CJSR featuring Central America news

by Matt Hays

Campus radio station CJSR has a new radio show whose aim is to promote what *really* goes on in Central America.

The bi-monthly series, which is entitled "Central America — Breaking the Silence", features interviews with those involved in Central America, and news updates direct from Radio Farbabundo Marti in El Salvador.

The series is the product of much hard work. It is hosted and coordinated by Tasla Larson, Ricardo Maldonado, Rick Warren, Xiomara Orellana, Jeff Allan, and Alexia Wilkinson.
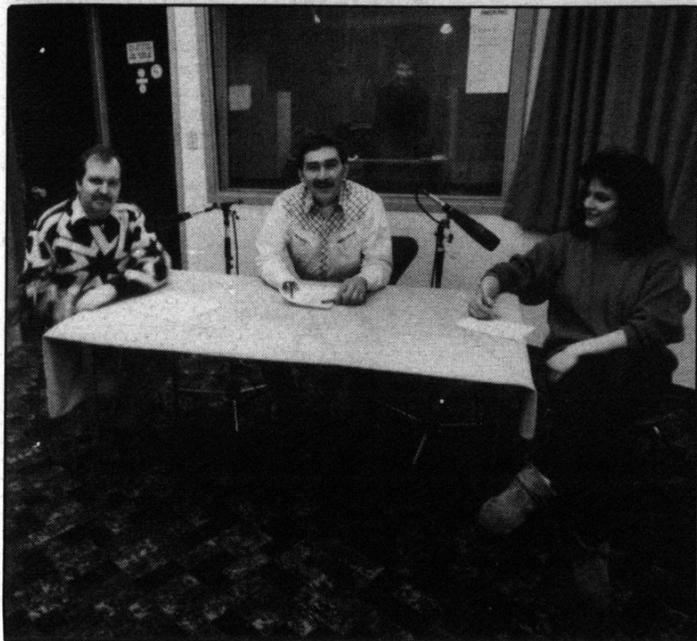
"We hear very little news from Central America," says Warren, "and that's a deliberate misinformation campaign administered in El Salvador by the Duarte Administration directly channeled by the Reagan Administration as part of an overall plan for Central America. What little information does get out is distortion. What we wanted to do was change that situation — to provide Canadians with up-to-date accurate information on Central America.

Warren, speaking for the crew of the show, gave several reasons for the inception of the series.
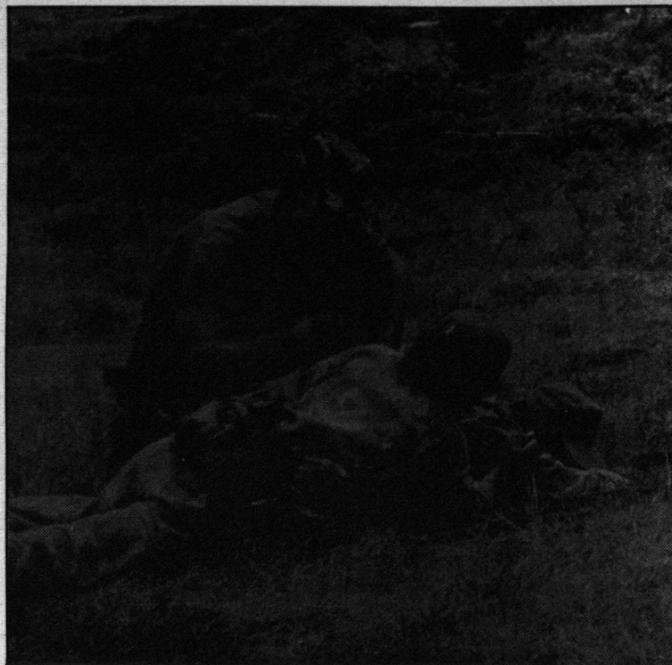
"I travelled to Central America last year, and talked to several non-governmental human rights organizations. I was able to get an idea of what was really happening there. When the representative of Radio Farbabundo Marti made his Canadian tour I helped organize his Edmonton visit. One of the things he asked me to do was to initiate a radio project here."

CJSR and Radio Farbabundo Marti have been declared "sister stations" and will work together on the series. In addition to running its news stories, CJSR hopes to hold fundraising events for its Central American relation.

CJSR Station Manager Brent

Rick Warren (left), Ricardo Maldonado (centre), and Tasla Larson in the studio.

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Kane is excited about the series. "This is what alternative radio should be."

