

Off campus broadcasting delayed for campus radio

By DAVE SIMMS

The University of New Brunswick student radio station will not extend their broadcasting off campus this year as originally planned.

College Hill Student Radio director Christopher B.J. Pratt said Wednesday their inability to meet the programming requirements laid down by the student president's committee on the

station would delay the move until September 1976.

The six-member committee was struck in August to advise CHSR in their off-campus expansion and included former director Dave Miller, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation technician Doug Bearisto, CBC newsman Bill Akerley and student government representatives Damian Bone, Gideon Mersereau and Wenceslaus Bata-

They recommended CHSR broadcast 135 hours each week and air 10 hours of news, 10 of community service features, 10 of public affairs programming, 100 of music, four of sports and one and one half of drama.

This was "a bit more than we could handle," he said. The station in September reduced air time to 118 hours each week and last month to 77 hours in order to train personnel and develop sufficient

public affairs programming. The station was granted technical certification as a carrier-current station by the federal communications department Sept. 17.

Pratt said the 105-member staff had included a large proportion without previous experience but he expected there would be a sufficient number to expand programming to 118 hours in a week and one half and 135 hours in two to three weeks.

It was "technically impossible" to go off-campus before September, said Pratt in an interview. The present executive of the station will attempt to lay the groundwork — developing programming — for the move then, he said.

Pratt, who announced his candidacy for student president the same night (see below), said he would resign his CHSR post if elected but continue to work on its expansion.

Some postal workers willing to return to work

By BURT FOLKINS, BOB TREMBLAY & CHRIS HUNT

Canada is in the midst of another postal strike but there does seem to be relief in sight. Postmaster General Bryce Mackasey has announced all blocks to a contract settlement had been settled except for the monetary issue.

After interviewing some of the striking postal workers, some seem to be in favour of returning to work. A striking worker said he sympathizes with the public and wants to get back to work. Workers said they hoped to see a settlement in the contract dispute by the latter part of the week.

If the everyday man on the street knows nothing of what is happening in Ottawa, the postmasters appear to be in the same cloud. Fredericton Postmaster, A.W. Jones stated he knows only what he reads in the papers and hears on the radio, about how the negotiations are coming. He said that although the inside workers are striking there seems to be no conflict between them and the letter carriers as there is in Halifax. A striking worker verified this when he said the union local has the best relationship with other workers than in any other part of Canada.

Despite the strike, you can send

your mail if you want to pay the price.

One national delivery service with an office in Fredericton said their business is now handling two to three times as much as before the strike.

The situation at UNB and other campuses, however, is slightly better than that of the outside world. This is due to the fact that the postal workers on campus are university employees and therefore are not on strike.

The postmistress Mrs. Clark said that although the mail destined for different points in Canada is not being picked up; one may still send letters to the United States and overseas.

In addition to this, the campus mail system is in full operation. Deliveries between the Fredericton and St. John campuses are also in effect. Should the strike continue into next week, plans are being laid to ensure that mail will be delivered and received between all university campuses in Canada.

For those people wishing to send mail to the U.S. or overseas, their mail must carry U.S. postage.

The pay range for inside postal workers is \$4.34 to \$4.59 an hour with raises few and far between. Full-time postal workers are against the hiring of casual workers because "they just pick up any Joe Blow off the street and hire

him for two hours and he has no experience and it takes us two hours to straighten out the mess he makes."

The postal workers sympathize with the public but in turn they feel that the public must sympathize with them.

Many of the postal workers feel they should not be considered public servants. Said one worker "I'm nobody's servant. I come in for eight hours a day and that's it."

Another main issue that upsets the postal workers is the upcoming automation of the postal service. "They guarantee us job security for automation which means they won't lay us off because of automation but because we won't have any work then they'll lay us

off." Postal workers are distressed that they are blamed for the strike and not the management. "We're the scapegoats. We have to take all the shit." They feel that if postal workers were given their guaranteed periodic raise like the army and the R.C.M.P. there would be no problems.

The problem of video-tape cameras watching them work also upsets the postal workers. "They are there to check us up — make sure we keep working otherwise they'll fire us." Management justifies the cameras as a safeguard against theft from the mail but workers feel that cameras should be kept in the postmaster's office if that is the case.

Pratt will run for presidency

By DAVE SIMMS

Christopher B.J. Pratt announced Wednesday he will seek presidency of the University of New Brunswick student government in the Nov. 26 by-election.

The by-election was called to fill the vacancy left by Warren McKenzie, who announced his resignation Oct. 27.

The 21-year-old arts senior from Philadelphia said he would resign from his position as College Hill Student Radio station director if elected.

However he said he would do everything possible to assist the station to extend their broadcasting off campus, especially since he would be available during the summer, "which is the important time."

Student council vice-president Gordon Kennedy the same night ended speculation he intended to offer for the position saying he was "definitely" out of the running.

This will be Pratt's second attempt at the post following his defeat at the polls by McKenzie in February.

He said in an interview his main aim would be to "build up the credibility" of the Student Representative Council by increasing communication between council and students. This could be accomplished, he said, by encouraging CHSR coverage of meetings and holding occasional meetings where more students would be drawn such as the lounge of the Lady Dunn women's residence, for example.

