

Student radio endorsed, soon to begin operation

by Gordon Turtle

The Executive says it is hopeful the U of A's student radio station, CKSR, will be broadcasting to limited areas throughout campus by the middle of February.

The Executive planned at a meeting Tuesday to initiate starting activity by forming a temporary committee of about ten interested students with radio experience to act as an interim core group.

This committee, in conjunction with the executive and the Students' Services Policy Board, will spend the next four or five weeks planning the organization and format of the station. At the same time, it will be training new applicants to the staff in the operation and maintenance of the equipment available at CKSR, which is currently being repaired.

Following the training period, selection of a general manager, and possible an assistant manager, both paid positions, will be made, and the committee will then be disbanded.

This does not mean however, that the manager will have firm rule over policy and business of the station. Borys hopes to see a lot more input in the decision-making aspects of CKSR from the part-time, voluntary staff, rather than complete power in the hands of one or two fulltime staff members.

Borys is also aiming for more accessibility to the station by students than existed in previous years. He wants the

new staff to work at service-oriented programming, with regular campus news broadcasts, and he urges closer communication between staff and students and staff and council. Recognizing the potential of CKSR, Borys is optimistic that the station can provide informative student radio and good musical programming.

Borys and Sharon also outlined the long-term plans for CKSR. He stated that negotiations with QCTV, and Edmonton cable TV station, are going well, and that the possibility of CKSR going on cable is good. This cable broadcasting would be of the same sort as NAIT student radio currently operates.

Following Tuesday's meeting the doors of CKSR were opened and the applicants were given a brief tour of the station and its facilities.



When the engineers unofficially announced a change of image earlier this year, not too many people expected anything substantial. After either witnessing or hearing about their annual skit night even substantial may have been too big a word. But they proved us wrong with (would you believe it?) activist snow sculptures, replete with a political conscience. Bob Austin photo

Unemployment figures deceptive

OTTAWA (CUP) - Statistics Canada estimates there were 697 thousand Canadians unemployed in December, up from 640 thousand the previous month.

Because the increase in the number of unemployed was less than anticipated, the "seasonally adjusted" unemployment rate is reported to have declined from 7.3 percent of the labour force in November to 7.1 percent in December.

Using "actual" figures,

however, the unemployment rate increased from 6.4 to 7.0 percent of the total labour force between the two months.

Sounds confusing? The reason for "seasonal adjustment" of the data is because of the predictable annual variations in employment in Canada based on past experience.

Each fall - usually in September or October - the number of employed Canadians reaches its peak. After that the

number of employed persons begins to decline over the winter months, while the number of unemployed increases.

The low point in terms of employment, and the high point in terms of unemployment occurs in the early spring, usually in February or March.

The "seasonally adjusted" data anticipates these regular fluctuations. When the number

of jobless increases less rapidly than predicted, as in the December figures, the result is a decrease in the "seasonally adjusted" unemployment rate.

Similarly, if the economy picks up less rapidly than anticipated this spring and fewer new jobs are created, the actual number of unemployed persons

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In lieu of Lougheed

Flora fawns fed-prov relations



Candidate Flora MacDonald.

Federal provincial relations occupied a high priority in Flora MacDonald's campaign for leadership of the Progressive Conservative party.

"The biggest problem the provinces face today is Ottawa," she said at a press conference in Edmonton Wednesday, citing lack of communication as the main reason for what she called "an atmosphere of confrontation" between the provinces and the federal government.

As part of a Canada-wide tour campaigning and speaking with provincial leaders, MacDonald said her talks with Premier Lougheed Wednesday were regarding these relations and northern development. She denied she met him to seek his support.

"I don't seek the support of the provincial premiers," she said, "I'd rather rely on my own capabilities."

There were as well numerous criticisms of the

Trudeau government. "What really struck me most about the Prime Minister's remarks (on the free enterprise system) ... is his unwarranted acceptance of the inevitability of big government."

"He seems not to believe in the whole system of accountability," said MacDonald. "He doesn't really believe in the parliamentary system."

MacDonald seems confident of her chances in the leadership race. "It's nice to know you're in the top three." She cites a long-time affiliation with the party among her qualifications, with special interest in her capabilities from women and young people.

"You have to be Conservative," she said speaking of Leonard Jones' and Joseph

Zappia's official expulsion from the race by party headquarters. "You don't win by trying to downgrade the other candidates, you cannot undertake such a major task unless you are a serious candidate."

Jones and Zappia were dismissed as not being serious, of criticising the party, and of not being Conservative.

Commenting on the large number of candidates for the PC leadership, MacDonald said the conference would be "different", but that about two thirds are not seriously committed and would probably drop out early.

It hasn't affected the amount of money donated to individual campaigners though, citing her costs as "around \$150 thousand."

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The Students' Union needs an energetic, aggressive student to develop the questionnaire for the guide and to see to its administration, collection and compilation. Experience in the techniques of question design, statistics and computers would be an asset. Preference will be given to students intending to return in the fall of 76.

Those interested please apply at the Students' Union Offices, Room 256, SUB. Deadline for application - January 30th, 1976.