Warren finds mainstream media's coverage of Central American issues somewhat erratic. "We are going to be producing a *regular* series program devoted to the struggle of the Central American people."
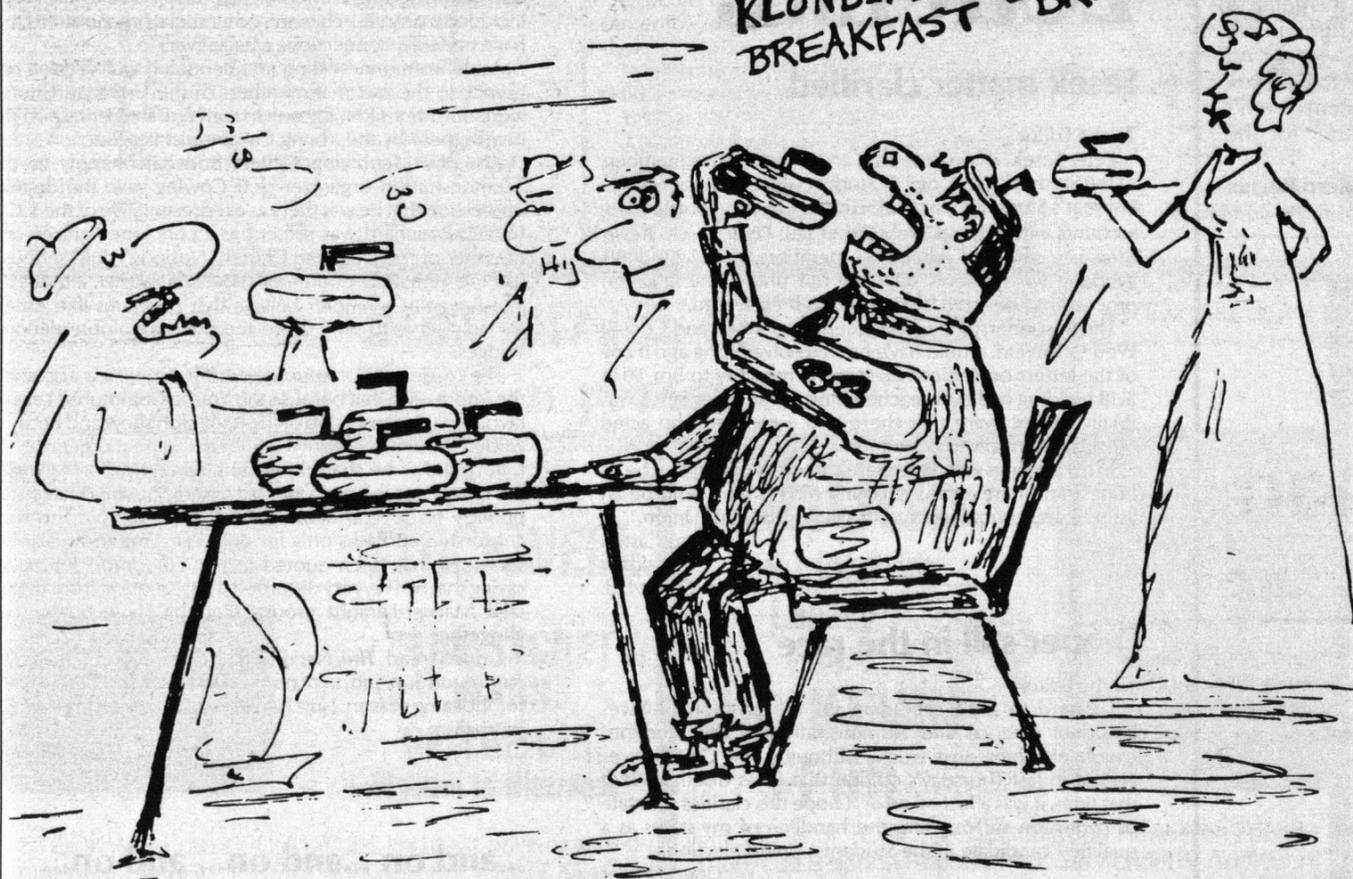
"Central America — Breaking the Silence" has received praise from several community groups, and even a letter of commendation from NDP MLA Gerry Gibeault.

The series premiered on February 26, and featured discussion on Canadian aid to Guatemala and a review of the Third World Film Festival. The next in the series will air on March 12. The show can be heard on the "Open Edition" on alternate Thursdays at 5 p.m. on CJSR Campus Radio.

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Corrections

CORRECTION:
In the Tuesday, February 24 *Gateway* story regarding a protest of the TV series *Amerika* at television station CFRN, Gilbert Bouchard was listed as the demonstration organizer. In fact, Robin Boodle and Christine DeMarco were the organizers.

CORRECTION:
A Thursday, Feb. 26th, *Gateway* story indicated that Peter Sesek was taken to small claims court by Dial Printing in relation to campaign materials associated with the 1986 SU election. This was incorrect. The Students' Union, not Dial Printing, filed the small claims court suit. The suit by the SU was dropped when Sesek provided evidence of having paid Dial.

CORRECTION:
A Tuesday, March 3rd, *Gateway* story indicated that the Students' Union paid a bill for $610.50 at Central Web Printing in association with materials printed by the Students Working For Students' slate of the 1986 SU elections. This is incorrect. The SU issued a cheque, but did not forward it to Central.

The *Gateway* regrets any inconvenience caused by the above errors.