as early as June — wouldn't have much effect on current licensing agreements

between the CRTC and campus radio stations, said Morag York, a senior policy analyst with the commission.

The revised policy would only affect new licensing agreements with the stations, he said.

The suggested revisions are generally getting positive reviews from campus radio station managers.

Neil Armstrong, program director for York University's campus community radio station CHRY, says some aspects of the proposed changes complement campus radio.

"There is a lot to be said in in-depth spoken word programs about issues affecting various communities," said Armstrong. "The CBC tries public broadcasting but something is still left out."

But Armstrong says he's concerned there isn't enough Canadian music — especially in categories such as urban music — to meet the proposed 35-percent

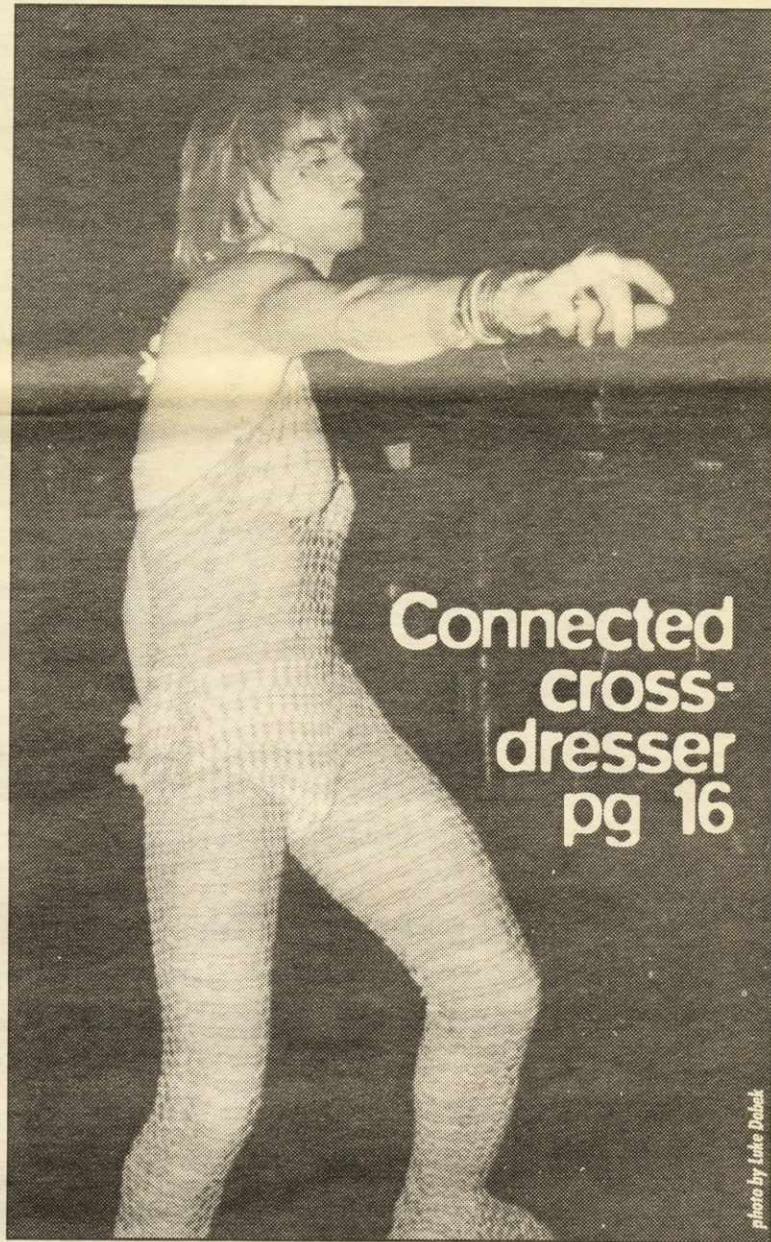
requirement.

In drafting the proposed policy changes, the CRTC examined the availability of Canadian music and found that campus radio needs a diverse selection of music. To meet the demand for diversification, the proposed policy says turntablism, or the mixing and scratching of records, should be recognized as a category. Even if the artist on the record isn't Canadian, turntablism would fall under Canadian content since the deejay mixes and scratches the records.

This aspect of the CRTC's proposal could be contentious with SOCAN, the licensing agency that distributes royalties to musical artists, says Barry Rueger, station manager at Carleton University's radio station CKCU.

But Rueger agrees the proposed changes to CRTC's regulations for campus radio will benefit student-run stations.

"There are some things in the



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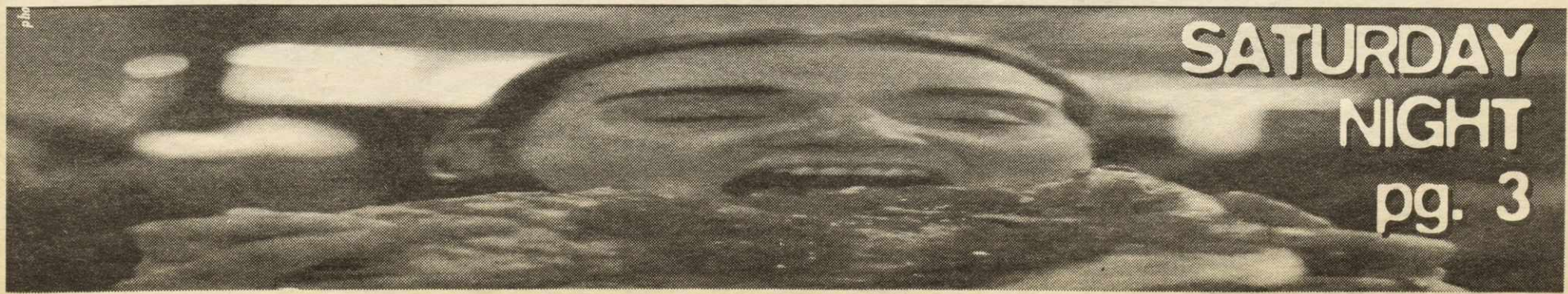
proposed policy that are positive," he says, pointing to a requirement that a campus radio station's board of directors be balanced and not dominated by student council representatives.

Mario Circelli, station manager at Western University's radio station CHRW, says the

proposed changes are a challenge.

"It's an opportunity to provide distinct quality programming," he said.

The CRTC is accepting comments regarding the proposed policy until April 12, when the commission will decide whether or not to implement the changes.



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