

Yes Health Plan; No CKDU-FM

by Kim Marchant

Dalhousie students voted 58% in favour of the present health plan and 61% against CKDU (the AM radio station on campus) going FM in Student elections held March 11-12.

Chief Returning officer, Umesh Jain, said in an interview that he was not at all surprised with the election results. He said in relation to the CKDU referenda, "If students can elect Logan and Logan I can see no reason why they would vote yes".

He continued to say that the total mockery Logan and Logan made of Student Union politics was an excellent idea in order to gain votes, but that the election results "revealed the absurdness of what stu-

dents consider to be important", and that Dalhousie has a "cynical student body". When asked why he thought students voted negatively in regard to CKDU going FM he said, "The Gazette played a very important part in the circumstances of the election in the publishing of the Logan and Logan electoral platform — a significant factor in their win."

He said that the wording of the ballot was also of consequence in determining the outcome because "the students were bound to a dollar figure." He pointed out the fact that in the plebiscite concerning CKDU last year a large majority supported the idea of going FM, but that, "this year bucks were on the table and when

people talk bucks, people vote no!

Jain also said that the reputation of CKDU and its present status of being "not the most perfect station in metro" helped destroy the chance of it going FM. The final reason Jain offered for the defeat of the referenda was that many student council members object to the station being a training ground for King's journalism students wishing to gain experience in broadcasting.

"There is a good chance of council abolishing CKDU altogether especially since it is close to licensing time and there are many negative feelings as a result of the referenda. It would save council a lot of headaches, put money back

into their cash-flow and the vacant space CKDU would leave could be put to good use. The money formerly used for CKDU could be used for re-vamping the Gazette and making a great media force which is university-oriented and of good quality," said Jain.

Jain attested that problems will arise if council does attempt to abolish CKDU because, "to eliminate part of the media force may be misconstrued as censorship of the press and people may begin to wonder, "Is the Gazette next?"

He said that CKDU has recently elected a Board of Directors who has updated the Constitution and that they will make it hard for council to get rid of them." Logan and Logan

have the potential to do a lot of damage to CKDU. They will be working on getting Student Union fees reduced, and the abolition of both CKDU and the Health Plan could knock fees down to about \$50.00 from \$59.00."

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Council Execs Lock Up CKDU Equipment

by Paul Creelman

Over the weekend following a "no" vote for the CKDU FM referendum, Council executives Owen and Champion ordered the removal of tape-recorders and microphones from the CKDU station to prevent "malicious vandalism", according to Council President Owen.

Owen says that they were worried about the reaction of CKDU staff to the recent referendum on the CKDU-FM proposal, which was a two to one "no" decision. Also, he indicates that because of the motion coming before Council to discontinue funding for the station, that "we had anticipated that there might be some malicious damage

caused by the notice of motion".

CKDU was not broadcasting at the time, and some of the station's personnel were attending a broadcasting association conference. Mike Wile, station manager of CKDU, said that the recent referendum defeat was nothing compared to this action.

"It's really childish and unfounded", said Wile. "We had done absolutely nothing to justify this. If we were destroying the studios or something, I could see it. No one here got smashed and cried into their beer."

Owen states that no one on the radio station was consulted before the action was taken.

Week held in honor of bishop

by Alan Christensen

Last week the Halifax Lutheran Campus Ministry showed the "Gospel According to St. Matthew", a film masterpiece by the late film director Pier-Paolo Pasolini. The film was an authentic portrayal of the Biblical story and was shown at the Dalhousie Arts Centre and at other campuses as well. No admission was charged although the audience was asked to contribute to LAIG—medical aid for the El Salvador campaign.

The Latin American Information Group (LAIG) has organized a week of events in

conjunction with the anniversary of the death of Archbishop Romero, who was murdered by right-wing gunmen on March 24, 1980. A march will be held on March 27 at 12 noon to protest the American involvement.

According to LAIG member Susan Johnson, invitations are being sent to labour, church and other groups in the city asking them to join the protest. The demonstrators, says Johnson, will congregate in the Old City Hall Square and a delegation from the march will visit the American Consulate to voice their displeasure at the U.S. policy in El Salvador.

The group will also be holding a benefit night on March 24 at the Grafton Street Cafe which, according to Johnson, will be raising money for the Salvadorean opposition front, the Frente Democratico Revolucionario. As well, says Johnson, there will be the option to give money to the medical campaign for those people who have qualms about giving money to the FDR.

Several churches, including the Mt. St. Vincent Chapel and Resurrection Lutheran Church, will be holding special masses to commemorate the death of Archbishop Romero.

Small universities feared

TORONTO [CUP]—Continued underfunding of Ontario universities will damage the quality and limit the enrolment of these institutions.

This was the conclusion of a preliminary report by the Committee on the Future Role of Universities in Ontario, a committee which has been widely criticized for its total lack of student and faculty representation.

At levels of funding below inflation, "quality can be salvaged only through increasingly drastic measures whose outcome is commensurately inaccessible, elite and small Ontario university system," the report says. Instead, financing must increase at least

13 percent beyond the level of inflation—a modest rate of real growth) if provincial educational objectives are to be met, according to the committee which represents university administrations, government and business.

The report says that university accessibility must be broadened to accommodate Franco-Ontarians, native people and the economically and socially disadvantaged. Efforts must also be made to develop continuing and part-time education and to respond to shifting student preferences, notably away from the arts and sciences.

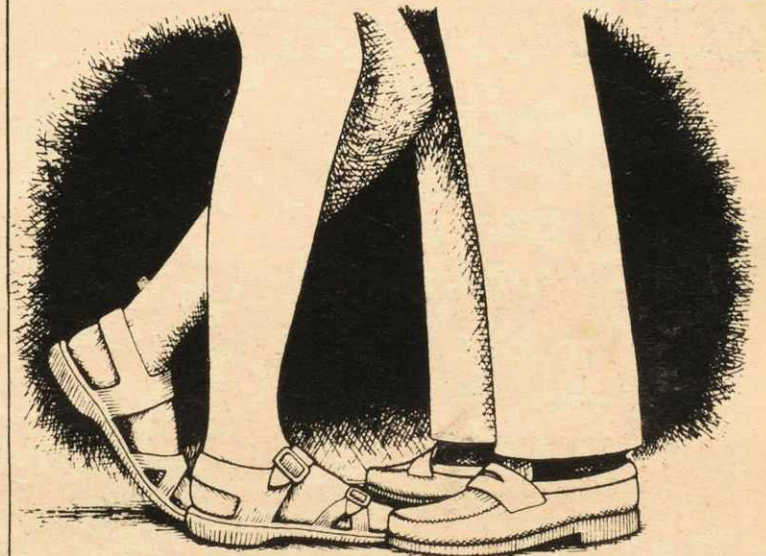
"Even this committee...

cannot find a way to hid the fact that massive underfunding is driving Ontario universities to academic ruin," said Karen Dubinsky, chairperson of the Ontario Federation of Students. "Even this elite group cannot avoid telling us that slashing of important courses and firing of professors will happen if the government continues to give such inadequate aid to the universities."

"The facts can no longer be ignored. The desperate state of Ontario's universities has been demonstrated," said Sarah Shorten, President of the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations.

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