

# Owen on board of company that did CKDU study

by Glenn Wheeler

Dalhousie Student Union President Gord Owen was a member of the board of directors of Transcan Corporate Services Inc., the company commissioned by the DSU last summer to conduct a study into the feasibility of CKDU becoming an FM radio station.

Owen says he resigned from the board in January, although records at the Companies Branch of the provincial Attorney General's Department still list Owen as a board member.

Owen says his being DSU President and Transcan board member does not constitute a conflict of interest because he "was not paid any money".

Records at the Joint Stocks Division of the Companies Branch also show Transcan was not federally incorporated until Aug. 5, 1980 and was provincially incorporated on Jan. 5, 1981. The DSU executive decided at a meeting in late July, 1980, to award a contract for the report to Thomas H. Lathigee of Transcan.

"I assumed Mr. Lathigee had a company," Owen says.

Several DSU councillors com-

plained last fall that no contact between the DSU and Transcan was signed; the report was apparently undertaken after verbal agreement between the DSU and Transcan.

The study cost \$3,400, of which \$2,000 was paid by the province's Department of Development under the department's Consulting Assistance Program, designed to help small businesses or groups which would not otherwise be able to hire professional consultants.

Ivor Harrington of the Department of Development handled the matter for the provincial government. He says if he had been dealing with a private company instead of the DSU he would have cancelled the deal.

Harrington says the usual practice is for groups to submit a proposal to his office before any work is carried out. He says in this case, however, the first thing received was a final copy of the report, dated Nov. 21, 1980. Harrington says he did not receive a copy of the original proposal until early February this year.

The proposal was accompanied by a letter from Kamal B. Chopra, Transcan's Chief Oper-

ating Officer, addressed to Harrington and apologizing for the delay.

"The delay was due to internal problems. I apologize for the company's inability to respond to your earlier request for the proposal. However, I am pleased to report that the internal problems have been corrected and will present no further problem in liaison with the Department of Development in the future," the letter read.

In the meantime, a "final report" from Transcan, dated Oct. 21, 1980, had been submitted to the DSU for approval. The 16-page document was not accepted because it did not provide enough information. The DSU received a more detailed report in late February.

Harrington says he was never shown a copy of the October 21 report.

Neil Erskine, CKDU executive member and a Senate representative on the DSU, also complained last fall that no terms of reference had been given Transcan. DSU President Owen subsequently provided Erskine a handwritten list of "areas of interest to be examined," several of which did not get included in the report.

The advantages of carrier current over open air transmission, FM mono compared to FM stereo, a breakdown of probably sources of income and process of FM license application to the Canadian Radio Television and Telecommunications Commission — all included in Owen's list — were not mentioned in the final report.

The report did include four pages of programming suggestions which, according to Owen's list, were to be left to the CKDU Board of Directors and not dealt with in the report.

## A PEEK AT THE PAST

# Love just back of Shirreff Hall

by John Cairns

Lovers of literature reserve space in their hearts for tales of romance and infatuation. Hence, the possibility of a perfect love story has been an enticing challenge for authors the world over.

On March 17, 1927, a writer for *The Dalhousie Gazette* had one version of that perfection published. Let's plunge into the passion of the unconventional narrative;

"It was a most delectable evening. The moon cast its

dirt upon which she trod, into something to be revered by him. . . . The moon was becoming wan, closer and closer they huddled together. Now the shadow of an outstretched arm reached towards her; still closer they drew together, her very face was an altar on which burned the spark of love fanned into a huge flame. Her hair, thick and beautiful, was cut quite short. Her nails were manicured well and sharply too;



## moonlit night

mellow hues brilliantly through the tree tops just back of Shirreff Hall. Indeed, with just the slightest effort of phantasm one might wonder if he had not transcended mere matter for the time being and been transported to the exclusive domain of those who 'travel in the realms of gold'.

Silhouetted against a large and branching tree was a couple. For him 'life's fitful fever' held nothing, nor at present could any 'dull opiate' revive him, as speechless he gazed into her eyes, drinking to the dregs of that fathomless intangible draught—Love. To him she was very Heaven; she who changed the very

'Gee', how she could sing on some nights! As if to be conventional her coat was trimmed with fur quite extensively. Indeed all for all, there was no evidence of ill-favour in her appearance.

Slowly their two faces came together in blissful ecstasy. . . . Suddenly with a slight cry of exultation at having found what he was after, Joe, the janitor shouted to Fry, 'Ah, there she is, that damn old cat and her kitten under that tree again'."

You may be surprised, but be not concerned. If the night was indeed so perfect for love, members of both species must have capitalized on it. What an old cat and a kitten can do, humans can surely do better

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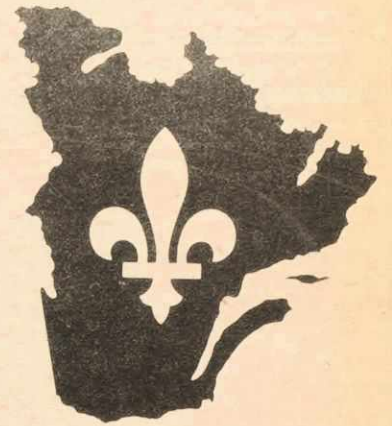
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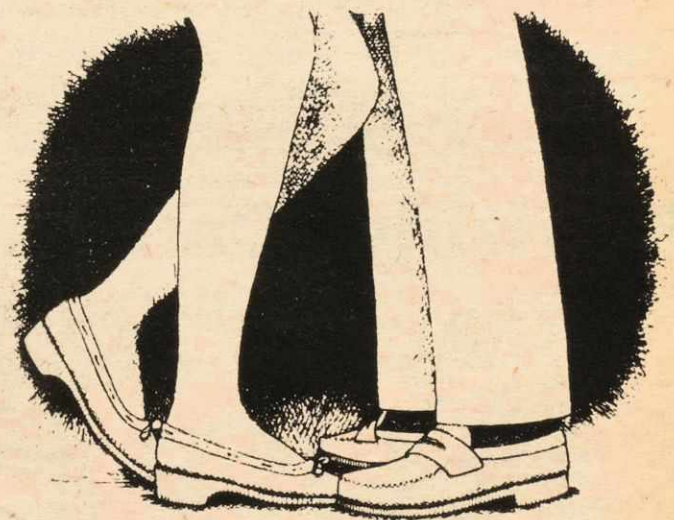
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