

Carleton Campus Gets Task Force

by Lorne Richardson

One of the major platform promises of the O'Connor-Richardson campaign in the last Student-Union elections was to provide a better liaison between the Carleton Campus and the Student Union. The idea of a task force for the lower campus was adopted and work started on this project last March. Each Student Union representative from faculties below Robie St. formed a steering committee to determine how to organize the students in the Health related fields and those students from Sociology/Anthropology. They decided that a survey would be the best solution so a questionnaire was set up with topics of paramount importance to the students. When they realized they had incorrect information concerning the breakdown of the forty dollar student union fee, it was too late in the year to survey the whole student population from the lower campus. Only Dentistry, Medicine, Pharmacy has results from the survey so the task force could not predict the feeling of the majority of students.

When the Council returned in the fall, the Task Force held its first open meeting with executive representatives from Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, Dental Hygiene, Nursing and Sociology/Anthropology.

The people present listed bookstore facilities, recreational and social facilities and food services as the major problems facing students from the Lower Campus. From the meeting, a bookstore committee was established to deal with the existing problems and also to organize a system where there will be adequate facilities and suitable books and materials for the bookstore. This committee has met on October 8, and will bring proposals to the University Bookstore Committee once the temporary bookstore has been closed.

There was general discontent with the lack of advertising of SUB weekend and special events so a "Sneak Preview" board was assembled in the Tupper Building lobby where tickets will go on sale every Thursday from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Hopefully this will help those students who find it difficult getting to the SUB during the day.

There was some complaints over the pricing of liquor on campus this year but since the Student Union has taken over all Bar Services on campus recently, it is still too early to predict if the Union is making money, breaking even or losing money by running bars outside the Student Union Building. Bar Services have placed an 8% administration fee above the direct costs of the

bar to cover indirect costs, salaries and administration costs. As soon as the treasurer has been able to have had a long hard look at the balance sheets of Bar Services outside the SUB for a reasonable length of time, this charge will be adjusted accordingly.

There was also suggestions about placing items on the referendum of October 30, which included: a residence for Lower Campus students to house meeting rooms, recreational and social facilities, lounge facilities and breathing room for students to go when they had free time. They also suggested that they should arrange separate graduation for the Health related students.

The Task Force would

like the Course Evaluation committee to do evaluation on courses on the Lower Campus because they felt it would give a better picture to new students taking required courses there.

A lot of discussion was centred on facilities on campus and especially ice time at the rink, McInnes Room rental, cafeteria rental to run entertainment events for the Inter-Health profession council and how the Union can increase lines of Communication with the groups on the Lower Campus.

This group does not want to feel that it is advocating polarizing the Union but it wants to play a more active role both inside and outside the Student Union Building.

FUTURE OF DAL RADIO STILL IN ?

by Gary Henderson

On Tuesday evening at 8:00 p.m. there was a meeting of the Dal Radio Restructure committee in the council chambers of the S.U.B.. All but the chairman of the committee were present along with more than 20 persons who had been associates of Dal Radio and a handful of others.

Stan Beshunsky-Smith opened the meeting with an announcement of intention. The meeting was meant to inform interested persons of the present state of affairs with Radio and suggestions or recommendations would be welcomed. A five page hand-out titled "Interim Report of the Committee to Restructure Dal Radio".

It was pointed out by the committee that the new Radio Station (C.K.D.U.) would reach the entire university community which is a drastic change from the old Radio which was in essence a Public Address System in the S.U.B..

The new station would have a variety of programming and the station would have a personality, not emphasizing the personality of individual members. All broadcasts will be done in a natural tone. This is hoped to provide a welcome relief from other Halifax Radios. There would be room for editorial comment but it was not yet certain who would select the slant. There would be no "hard sell" tactics. The station will maintain 30% Canadian content as required by law.

The questions from the audience centered around a few key areas - first, when can training start; second,

will there be more equipment; and third, when will the station re-open? I don't know; yes by degrees; and two weeks seemed to be the committee's opinion, but since some aspects of these and other areas had not been discussed by the committee, they would not comment.

The hardest point for the committee to sell to council will be the hiring of a full time staff member. It is hoped by the committee to hire one at the first of February to make a minimum effort on this year's budget.

A great appreciation for the efforts of the committee was expressed with an equal lack of appreciation for council tactics. Ex-radio members expressed concern over the power of council to manipulate the station. Barry Ward (treasurer) defended council on two grounds - first, that the station belongs to the Student Union, not the Radio members, and secondly, that council is decisive and thereby correcting bad situations quickly.

Applications are now being received for recruitment and once a recruitment procedure is organized, all applications will be welcome. Applications will have to be more detailed than before and may be left in the Communications mail box at the enquiry desk.

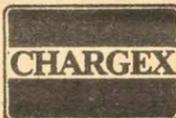
The Restructure Committee meets daily and the meetings, held in the President's office, are open but if anyone wishes to comment, they are asked to collect their thoughts first as there is little time for long-winded discussion.

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