

# CHSR seeking operations manager

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College Hill Student Radio will soon become a low-frequency FM radio station. A search committee has been set up to find a full-time operations manager for the new station.

Chairman of the search committee, David Miller, said each member of the committee was chosen because of his invaluable experience in some special field. An example given was Bruce Oliver, a member of the five-man committee, who has worked in the field of cable television. By combining the knowledge of each person, the committee as a whole will benefit and thus be enabled

led to choose the best candidate for the job.

The committee has sent letters to a number of colleges, mostly in Ontario, the majority of which give diplomas in training of this kind, an example being Ryerson. At these colleges the letters are circulated through such means as the student newspaper. An advertisement will also be placed in *The Telegraph Journal* for several days.

Miller expressed the hope that they could employ someone from New Brunswick. If this were the case, it would present the committee with the possibility of soliciting financial assistance from the provincial government to supplement the previously arranged

budget, funded by the SRC. However, Miller stresses that by far the most important consideration is to choose the best possible candidate for the position.

Hopefully the appointment will be made by early December, although if not enough applications have been received by that time, then the committee will have to advertise in a national newspaper. The

committee would like to avoid taking such a step, though, until all other alternatives have been exhausted.

Miller said the station would "function as always," remaining a student organization. He said he would hate to see the radio station become merely a "kindergarten" run by a professional.

Besides the full-time operations manager, a part-time secretary will be hired to be employed for eight months of the year. How-

ever the secretary will not be chosen until after the operations manager is found, so that the latter will

have a say in who his/her secretary is.

## Brief presented by students

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Tuition fees, residence fees and library services were among the chief concerns expressed by student senators in a brief presented to the university senate last week.

"While tuition fee increases are unavoidable" the student senators said, "financial decisions should be justified to the student and the university community." The timing of the announcements concerning fee increases was also questioned. "Decisions to increase tuition and residence fees should not be made during exam periods or during the summer when students are distracted or absent," senators said.

The university senate recently passed a motion to increase the length of the academic year beginning next September. Student senators wondered about how this would affect residence fees. A special committee should be set up to study the financial implications senators felt. The extended academic year may mean residence fee increases because of the extended period of time student will need to be in residence.

Anticipated cutbacks in library funding were opposed by student senators. The university provides an extensive library system and student senators felt that funding for libraries "should be made available to at least maintain the present level of service and to provide for an expansion of support services."

A change in registration proce-

dures was also recommended by student senators in their brief. A university-wide system of spring pre-registration should be adopted they argued. This would ensure that students are aware of what courses and options are available to them and could provide for a better system of course advising. "This recommendation would require university-wide cooperation," they said. The academic policy committee of senate should be asked to investigate this possibility they concluded.

Senate should also recommend that more money be provided for scholarships. The lack of sufficient scholarships at present and the difficulty many students are having in securing the sufficient funds to come to university were given as their chief concerns. Senators have asked that this recommendation be passed on the board of governors for their consideration.

The brief also outlined proposed changes in student election procedures. Presently all five undergraduate senators from the Fredericton campus are elected for one-year terms. Student senators asked that the procedure be amended to read "that the term of two of the elected student representatives be two years and that the other three representatives remain one year." Several student senators have expressed the view that the new election system would provide for more continuity on senate.

The brief presented last week will be reviewed by senate in the near future.

## 'Unjust enrichment?'

# Evans loses suit

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Justice Ronald Stephenson dismissed UNB law school grad Tom Evans' case against the New Brunswick Telephone Company November 12. Evans was suing because he felt the company had not provided directory assistance during part of July, 1980, as he said was specified in his contract with them.

After the decision in his personal suit, Evans withdrew his class action suit against the company. Evans was asking in that suit that NB Tel refund \$1.25 to each of its subscribers, a sum totalling around \$250,000.

However, Justice Stephenson rules that Evans could not be plaintiff in the class action. The justice said that as Evans had lost his personal suit, he was no longer a member of the class suing the company, and thus could no longer represent them.

Evans had subpoenaed 10 witnesses to prove his claim, however, the subpoenas were not signed by the judge. "I thought they only had to be signed by the clerk," Evans said in an interview. "But NB Tel found a rule making the judge's signature necessary for subpoenas in this situation. I heard about it too late."

Evans' problem throughout the trial was convincing the judge that directory assistance was not available during July. Evans pointed to three occasions between the 12th and 16th when he attempted to contact information, letting the phone ring between 15 and 100 times. Because he was unable to get an operator, Evans felt the company was "not fulfilling its contractual obligations," he said.

"They should not be allowed to charge for full local services when they do not provide them," Evans said. "I think this is unjust enrichment."

NB Tel's defense lawyer argued that because of striking operators, underexperienced managers had to take over operator and directory assistance jobs, causing a

slowdown. But they denied Evans' claim that information was not available.

In extended cross-examination, Evans tried to get Mr. Carland, the company's Manager of Network Services, to explain why Evans could not get information.

Carland said although the company did provide that service, they gave priority to answering people who dialed "0". "Calls to the operator are more vital, as many people call reporting fires, heart attacks, and car accidents," he said.

The company also argued that they were not under specific agreement in their contract to provide their customers with

directory assistance. "Does the charge for information appear specifically on your bill, unless you make over five such calls?" asked the council for the defense. "It does not."

Studying the regulation as laid down by the Public Utilities Control Board, Judge Stephenson concluded that the company did not breach their contract.

"Evans has not established that he did not get his five so-called free calls between the 1st and 12th and the 16th and 31st of July," the judge said.

The judge went on to say that

## Ratcliff caught with friend's card

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SRC President-elect Kevin Ratcliff was found using another student's meal card to gain entrance to McConnell Hall last Thursday. This was confirmed by Dean of Men's Residences Bob Smith who said he had not yet talked to Ratcliff and did not like to comment further. Smith said there had been a couple of occasions last week where students had been caught trying to enter the dining hall illegally.

Ratcliff said Dean Smith was "out of line" in commenting on what had happened and accused Smith of waging a "personal vendetta" against him.

Director of Beaver Foods Phil Bonin said Ratcliff had come into the cafeteria on Thursday of last week and was spotted as a non-student. He said the card in question had been confiscated and turned in to the university. Beaver Foods is required to do this and then inform the university of what has happened, he said.

Ratcliff admitted he had been in McConnell on that day. He said a friend, who lives in residence, had recently found his meal card which had been missing since the beginning of the year. The friend had suggested to Ratcliff that they go down and eat.

"What I wanted to do was just to and talk to the boys," said Ratcliff. "I'm not living in residence any more and don't get as much of a chance to see them. I was not trying to get a free meal. I should have gone down and paid. I didn't eat anyways. It was a mistake, I guess."

Bonin said Ratcliff was also seen eating in the dining hall the Tuesday before last. There were not cash meals available on that day, he said, and according to Beaver records, Ratcliff does not possess a meal card.

Bonin said usually no penalty is imposed on students in cases like this. Dean of Students Barry Thompson said for action to be taken, a complaint would have to be lodged by Beaver, usually with the university secretary as secretary of the board of deans.