

# Council axes CKDU program director

by Valerie Mansour

The position of program director for CKDU has been removed. The decision to axe the full-time job that pays \$10,260 was made at Monday evening's council meeting. Although CKDU's broadcasting licence application says that the station will have a program director, members, when considering the various budgets, felt that since some cutbacks would have to be made, CKDU could not be considered a priority.

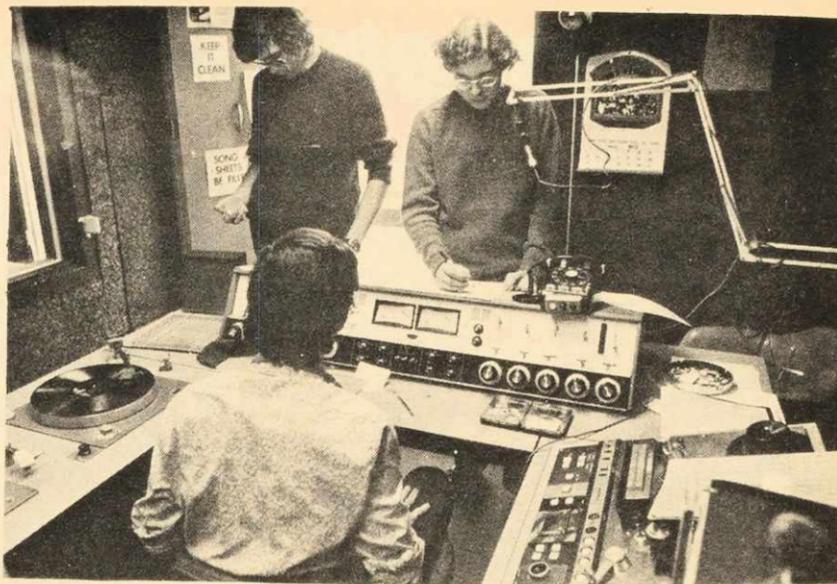
John Millen, CKDU station manager argued that the position should be retained because CKDU can "improve the quality of life at Dal."

Stan Carew, present program director, told the *Gazette* that "Dal

Radio could survive without the position being filled, but I'm not sure how. CKDU has a promise of performance to live up to for the CRTC and it will be more difficult without a program director." Carew is pleased that at least council is considering putting some money into two paid positions for CKDU for next year.

As program director, Carew was mainly an advisor and resource person to help out the staff. His term ends April 30.

Carew understands council's move and said he would probably have done the same thing if he was in their position. However, he thinks they should spend more time investigating details before they vote.



One of the major cuts from next year's budget is the position of program director for CKDU.

## Leonard speaks

# Socialwork redefined

Recently in the debate among social work practitioners and educators, the meaning of practice in advanced western capitalist society has resurfaced. With an unemployment rate ranging between 15-45% in most of rural Nova Scotia, a rate of inflation that has put the cost of living beyond the means of many Nova Scotians, it is the existence of social work itself which is being called into question. Provincial fiscal restraints that have substantially cut back on services without any serious comment from the professional association highlights the contradiction and lack of commitment to social equality attendant upon the profession.

Thus it becomes apparent within

an underdeveloped region, dependent upon federal redistribution and growth schemes as well as foreign capital that for social work to play a meaningful and relevant role (as opposed to privatizing public crisis), a redefinition of professional analysis and problem solving strategies is in order. Given this state of affairs, it is timely to the development of such analysis and strategies that Professor Peter Leonard, Chairman of the Department of Applied Social Studies at the University of Warwick, England will give a special colloquium on 'What is Radical Social' at the Maritime School of Social Work, Prince Hall Thursday, April 7 at 8:00 P.M. All are welcome.

# Dal strike averted

A strike by the Dalhousie maintenance workers, CUPE local 1392, has been averted. The union has signed a contract with the university that settles the main issues: sick leave and the "no-contracting-out" clause.

The maintenance workers, like all other Dalhousie employees, will continue to receive unlimited sick leave, if they can produce a doctor's certificate. The university administration had tried to cut back on sick leave.

Within three months, the university will end its agreements with outside companies to do the work of the maintenance workers.

Wages will rise between 8 and 10 per cent retroactive to September, 1976 when the contract expired.

A union spokesperson said that the "workers are satisfied for the time being." The collective agreement expires in 5 months.



# Council briefs

Council passed a motion to support the Blacks in South Africa by sending a letter to the Provincial Government asking them to stop selling South African Wines in the Nova Scotia Liquor Commission.

Valerie Mansour was ratified as *Gazette* editor for April 77 - April 78.

Council approved of granting a group of business consultants \$1000 to conduct a survey into the feasibility of Grawood expansion.

# Daycare-urgent need

by Elizabeth Beale

A survey on the need for day care facilities at Dalhousie was recently conducted under the auspices of the Dalhousie Student Union and the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students. While a final report on the survey is not yet available, the preliminary results show that there is a pressing, indeed urgent need for some sort of day care facility on this campus.

This questionnaire was distributed to various parts of the Dalhousie campus and a total of 91 responses were received from faculty, students and staff; a good response rate given that this was not a survey of the total parent population. Of the total number of respondents, 56 indicated that they were either unsatisfied with their present means of child care or did not consider the present day care situation adequate to meet their needs. 72 parents of 88 children under 5 years of age indicated that

they would consider enrolling their child in a day care centre at Dalhousie, if such a centre was available. Most parents, especially student parents, indicated that the prohibitive cost and the lack of adequate facilities were the key factors in their dissatisfaction with existing day care facilities in the city.

The Dalhousie Day Care Committee, which has been in operation since January, '77, will continue to meet through the summer; its goal being to set up a day care facility at Dalhousie in the near future. While this will be, by no means, an easy task, the pressing need for a day care facility on this campus and the enthusiastic response of those who completed the survey are encouraging signs.

And students, staff or faculty who are interested in working with the day care committee through the summer are invited to leave their names and phone number at the Dalhousie Student Union Office.

# Science society active

The Dalhousie Science Society through its Science Council has been very active over the past month. Three Science Council meetings were held and expenditures of more than \$1200.00 were approved.

As the result of showing keen interest the Sciences of Biochemistry and Microbiology were each given two seats on the Science Council to increase the latter's numbers to a total of nineteen. These Departments are in the process of forming student clubs. The Mathematics Department has its voting privileges revoked as it has never shown any interest nor participation in the Society.

Financial Grants of \$100.00 per club were given to the Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Geology, Physics and Psychology Clubs to enable end-of-year activities to be held. The Guidelines and formula of the Grants Committee were approved for future use in awarding Society funds to the Clubs. The Society was approached by the

President of the Class of '77 concerning financial support for the Graduation Dance. After lengthy discussions the Science Council approved the expenditure of not more than \$750.00 to purchase the glassware for the Graduation Dance. Students will receive their glasses (empty) free, compliments of the Science Society. This expenditure was approved considering that the 1977 Science graduates contributed approximately \$900.00 this year alone to the Society and that these moneys will relieve the Student Council from having to carry the debt of the glassware.

The Science Society is planning, with its member Clubs, to conduct a Seminar and Lecture Series for the Dalhousie Science Community in the 1977-78 term. The Society also had an information desk at the Halifax County High School Science Fair held at Halifax West High

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## Job opening

Applications are being received for the position of

**TREASURER - DALHOUSIE STUDENT UNION**  
**Honorarium - \$3000**

Application forms are available in the Council offices. Deadline for applications is April 15, 1977.