

# CKDU contacts 'nest of spies'

by Tom Regan

An idea that was "thought up one day while doing a paper" and led to a phone call to the American Embassy in Iran has given two CKDU reporters one of the bigger and more imaginative news scoops to come out of the student media in a long time.

Kerry DeLorey and Martin Cohn, two journalism students at the University of King's College phoned Iran Monday afternoon and talked to one of the students holding 50 American hostages in the American Embassy.

The interview which was some fourteen minutes in length was picked up by the

Canadian Press, Broadcast News service, the CBC and local radio station CJCH.

DeLorey, who initiated the project, said he didn't know how the idea came to him.

"The idea just crossed my mind one day when I was doing a paper at home," said DeLorey. "I went and checked with Mike Wile at CKDU and he said he would cover the cost of the call. So I went ahead and called."

DeLorey first called the overseas operator in Montreal to ask for the number of the Embassy.

"I felt a little foolish at first asking for the number", said

DeLorey, "but there were very few problems. The operator told me she had the number but that there would be an hour and a half wait for the call to go through."

DeLorey asked the operator to try anyway and to phone him back at CKDU when she could reach Tehran.

DeLorey and Wile then sat down to discuss some questions to ask if he ever did reach the Embassy. They didn't have long to wait.

"It only took 25 minutes to reach Iran," said DeLorey. "Suddenly I was connected with the Embassy. I got really

frantic and my heart went up into my mouth.

The phone rang only once before it was answered.

"When somebody answered the phone, I asked if it was the American Embassy in Tehran. He told me it was the American nest of spies."

Martin Cohn then joined DeLorey and the two reporters quizzed the man who identified himself only as an Iranian student named "Y" for about 15 minutes.

"When he came on at first he was reading a prepared statement," said DeLorey. "But as we asked more questions he began to ad-lib a

little more. Some questions we asked him he just plain evaded."

The student did tell the two King's students that the Americans were being well looked after and were comfortable. He also said any of the hostages found guilty of spying would be tried according to Islamic justice.

DeLorey said he had no more plans to call any other news hot spots around the world for a while.

"I don't know of any," said DeLorey, "Not at the present moment anyway. Phoning Iran was enough of an experience. I'll never forget it."

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## Leaders quiet about presidential candidates

by Paul Clark

The names of the four Dalhousie presidential candidates have been released, but it is surprisingly difficult to get any student or faculty leaders to comment on them.

Dr. H. Cooke, co-chairman of the Presidential Selection Committee, said it would be "most undesirable to publish comments about any of the candidates."

He said the Gazette's statement on the candidates was "very misleading, although the names were factual". For purposes of clarification, he spoke briefly about three of the candidates.

Dr. Paul Fleck is president of the Ontario College of Art and was chairman of the department of English at the University of Western Ontario.

Dr. E.A. (Peter) Robinson recently left a term of office as principal of Erindale College, which is a sub unit of the University of Toronto with 3,500 students.

Dr. Donald Chant, provost (Vice-President) of the University of Toronto, which is the largest university in Canada, is also very well known for his work in environmental protection.

He did not mention Dr. Andrew MacKay, Dal's vice-president, who previously served as Dal's law school.

Dick Matthews, president of Dal's student council, said he hadn't officially met with all the candidates and didn't feel he was in a position to comment on them.

Asked specifically about Dal vice-president MacKay, Matthews again declined comment.

Dr. Michael Cross, vice-president of the DFA, questioned about allegations that the short list was stacked with weak candidates to make

MacKay look strong, Cross said that was his view of the process for some time, that the list was composed of "stocking horses".

However, Cross said he had changed his opinion on this score and said there is another "strong candidate who is plausible".

He was referring to Donald Chant, who he said is an administrator of "considerable reputation" and has "excellent credentials" for his work in ecology.

Cross said Chant is anti-union, however, a disposition

which runs through all of the candidates, he said.

Commenting on MacKay, Cross said he had just completed ten months of contract negotiations with him and has "no complaints on that score."

But Cross said MacKay opposed the unionization of the DFA, doing "everything he could to stop it."

"He certainly has got enough experience to be president," Cross said.

"But I have reservations on his views of collective bargaining."

Cross also was concerned about MacKay's willingness to delegate power, emphasizing the need for a "management team."

Questioned about the other candidates, Cross expressed surprise & dissatisfaction with the selection as there had been 60 applicants to choose from.

Selection Board co-chairman Cooke said it was "positively not" true that all of the candidates are anti-union.



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## Minister 'flouting the law'

by Darrell Dexter

Tourism minister Bruce Cochran has been accused of flouting the law in his decision to fire eight members of the board of governors of the Gaelic College in Cape Breton and replacing them with eight others.

The accusation was made in a statement by the liberal MLA

for Inverness, Bill MacEachern. Rising on a point of privilege in the legislature on

Monday, MacEachern said the action taken by the minister "had compromised the status of the Gaelic College and exposed it to the possibility of legal action."

The Gaelic College of Celtic

Folk Arts and Highland Home Crafts is an educational institution operated by the board of governors of the college.

The provincial and federal governments, in cooperation with the Department of Regional Economic Expansion, decided to grant 3.2

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