

CHSR controversy put to the people

It would have appeared quite certain that whatever faith The Brunswickan had in the present Student Union Government was slipping away rapidly. Two weeks ago, they categorically stated that to expand CHSR to FM stereo a fee increase was required. Last week, they decided that although a fee increase was not needed, students could not suggest where current spending could be altered to accommodate the expansion within the existing amounts.

In last week's editorial, as well as in other parts of the paper, the Student Representative Council was pointed out as displaying leadership where the executive could show none. At last Monday's council meeting, a similar observation could have been made.

The meeting started out with

Student Union President Bartlett giving his now familiar speech concerning the rights of students. Students have no rights under the constitution of their own union. We have abrogated them all to the SRC. The word 'illegal' was tossed around a lot in a knowing way. Students cannot presume to question the all seeing authority of the Student Union Executive.

On the other hand, the meeting ended with strong leadership from within the council. Motions were passed making a real commitment to students. The Student Representative Council have promised to rearrange their priorities such that, should the CHSR referendum be affirmative, monies will be found from within administrative budgets. This means that the SRC will reduce its operating budget, fund CHSR FM

and provide existing levels of support to the various clubs and organizations. In the most sincere way possible The Brunswickan congratulates the SRC for showing real leadership when it was needed.

This coming Wednesday, a referendum will be held to decide the issue of CHSR going FM stereo to the City of Fredericton. The Brunswickan supports this proposal. At the present time all students pay into a station which is available to a limited number.

The SRC has invested a considerable amount of money (several hundred thousand dollars) over the past 18 years to equip and maintain CHSR. An examination of the campus radio stations in Atlantic Canada will show that CHSR has by far the most active organization and the

best equipped station. In 1971, CHSR was granted the second carrier-current license in Canada by the CRTC. On the basis of that presentation, the CRTC granted CHSR a license extending for five years. A license of that duration had not been granted before or since.

The SRC believes, and The Brunswickan would concur that the membership of CHSR are able to do the job. A large turnout with a 'yes' vote will assist President Bartlett and CHSR director Doug Varty when they appear before the CRTC at the license hearing.

Should you vote yes, and the CRTC grants the appropriate license, we can look forward to CHSR FM stereo round about CHSR's nineteenth birthday next year. A coming of age.

UNB can't see the forest for the trees

The University of New Brunswick has a rich heritage. One part of our heritage was a land grant made in 1800 on behalf of the Crown to this university. Originally, this consisted of 5,950 acres. The land this university once owned extended from Charlotte Street on one corner, from the river on another and nearly five miles back 'up the hill'. A tremendous gift to the future of the young college.

In 1979, one doesn't have to think very hard to realize that we do not own 5,950 acres. Over the intervening 179 years we have given away, sold or had stolen from us a rather significant proportion of that land.

Land dealings at this university are done within a veil of strictest security and secrecy. A secrecy rivaling that of some mystic society. So it is rather difficult to assess what is going on.

Land is being sold from our original grant yet again. A considerable amount of money is involved. Many people feel that it is wrong to sell land. In any case, money generated in this way should be invested for a purpose in keeping with the spirit of the original grant.

The Alumni of this university are as concerned, perhaps more concerned, than most, about the term future of this university. A high priority for the Alumni has always been undergraduate scholarships than do the

alumni of other universities in this region of comparable size.

At a recent meeting of the Alumni Council, they passed a motion which reads: "The Alumni Council continues to be concerned about the level of scholarship funding available at the University. The Alumni's priorities in allocation of these funds have in the last few years reflected their concern. It has come to the attention of the Council that there exists a potential opportunity for the university to dispose of some of its land holdings-in particular the University Woodlot. To this end the Alumni Council recommends most strongly that a major portion of the proceeds from the sale of these lands be placed in an investment fund from which the income would be allocated for scholarships."

The Brunswickan thanks the Alumni Council for their concern and action on this matter. The Alumni and The Brunswickan hope and trust that the Board of Governors will bear this recommendation in mind. A substantial jump in our scholarship funds is one of the many things which will

keep student enrollment at this great university stable while those around us fail. The university cannot expect, ever, to come as

the prodigal son to the government, our heritage spent.

