

CHSR issue has come to a head

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The issue of CHSR going FM has finally come to a head as a result of last Monday's SRC meeting.

Council decided after some discussion that there will be a referendum asking the students how they feel about the university radio station going off campus.

The council reviewed the CHSR-FM feasibility committee's report and based their conclusions on this research, as well as past presentations by CHSR director Doug Varty.

The report looked into five sections of this proposal: 1) the history of CHSR, 2) the effect on the students, 3) necessary structural-organizational changes, 4) capital equipment and opera-

tional budgets, 5) five-year financial analysis. Each of these sections was researched by members of the committee. The budgets were prepared by members of CHSR, and are deemed accurate for the present time, although it is quite likely that the prices could rise.

Scott Cronshaw, SRC Comptroller, was responsible for the five-year analysis. He said his report is as accurate as can be expected, given that he is working with projected figures which are very hard to pin down. The report was not well received by some councillors and Forestry Rep Wade Prest said it was just a summary of the CHSR presentation on March 12.

Prest and Rep-at-large Peter Archibald pointed out that there was no mention of where the additional funds were to come from. Cronshaw stated they could come from cutbacks on the SRC operating budget, and from closer examination of the budgets presented by the clubs and organizations that operate on campus. When questioned by an observer Cronshaw stated there was no guarantee that organizational budgets would not be cut but it was unlikely that they would be affected next year.

There was a great deal of controversy over the committee's report. Observers pointed out facts which supported the CHSR position. Allan Patrick, former station director of CHSR, indicated

that the station members who worked on the report were the most qualified to do so. Councillor Carol Ann McDevitt said council would have to "trust" the word of the committee members. She pointed out that Council themselves formed the original committee.

A final note brought to the attention of all by Prest was that it

was a very biased report and there was not a single negative point mentioned throughout. Prest also questioned the validity of the report in view of the fact that an

indepth study of where the finances would come from had not been done and no "negative" aspects about the move were considered.

Three in contention

The search committee for the University of New Brunswick president has narrowed the list to three people, all of whom are from outside UNB. According to an article in the Daily Gleaner an "unofficial source" has stated that the three candidates are also academics.

In addition due to inquiries from faculty and a motion passed at a recent senate meeting arrangements will be made so that faculty, staff and students will have an opportunity to meet the candidates in the near future.

The candidates will be brought into the university auditorium one at a time and will be open to questions.

The new president is expected to be named in May or June.

Chairman of the search committee Israel Unger said that he expects the president to be named by July 1st but there are not any deadlines set for interviews with candidates. The Senate and Board of Governors will meet jointly but vote separately for the president and the decision requires a majority approval from both groups.

The committee is made up of three board members and three of the senate, including one student.

Dr. John Anderson, who has been UNB president for the past six years, submitted his resignation last fall, effective June 30 this year.

The post was advertised in newspapers and in publications of

interest to the university community, across Canada.

A total of 44 applications were received. But by Feb. 21, that number had been whittled to 12.

Dr. Unger had said at the time that a tight lid was being kept on the committee's progress because it has to report to the board and senate before anything can be made public.

A document called "The Challenges Facing the President of the University of New Brunswick" outlines qualifications considered important for the next president.

Because of declining enrolments and restricted financial support from government, the university's support from private and public sectors will depend on the university's ability to sell itself, the document says.

The next president is going to have to commit time selling UNB to politicians, businessmen, civil servants, professional and service organizations, high school students and the public, the document says. "The successful candidate for president should have clearly demonstrated an ability to do this in his previous career."

The president must also be committed to expanding the university's role in addressing regional problems, it says.

And the president is going to have to establish priorities tailored to limited financial resources available to UNB and with the support of the university community.

Students to decide CHSR fate

Students will decide March 28th as to whether CHSR will go off campus according to a motion made by the student Rep Council Monday night. A question raised at the meeting concerned where the money to fund the venture was to come from. In an interview Tuesday SRC comptroller Scott Cronshaw said that the initial expenditure of \$30,000 required to move the station off campus will "probably" come from cutbacks in the SRC operating budget and with the use of the projected surplus figure of this year \$8-\$10,000.

"I can't talk figures I can only generalize" he said pointing out that the figures couldn't be known until August. He also said he couldn't speak for what comptrollers after him will decide.

Cronshaw said that past SRC comptrollers have increased the SRC operating budget substantially over the years, but felt it could be justified. He felt that the money could be spent in the SRC, as well as anywhere.

Cronshaw said that the executive this year would be breaking tradition by cutting back the SRC operating budget. He said it's unlikely the executive would have considered the budget as closely as they have in the past few weeks if the media hadn't prompted them.

In a short persual of the current SRC operating budget Cronshaw indicated some areas where the budget could be cut back. He said that Activity Awards could be cutback by making it harder for people to win but added that it's questionable whether this is fair. Cronshaw referred to this year's Activity Awards budget which has largely spent because of the large number of applicants as compared to last year's which was underspent.

The SRC capital equipment fund which is used for buying typewriters, calculators, etc., and is also used for upkeep on existing machines is another area which can be cut back. He feels that the office now has most of the equipment it needs and the money needed will be primarily for upkeep.

