

# Referendum soon CJSR us for FM

by Margaret Baer

Students will be asked in a referendum whether they support increased SU funding of CJSR, the U of A campus radio station.

In conjunction with the SU executive elections on February 11, students will be asked the question: "Do you support CJSR Campus Radio going FM with additional financial assistance from the Students' Union?"

In another referendum question at the same time students will be asked to support a five dollar increase in their SU fees.

In CJSR's view, there is a problem with the placing of the FM referendum beside the increased SU fees question. The latter involves a \$5.00 increase per student next year, as part of efforts to pay off the SU deficit (\$800,000).

Said CJSR's new director, Colin Keylor: "My main concern is that the two things will be tied together." He feels there is a danger students will read "tens of thousands of dollars" in the CJSR question, which, he stated emphatically, "is absolutely not the case." The CJSR referendum result will have no impact on SU fees; Keylor explained all it will do would be to redirect money to a service area such as CJSR.

Emphasizing the relatively small amount of money involved in the CJSR-FM question, ex-Station Manager and now 'FM Consultant,' Steve Cumming, said, "It seems to me the issue is small enough for the SU to decide on its own." He cited other, larger expenditures that were not taken to a referendum, such as the renovations to RATT.

Roger Merkosky, VP Finance, explained the SU's reasoning. By going FM, CJSR is the only service that is in expansion, and if other sources fall through, "it may potentially cost the SU more than projected." The SU therefore decided to consult the student population. It seems the referendum phrase "additional financial assistance" is a contentious point, ranging from immediate to long-

term interpretation.

The bottom line, however, is that the SU is clearly seeking a vote of confidence for CJSR. Merkosky expressed a general SU feeling — the need to justify continued financial support of the station. The VP summed it up like this: "Do students feel their campus radio is a valuable service? Is there a lack of student support?"

CJSR is asking for a \$10,000 operating subsidy from the SU for their first FM year (1983-84), a \$2,200 increase from their current budget. None of the capital costs incurred by the FM project will be picked up by the SU, as CJSR itself has fundraised most of the required money. Thus, it is a matter of increased operating funds, which would work out to about 10¢ more per student next year.

In December, 1982, students at the University of Calgary approved an FM proposal for their campus radio, CJSW. The referendum result was a 65 percent majority in support of a fee increase of \$2.00 per student.

Referring to the Calgary result, CJSR Station Manager Colin Keylor said, "I hope perceptions here are as favorable." He added there will be a small campaign to inform students about the CJSR referendum.

If students respond with a "no" vote, there will be no increase in SU financial support; the funding will remain at the present level, despite factors such as inflation. However, a "no" will not preclude CJSR from going ahead with its projected Oct. 1/83 FM debut (pending final approval from the Canadian Radio and Telecommunications Commission - CRTC - in March).

A formal hearing has been scheduled for March 1 with the CRTC in Hull, P.Q.

Both Keylor and Cumming are confident that students do regard CJSR as a "valuable service." In response, the U of A Campus Radio wants all the help it can get to provide better service — FM style.

