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What do you get when you cross a Liberal with a pig...

...There are some things even a pig won't do.

FM in December

by Mark Roppel

By December you should be able to listen to the university radio station CJSR with a mere spin of your FM dial.

"It depends on how things are going," says Colin Keylor, Director of CJSR. "We might wait as long as January 1, and see...it probably won't happen before December 1."

"We were seeing as early as October," says Keylor, "but we had a little setback with money and it took the CRTC a little longer than we expected, also when you're working with volunteers it takes a little longer."

CJSR received its FM license from the CRTC at the end of May.

Presently CJSR is heard on cable FM and at the University.

The change to broadcast FM

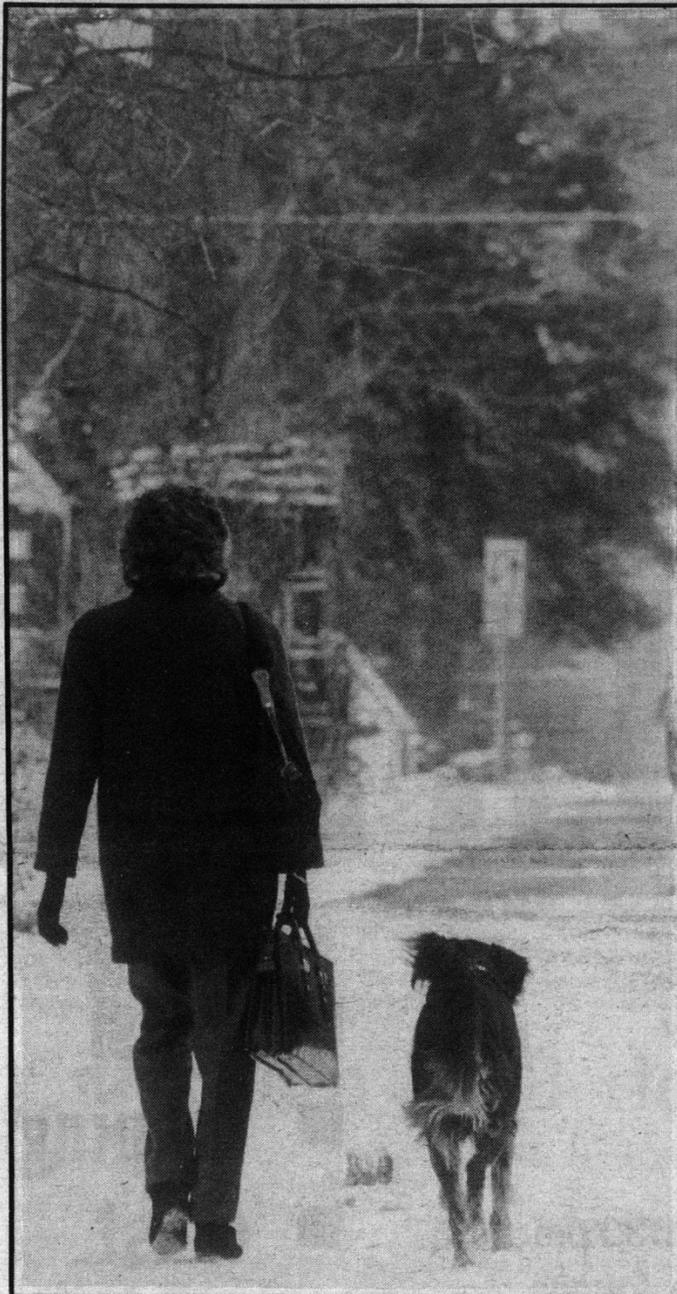
will cost "about \$25,000" says Keylor. The Alumni Association, the University of Alberta Special Projects Committee and private donations will account for about \$6,000. The Friends of CJSR will raise the remainder of the money.

Included in the monies which the Friends are raising is an \$8,000 loan from the Students' Union.

Originally CJSR was to receive \$8,000 in matching grants from the Provincial Government, but "that program was frozen," says Keylor. "(The SU) will be paid back from matching grants or the Friends will pick it up."

CJSR's broadcast area will include most of the city. "Sherwood Park and St. Albert are going to be hard pressed to hear us," says Keylor.

CJSR's frequency will be 88.5.



"Shut up woman, I'm freezing too!"

photo Bill Inglee

Only the rich get in...

TORONTO (CUP) — The head of the Council of Ontario Universities says higher education will become the preserve of the socially privileged unless funding is soon increased.

Speaking to a legislative committee looking into university deficits, Alvin Lee said "If there is no improvement (in funding levels) then academics can no longer guarantee broad accessibility."