The comptrollers fund was

another area which could be cut down according to Cronshaw who felt that this fund is used for extraordinary circumstances such as when students are involved in fires and such. The contingency fund could also be cut back according to Cronshaw who said this fund is used for unexpected expenditures of clubs, loans for pubs and similar matters. He foresaw a tightening up of clubs if this was done.

In the future clubs which were applying for funds above and beyond their budgets would be looked on more stringently according to Cronshaw. The student directory allocation of the budget could also be cutback by promoting greater organization around the office staff and those in charge of the directory, and a drop in the cost of student I.D.'s due to decreasing enrollment were other areas which may provide more money. Currently the SRC has a cost share system with the university.

Cronshaw felt the SRC sound system was currently doing quite well and that in view of the fact that most of the equipment needed has already been bought and the use of the system has increased a drop in cost here can be expected. It won't break even but it will be a drop", he added.

Another area which could possibly be cut was the Michael Cochrane Awards but Cronshaw said that areas of the SRC operating budget which supplied funds for the office supplies, insurance and such are necessities and could not be cut.

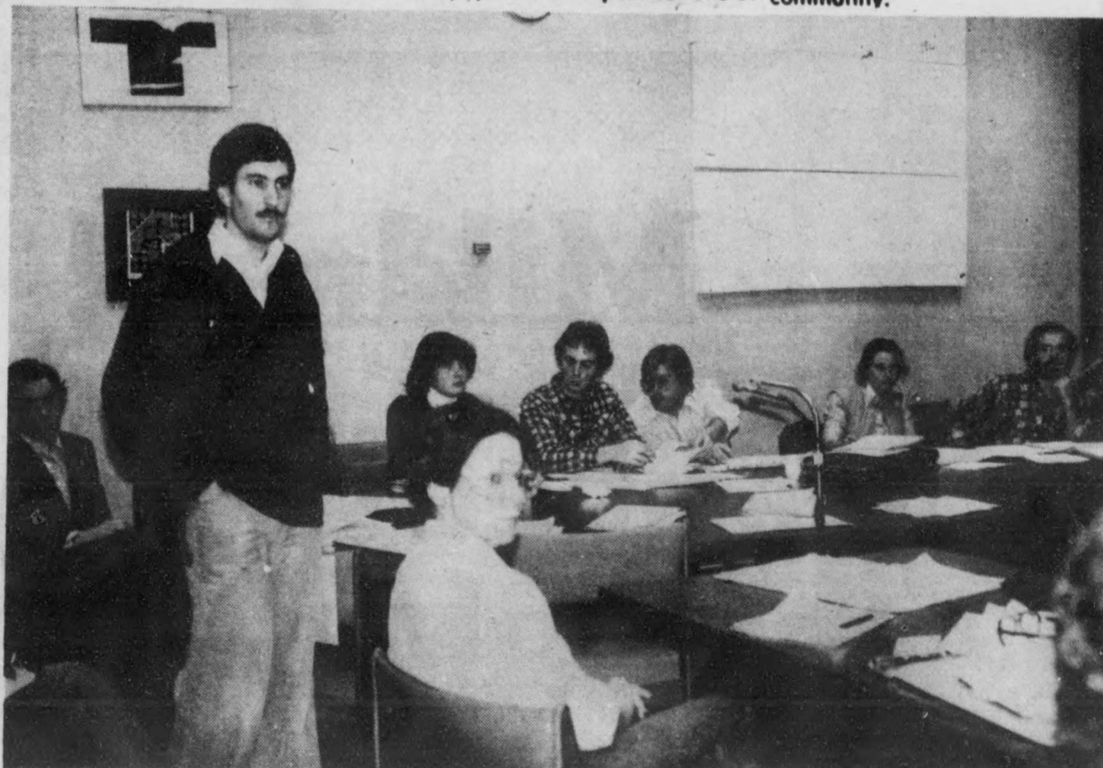
He said that the union has also considered soliciting outside support for the project and VP external Claire Fripp approached the Director of Alumni Affairs Art Doyle and UNB President Dr. Anderson for their response sometime ago. No commitments from either source are currently forthcoming according to Cronshaw who said that if the Alumni can spend money on the Colin B. Mackay Memorial then he feels CHSR is a worthwhile cause. He did not seem overly optimistic about support from these areas but said a new UNB president may be susceptible to their requests.

With the above cutbacks, the

use of last year's surplus of \$13,000 as well as this year's estimated surplus Cronshaw feels the union will come close to covering the initial expenditure.

He said that if the trend continues then there should be some surplus each year and as long as clubs and organizations do not abuse their budgets then he doesn't think anyone will suffer. He did foresee "belt tightening" within two years however, and said that clubs should respect this. Cronshaw pointed out that CHSR will be providing the greatest service and will be therefore the number 1 priority.

Another area touched on for future reference by Cronshaw was the area of the UNB mortgage. Currently the university collects \$15 of the \$45.00 student fee to aid paying off the mortgage on the SUB but union executive estimate this will be done within the next three years. Cronshaw said that \$10 should go back into maintenance and upkeep of the SUB which is currently being done by the University. He said that we are one of the few universities



Chris Nagle speaking on behalf of the Board of Governors at Monday night's SRC meeting.

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