

CHSR petitions for Jeff London's resignation

by Allan Carter

Staff members at CHSR-FM have struck a petition asking Jeff London, chair of the board of directors to resign because they feel he is not acting in the best interest of the station.

At a general membership meeting on Tuesday evening, Darcie Birdsell, a staff member of the station expressed concern over what she views as an obvious conflict of interest in London's case since he is not only chair of the board of directors for CHSR, but he is also acting president for the STU Student Union.

However, several other members who were attending the meeting felt that it would be more appropriate to ask London to step down as chair

on the basis that he has not acted out in the best interest of the station.

A letter in this week's issue of the Brunswickan (page nine) states that "it would seem that he [London] is wearing too many hats" and London should give up one of his positions.

The letter also stated that cutting funding to the station is not going to improve the situation and the writer asks which side London is actually on.

Furthermore, a few members of the search committee for a station manager are upset because London did not call a meeting until last week although the committee was struck last October. However, the committee did not meet last week since at least one member

claims he did not receive proper notice.

Steve Staples, program director of CHSR, expressed concern over the makeup of the board at the meeting on Tuesday. He feels that the board is set up primarily to cater to the interest of the funding bodies rather than the station.

Although London has yet to see the petition and was not aware of it when contacted Wednesday afternoon, he stated that he was not placed on the board by the membership of the station and he never "promised nor pretended to represent the members of the station."

He continued by saying that he is on the board as a representative for STU and if the members have a problem

with the board they should consult their executive who he believes should be the group responsible for representing the station members.

London claims that he has no intention of stepping down as chair unless the board

decides he should.

Apparently, if a member of the board is asked to step down as chair they can refuse the general membership's demand and let the board decide. Two thirds of the board must be in agreement in order to force a chair to resign.



Crime of the week

Sometime during Tuesday night/Wednesday morning the 11/12th of February 1992 someone removed a poster from a plexiglass encasement in Bailey Hall. The poster which is 3 feet by 2 feet high was located on the front stairwell landing as you go from the first to second floor in Bailey Hall. The poster had handpainting of various farm and wildlife animals. A horse, dog, cat, raccoon, fox and the words Atlantic Veterinary School or College were writ-

ten on it.

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FACTS session held in SUB

by Mimi Cormier

About fifty participants turned out for an anti-sexual assault course offered this past Sunday. The participants were instructed in the Female Anti-Assault Comprehensive Training System (F.A.C.T.S) in a five hour session. The Student Union sponsored course was offered at no charge to female students at UNB.

John Williams, who has an extensive background teaching self-defense courses to law enforcement agencies, formulated F.A.C.T.S and was the chief instructor at Sunday's session. Williams emphasized the importance of educating the participants about the nature of sexual assaults. He pointed out the precautions that must be taken against date-rape, particularly for fe-

male university students. Each of the participants was given an information booklet on sexual assault, in addition to training in techniques for defending against actual physical assaults.

Course instructor Randy Breaux says that "a really good group" attended the session. Breaux says that F.A.C.T.S is a "practical" course since "every girl should know how to defend herself," and he recommends the course "for every girl on campus."

Breaux explains that F.A.C.T.S was "researched with the RCMP and StatsCan," and that "rapists and people who work with rapists" were consulted in preparing the course, making it "quite realistic". According to Breaux F.A.C.T.S differs from

other anti-assault courses offered to women, in that the techniques F.A.C.T.S teaches are "easy to do." Breaux, who himself teaches a Jiu-Jitsu course, says that a strong point of F.A.C.T.S is that it does not involve "martial arts techniques" that take "a long time to learn."

Anyone who participated in F.A.C.T.S can become a certified instructor with further training. Participants who are interested in becoming F.A.C.T.S instructors, or anyone wanting further information on the course, can contact Randy Breaux at 457-3053 or Patty Smith at 450-6951. Each participant in Sunday's session receives a certificate of course completion, which can be picked up by contacting Randy Breaux.

Discussion held on city by-law

by Shane MacDonald

On Wednesday, February 5, City Council was confronted by 35 homeowners and students at Montgomery Street school.

The meeting was held over the proposed changes to the city by-law which presently permits 5 unrelated people to live in a one family unit.

If the changes go through, according to councillor Burns, it will not affect present housing accommodations. That is if 5 people presently live in a family unit, 5 people can continue to live in a family unit.

"I think that right now, there is a lot of misunderstanding in what the by-law is trying to achieve," councillor Burns stated in a telephone interview Wednesday.

"The UNB Student Union is concerned that the result of this amendment should it pass, will result in an increase in rents and a decrease in the availability of student housing," said Derek Dunnett, V.P. University Affairs.

When asked about the possibility of rent increases due to the by-law, councillor Burns is quoted as saying, "It (the change) will not now or ever affect existing rents. We have to have controls to protect the future, I'm concerned about the future."

Kent Thompson, Vice President of the College Hill Residents Association stated that the Association will support whatever it takes to stop our neighbourhoods from turning into a slum.

A local resident agrees and stated so in a letter last year to the Department of Planning

and Development. In the letter Mrs. Mary Bowlen stated "... I hope that this

problem can be addressed while there is still time."

She continued to say "... It is the responsibility of those primarily concerned - the city and the university - to see that student housing needs are met."

This statement is reiterated by Derek Dunnett the UNB, SU Vice President of University Affairs. However, he feels that it is also the responsibility of the residents as well.

As things stand now, the change in by-laws is only in the planning/discussion stage. Before the by-law change is considered, the city plans a survey. This survey will go out to all those concerned and then a plan will be drawn up.

Bridges annual Polar Dip

by Karen Burgess

On Saturday, February 8th, students from Bridges House plunged into the icy waters of the Saint John River for their fourth annual polar dip.

The event, which was held behind the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel was held to gather donations for the Fredericton Food Bank.

Scott McCready, one of the events organizers says that the '92 Polar Dip was "the most successful so far."

In total, about 150 people showed up behind the hotel, with over 50 Bridges house inhabitants taking the plunge through the hole in the two feet thick ice of the Saint John River.

The jumpers constitute approximately 50% of the residents of Bridges House, making this a record year for the Polar Dip. Previous dips have only recruited approximately 30 volunteers.



A participant in Saturday's Polar Dip surfaces in the icy waters of the St. John river.

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