

CROSS CANADA

Radio station may be closed

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) — Memorial University's campus radio station could be shut down any day now by the Canadian Radio Television and Telecommunications Commission.

CHMR-FM is in danger of losing its license because it refuses to pay the fees required by the Society of Composers and Music Publishers of Canada. As a result they are no longer allowed to play anything by bands registered with SOCAN.

Station staff have refused to pay CHMR's fees to SOCAN, and as a result are giving air-time to non-SOCAN bands, jeopardizing their radio license.

Station manager Kathy Rowe said the staff is not paying the fees because artists aren't getting the royalties they are entitled to.

All Canadian radio stations pay fees and are monitored by SOCAN which pays artists royalties based on the amount of air-time they get. But smaller stations such as campus radio aren't being monitored, and they are the ones most likely to play struggling, independent artists.

The end result is SOCAN members who are played on most campus radio stations are not getting their share of royalties, Rowe said.

Dan Hart, Program Director at CKDU, Dalhousie's own radio station, agrees with Rowe because he says the bulk of SOCAN fees go directly to mainstream artists and not to the lesser-known artists frequently played on CKDU.

She said this the main reason CHMR missed the Oct. 1 deadline to pay its fees. And the CRTC's definition is too tightly linked with SOCAN, she added.

"All a Canadian artist has to do to become a member of SOCAN is to apply," she said. "They then get a MAPL stamp which means that the artist's work is considered Canadian. However, an artist is not considered Canadian content if they're not MAPL.

"We have no problem with paying the full amount of the fees. Money is not a concern. The money is just not going to the right people."

Inuit vs. bureaucracy

MONTREAL (CUP) — In their fight against Hydro Quebec's proposed Great Whale dam project, the Inuit people are also battling their own Makivik Corporation.

The corporation administers the \$90 million the Inuit received from Quebec for signing the 1975 James Bay agreement.

In May 1990, Senator Charlie Watt, the president of Makivik, told the *Montreal Gazette* that "all of us in the north would like to live in harmony with nature but reality sometimes overrules that." And last year he said the Inuit would be willing to negotiate with Hydro Quebec about the Great Whale project.

But Mary Mickeyook, a resident of Kuujjuarapik, the village closest to the Great Whale project if it goes through, does not want to negotiate. She doesn't want to see the environment and her people's way of life destroyed by another Hydro electric mega-project.

Mickeyook said many Inuit are against the project but feel they are too small and powerless to fight Hydro Quebec. She said many Inuit men are unwilling to talk openly about their opposition to the project.

Noodles for Wilson

TORONTO (CUP) — When Michael Wilson visited York University Oct. 3, students gave him their traditional greeting — they threw wet noodles at him.

The federal minister of international trade had planned a quiet visit to York's faculty of administrative studies to speak to business students.

What he got was 100 angry students and campus union members calling for his resignation and heaving fistfuls of cooked macaroni at him.

Rob Centa, vice president of the York Federation of Students, said the former finance minister was a fitting target for students' rage. "Wilson is an incredibly high-profile member of the Tory cabinet," he said. "We're still feeling the effects from his cutbacks to education even though he's moved on to another portfolio."

Last year, Wilson reduced federal transfer payments to the provinces for education by \$3.2 billion.

NEWS

Opposition to the Reform Party

BY MATTHEW MURPHY

A lecture on "Why the Reform Party Must Be Opposed," was given by David McNally on October 2 in the Student Union Building.

The lecture's focus was the threat of reactionary social legislation looming over Canadian social progress. It was presented in cooperation with the Coalition to Oppose the Reform Party.

The party's own handbook, *Principles and Policies: 1991* (also known as the blue book) is totally objectionable, McNally said. He referred to the sections dealing with multiculturalism, bilingualism, R.C.M.P., and social services.

On multiculturalism, a "federal 'pet project'" according to the Reform Party, the Blue Book states they "would end funding for the multicultural program and support the abolition of the Department of Multiculturalism."

McNally sees this as a direct attack on the non white immigrants of Canada who must, according to the Reform Party, integrate into "the mainstream of Canadian life."

He questioned what this "Canadian life" they speak of is? The policies laid out in the *Blue Book* suggest it is an English and white life for which immigrants must sac-

rific their culture.

On bilingualism, the Reform Party states, "We reject comprehensive language legislation, whether in the nature of enforced bilingualism or unilingualism, regardless of the level of government."

Of the R.C.M.P. dress-code, the Reform Party states, "Changes should not be made for religious or ethnic reason." This, says McNally, is clearly a rehashing of the ignorant controversy over the right of Sikhs to wear turbans on R.C.M.P. duty.