Pratt said he planned "to get things done" if elected and on the basis of his performance run again in the regular election due to be held in February 1976.

Another issue which would be important to him as president, he said, would be the running of "better organized", if fewer, pubs at McConnell Hall. Activities could be held there if these were handled responsibly, he said. Discussion between the residence system and

the SRC was essential to achieving this.

Pratt said he voted against UNB joining the National Union of Students in a recent referendum because he "didn't think that we received a fair presentation" and were "bombed with pro-NUS information."

He said CHSR attempted to find opposing points of view (to NUS membership) but were unsuccessful. He said he disapproved of NUS executive secretary Dan O'Connor "carrying the campaign into the poll area."

He said he was opposed to NUS because council was spending too much time on external affairs "to the detriment of our own household activities. There never would have been any question of banning McConnell pubs if adequate communication had existed between council and the residence system," he said.

The mandate given the president

to co-ordinate UNB's involvement in NUS, he said, would make him responsible "to get all we can for students." He said he had discussed the issues with O'Connor before the NUS conference held before the referendum and concluded there were some benefits to be derived.

"I'm just not going to vote for something when it's being crammed down my throat," he said.

He said he would not direct his campaign solely to residence students since the president has a responsibility to the entire student body. Off-campus students, occasionally use facilities which residence students use continually. "Let's respect residence students' rights," he said.

It was also important for the SRC to continue to support the CHSR executive in their efforts to extend their broadcasting off campus, he said.

Housing survey was successful

By PETER KRAUTLE

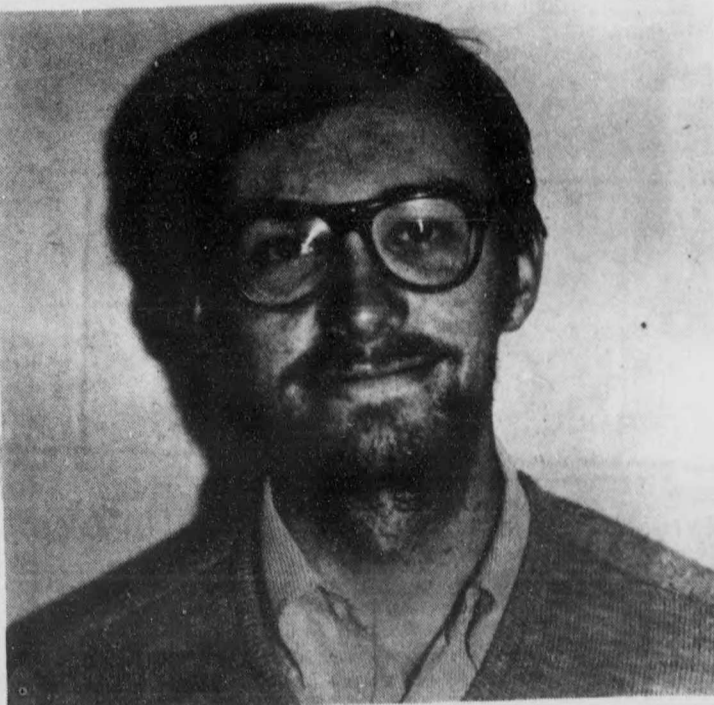
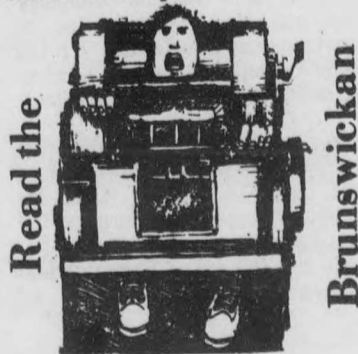
The off campus housing survey, a response to the housing crisis in Fredericton, was very successful according to Dean of Students Barry Thompson. Over 3,000 students filled out the questionnaire. According to Thompson, one of the major reasons for the large number of responses to the survey was due to the cooperation of UNB faculty in distributing the surveys to their classes. At STU the survey was distributed in key areas of the campus. Only about 200 surveys were completed at STU.

Helga Stewart, accommodations officer for the campus, said the surveys were very well answered. In general students answered the questions quite objectively with very few student biases appearing in the answers. This will aid in the interpretation of the results, which should be out in a few weeks.

One of the major purposes of the survey was to find out where students are living and in what type of accommodation. This information will aid the accommodations office in finding suitable accommodations for students in the coming years. The survey also asked questions concerning student preferences in housing. The results to these questions will have a bearing on what type of new

accommodations will be built on campus.

Thompson said that the housing committee have proposed plans for a student village which would consist of one and two story housing units. Though the plan was ideal, it has been rejected as being too expensive to undertake. Alternatives to the village include the construction of high-rise apartment units similar to those of Burt's Pond at Memorial University in Saint John's where students are housed in four storey apartment units. These units would be built and financed by the university to house students and staff and could be sold to private interests if its use does not warrant the expenditure in light of the predicted decline in student enrollment in future years. At present, about 4500 students are housed off-campus.



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