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CKDU is reaching out. News Director Phil Doucette scoops Tiger Delight for SHINERAMA.

CKDU readies for referendum

by Brian Cox

Dalhousie students will be faced with an early referendum this fall. This referendum's purpose is to determine whether or not students are in favour of a university FM radio station. The question being asked this October is in "Do you favour a university broadcasting FM radio station". CKDU-FM is proposing an alternative, high quality, wide variety, informative station - a station which would include live coverage of university sporting events, classic rock shows and live entertainment at the Grawood Coffee House. Station manager Keith Tufts described CKDU-FM as an "Ear to the campus".

Once in operation CKDU will be received throughout Halifax and Dartmouth as well as outlying areas.

Dal will not be the first university to set up a university FM station. There are between fifteen and twenty such stations presently broadcasting across Canada. Student Union treasurer Shawn Houlihan recently completed a tour of upper Canadian Universities. He found the majority of the university FM stations were successful. Houlihan would like to see CKDU-FM become completely autonomized. This would insure that CKDU would not become a white elephant which the student Council would have to carry.

The price tag for converting CKDU to FM is as follows: the capital budget (the cost of buying the equipment to convert to FM band) is \$98,162. The operating budget is listed as \$76,723 in the first year of operation. If CKDU-FM were realized it would constitute a \$4.93 increase per full-time student in Student Union fees. CKDU-FM would not be solely supported by the Student Union. Advertisers would be welcome, however Tufts points out that advertising would have to be controlled in order to maintain the objectives of the station.

The proposal of CKDU-FM has received a warm response from the local media. If realized CKDU will be run by a seven member Board consisting of at

least one local radio personality. Tufts describes the possibility of CKDU as a great opportunity for Dalhousie. For further details, stay tuned to 93.1 FM.

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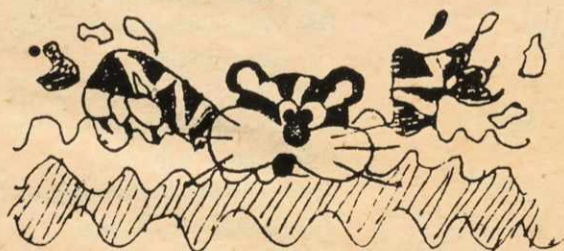
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