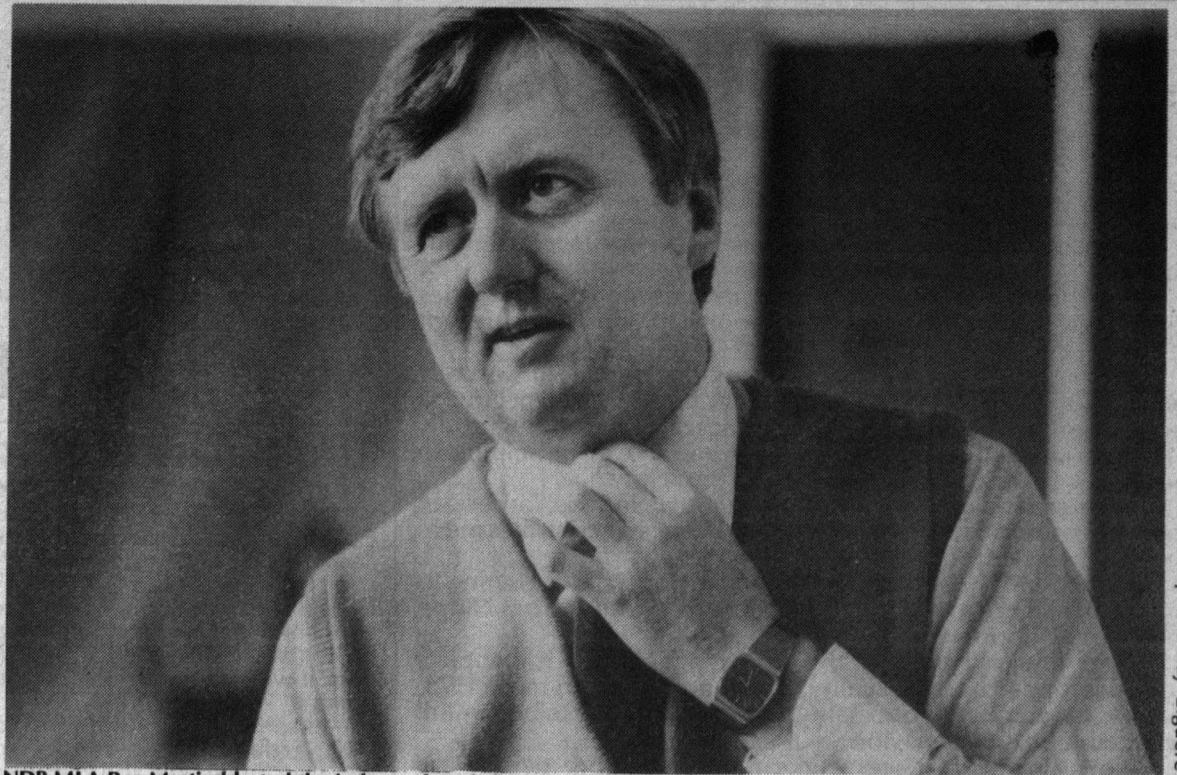


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NDP MLA Ray Martin blasted the independents' claim to official opposition

# NDP demands status

by Cathy McLaughlin

At a campus NDP meeting, MLA Ray Martin blasted Independent claims to official opposition status in the legislature. Martin spoke Wednesday to about thirty people in SUB.

"We deserve the status; we represent the majority of citizens who voted in opposition to the government, not the Independents."

Together, said Martin, Independents Ray Speaker and Walter Buck represent about .09 percent of the population, while the NDP have 19 percent of the vote behind them.

"They (the Independents) weren't even together during the election campaign."

House speaker Gerald Amerongen will announce his decision March 10.

"He would like to give it to the Independents, but I think they're looking at a split."

In such a case, funds would be divided between the two groups and possession of status alternated daily, weekly or sessionally.

"This is cumbersome and unacceptable to us."

Martin stressed public opi-

nion as the only means of swaying a decision in the NDP's favor. The party needs the extra funds for research, said the MLA, despite a 55 percent government cut in the opposition budget. According to Martin, government backbenchers and a Tory contingency fund benefit from the cut. The Conservatives, however, cite the recession, said Martin, and the loss of two opposition members during the '82 election as underlying the decrease in funds.

"Ridiculous. The role of the opposition doesn't change because it is smaller."

Notley and Martin also want control of the debate which official opposition status will grant them one day per week during the legislature.

"We'd have them on the defensive."

The NDP will center its attack on government use of the Heritage Trust Fund and the 5 percent proposed guidelines on wage and loan increases.

"With inflation at 8-10 percent, 5 percent is an effective cutback," said Martin.

Unemployment, currently at

10.4 percent, is also a big concern. An NDP start program would send 80,000 back to work, according to the MLA.