The committee, set up to investigate proposed legislation to limit university deficits, spent much of its Sept. 5 to 9 meeting discussing the broader topic of accessibility.

"If the resources are not made available, then existing policy on accessibility should be changed," Lee told the committee.

"We are willing to see accessibility reduced rather than quality," he added.

Lee warned if underfunding continues "we'll have things called universities that won't be universities. They'll be mass education centres that do little for the students in them."

"What is at stake is a good deal of our future as an advanced, humane, technological society."

Opposition members of the legislature agreed with Lee's assessment. Liberal MLA Sean Conway said the province could no longer afford to allow universities to deteriorate because of underfunding.

"The effects of a decade of underfunding are everywhere apparent. Ontario ranks last among the provinces in its operating grants per student, yet tuition fees set by the government are among the highest in Canada," Conway said.

Lee said if underfunding leads to tougher admission standards students with more affluent backgrounds will be favored.

"I don't know if students will be denied positions this year or not, but even if someone (from southern Ontario) finds a position at a northern university there may be serious economic impediments, despite (the Ontario Student Aid Program)," he said.

Civil war in Quebec?

MONTREAL (CUP) — A law giving legal recognition to Quebec student associations is more dangerous than no law at all, and may cause "civil war" on some Quebec campuses, says Quebec's largest student organization.

Members of the Association Nationale des etudiantes et etudiants du Quebec and other student groups are protesting the law, and plan a general student strike Nov. 15.

Law 32, passed last June, requires student associations seeking accreditation from the Quebec government to win a referendum in which 25 per cent of students vote yes.

Associations which have existed as a corporation for two years and which apply by Sept. 21 are exempt. An appointee of the education ministry must supervise the referendum and a five person board representing the other associations in Quebec must validate the results.

Only accredited associations would receive guaranteed funding through a student levy at registration, collected by the administration. Office space and other services would also be guaranteed.

The law also allows individual faculties, departments or colleges to set up their own associations.

ANEQ information secretary Peter Wheeland said the regulations could create incredible bureaucracies at universities if individual departments were accredited.

Also, for a large existing association like at Concordia University, "it would be just about impossible to get the 25 per cent turnout required for legitimacy," said Wheeland.

Associations not accredited may still exist, but may receive student fees only at the discretion of the administration and are not protected by other provisions of the law.

Weak associations will lose control to administrations under the law, said Wheeland.

"It doesn't resolve the problems of the associations which have serious money or

recognition problems, in fact it makes it worse."

A tradition of co-operation between anglophone institution administrations and associations in Quebec does not generally exist in the francophone system. The administration at Universite de Quebec a Montreal will not collect student levies for its association, for example.

While the situation is grim for associations unable to get accreditation, problems exist for those who do.

"Once you're accredited, you're free of administration interference, but you're open to government interference," said Wheeland. "Wide discretionary powers are left to the accreditation agent (to deny or withdraw accreditation)."

Wheeland said the law can be used as blackmail. "Once you have defined your rights with a law, anything that's not in the law isn't a right."

Stress can be beaten with Help

by Ken Lenz

Are claustrophobic classes, insensitive bureaucracies and eternal line-ups getting to you?

Stress runs high at the University of Alberta campus this time of year, and even higher as term papers, essays and final exams accumulate in December and April.

Student Help, a non-profit campus club might help you overcome some of the tension and anxiety you may be experiencing with University life.

"Basically we offer two services, information and personal," explains Joel Minion, director of Student Help.

"We provide students with information about the campus and the city."

Minion adds, "Anything, from where the photocopiers are located to how to put an ad in the yellow pages. We also have information about what is going on around the campus."

Student Help also operates a referral service.

"For personal services, what we provide is sort of a one-shot counseling service."

He adds, "Problems range from class-related difficulties such as motivation problems to personal problems students often have with boyfriend - girlfriend relationships."

"All of the people who work in Student Help are either students now or have been students in the past. They have generally experienced a lot of the same problems and while they may not have easy solutions they can at least help a student to get the difficulty 'off his chest'."

Says Minion, "If the problem is out of our hands or a student needs long-term counseling, we can refer them to the proper person or agency."

Another aspect of the referral service is a file on typists and tutors. Any student who either needs a typist or tutor or feels he can offer these services can make arrangements through Student Help, and it's all free.

Last week Student Help received about 700 calls, quite a load for the small staff of 25.

Minion comments, "We are trying to organize a recruitment drive, students who want to help out should drop by and talk to us."

Anyone wishing to take advantage of the services offered by Student Help should phone 432-4266 or drop by their office between the hours of 8:00 am. and 5:00 pm. weekdays or 5:00 pm. to 11:00 pm. on weekends.

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