The Reform Party's "compassionate" alternative to the welfare state is as follows: "We would actively encourage families, communities, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector to reassume their duties and responsibilities in the social service areas." Thus the poorer members of our society would no longer be able to look for assistance from government but rather would have to rely on the charity of the few, he said.

These reform policies "represent a turning back of the clocks on all the progressive achievements" made to date, said McNally.

The Reform Party has risen, said McNally out of "the crisis of the conservative government." The Reform Party, he said, is present-

ing itself as an alternative to the Conservative government in power, but they are not. The Reform Party is merely taking conservative politics one step further to the right.

At this point it is highly unlikely that the Reform Party, led by Preston Manning, will win the next Federal election. But McNally said the Reform Party is dangerous because of its influence on the political environment of Canada.

First of all, McNally said, the Reform Party represents a considerable amount of people. According to the polls, he said, they are popular with about 15 to 20 percent of the population. This means they will inevitably hold seats in Ottawa.

Also, they could well "hold the balance of power in a minority government," he said. Judging by the unpopularity of the Conservatives and its opposition, a minority in the House of Commons is a very real possibility.

Third, McNally said, "the Reform Party is shifting the whole political spectrum to the right." He said, "The mainstream parties are reacting to the Reform Party." The balance has been tilted to the right, forcing the other parties to

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Dal-PIRG elects new board

BY JOHN FOX

The Dalhousie Public Interest Research Group (Dal-PIRG) has closed nominations for vacant positions on its Board of Directors. Elections to these positions will be held Tuesday, Oct. 15 in the SUB lobby.

All students at Dal are members of Dal-PIRG by virtue of a referendum held two-years ago and are entitled to vote in the Oct. 15 by-election.

Nine students sit on Dal-PIRG's Board of directors which supervises a \$32 000 budget. The money is used to promote projects in which university students and resources are aimed at problems facing the local community.

There are two vacant positions on the Board of Directors. However, Dal-PIRG's constitution requires that at least four of the nine directors be women. There are currently three women on the Board and one, third year student Heather Reid, has been nominated for this fall's by-election. Consequently, she has been elected by acclamation.

Three men will contest the remaining position. Each commented on their intentions and concerns:

Martin Davies, master's student in Environmental Studies and former associate of Quebec PIRG: "As a member of the Dal-PIRG

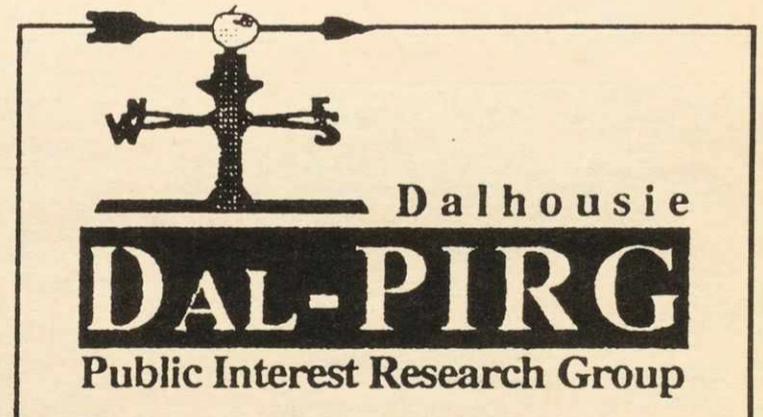
board, I hope to encourage campus co-operation and joint activities with other campus and community groups, and make Dal-PIRG more greater Halifax communities."

Chris Doyle, part time MPA student and former meteorologist: "Ideas from all areas and sources

are."

The three candidates will be canvassing support over the next few days.

Other Students may become involved in Dal-PIRG by becoming active volunteers or by undertaking pertinent research topics.



need to be co-ordinated in a manner that demonstrates the fundamental connections between social justice, progress, the environment and the individual. An interdisciplinary body like Dal-PIRG is well placed to take co-ordinated action, and I would like to be a part of it."

Arthur Jones, second year Arts student and member of the Dalhousie Mature Student Association: "I am a single parent and share custody with the mother of my child. Guess what my concerns

This year Dal-PIRG has initiated projects including the Supermarket Tour. Look for presentations on incineration (Paul Connert on Oct. 17) and access to information in the near future.

More information is available from the PIRG office, room 310 in the SUB (494-6662) or by coming to PIRG board meetings which are open to any student. Times and places are posted on the Dal-PIRG office door.

Most important — Don't forget to vote.