Questioned on NDP use of the Heritage Trust Fund, Martin said his party would disband it, creating an Alberta Development Fund instead. With its own banks such a fund would offer low interest mortgages and loans to small businesses and farmers. The NDP would demand equity from corporate partnership ventures, said Martin, "with no Syncrude deals at 80 percent cost and no profit." Investment in areas like the micro-chip industry, medical research and development of renewable resources like agriculture and forestry are priorities.

Martin also advocated free university tuition, to make higher education "available to all."

"We'd get it back in taxes later on."

In short, Martin said, the NDP wants active, not passive use of the Trust money.

"Lougheed says save it for a rainy day. We say it's bloody well hailing right now."

# Letters make money

(RNR/CUP) — A Bulgarian exile living in Italy is doing his part to bring down the Soviet economy.

The man, who calls himself Boris, writes a letter every week to a Soviet dissident and insures it for \$400. Since the Soviets never deliver letters to dissidents, Italian postal authorities reimburse Boris,

then send the bill to Moscow, which must pay up or be kicked out of the International Postal Union.

Boris says he makes \$20,000 a year writing the letters. If everyone used his trick, he says, the Soviet economy would collapse.

# ATTEMPTED HUMOR

by Abner Malle



GAB

by SKEET and Nielsen



Contrary to what yokels claim, there is a market for Arts graduates in the real world. Each day new job opportunities become open to those with a basic university education. Even with today's epidemic of unemployment, there is hope. All one has to do is examine the concentration of the degree.

**Political Science Majors:** There is a rising demand for well-briefed professional bar conversationalists. High-class drinking establishments are always on the lookout for individuals who can draw and intrigue patrons with their provocative insight. This job consists of starting in-depth discussion with customers, involving them for long periods of time (during which they will become so enraptured by the issue they forget that the tab is growing equally long). A loud voice is also an aid, as it sparks other patrons into time-consuming conversations, either with you or among companions. Note pleasant side benefits; free booze and good hours.

**Psychology Majors:** This group can become very successful by adding either a mixology or cosmetology course to their list of credits (check with NAIT - if it isn't against your religion). When coupled with one of these "patron" oriented occupations, your psychology degree will aid in winning customers. If you are particularly talented in your major concentration, you may even have customers becoming psychologically dependent on you; great for repeat business.

**French Majors:** Forget government jobs. Besides being a private joke among employees, such positions diminish one's personal esteem. Instead, bilingual university graduates can find income in writing the French equivalents to instructions on gadgets, toys, tools and recipes. Just think; thousands of people will read what you write, maybe not in Alberta, but somewhere.

**Philosophy Majors:** In this day and age of social

and mental unrest, a majority of people find themselves searching for the elusive answers to life's complexities. Graduates knowledgeable in philosophy can guide and inspire such people. Good gurus are hard to come by and difficult to find in the yellow pages. Just become available to people with money, wear as few clothes as possible and think out loud. More ambitious philosophy graduates could even consider starting a cult. After all, Sun Yung Moon is no pauper, right? Right.

**Drama and Movement Majors:** Although the classifieds will have you shaking with anxiety, there is a way you dears in Drama and Movement can become financially independent. Faking accidents and injuries takes expertise, but the result may have you swooning with joy. Practice your prat-falls and neck contortions and you may be on the way to Moneyville. After all, somebody out there has the dough, probably someone a lot less sensitive than you.

**History Majors:** You must be kidding!?? A job?? With a history degree? Good luck. You could always try selling your body to a medical school if you have a strange physical abnormality. Be sure to inquire about an advance.

**English Major:** The best way to insure yourself a job as an English Major is to join the British army.

**Physical Education Majors:** While not really "Arts" students, I feel I must mention the possibilities of employment for those with degrees in physical education. This is a group with endless opportunities. Moving companies, furniture outlets and spas are apt places for brawny bodies to find employment. Now, with a recession on, the demand for debt collectors is overwhelming. As well, there is the old but ever-popular "protection" racket which cries out for strong-armed men and women. If you are a Phys Ed major, the world is yours.