

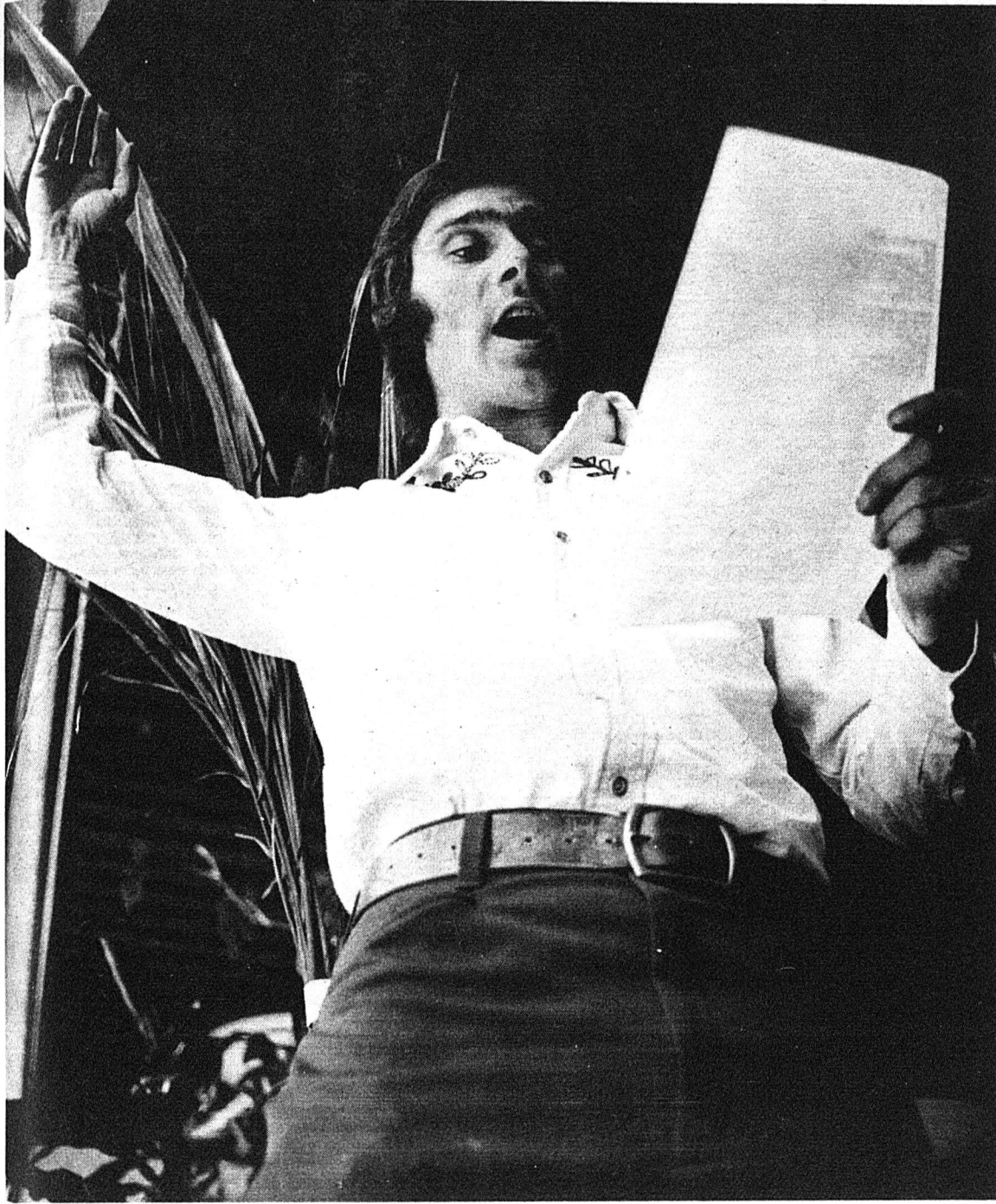
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Poetry reading by Earl Martin. See forum ad this issue.

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Fee referendum downed

by Greg Neiman

Although there was a 58% YES vote on Friday's referendum, a two-thirds majority was necessary to carry it.

1601 people were in favor of the three dollar increase in SU fees, while 1133 voted NO.

Charlie Hall, vp Finance and Administration, said that the vote did show considerable confidence on the part of the students for the executive's plan, the the "technicality" in the constitution defeated the referendum.

Hall says that Students' Council can raise the fees \$1.00 but this amount would not cover the increase in salaries for next year's Council, much less increased cost of Student Services and the deficit incurred by HUB.

It has not been decided if student services would be cut back, and it so, which ones.

Last Thursday, a forum was held to discuss the referendum. It was poorly attended, probably due to lack of advance notice.

At the forum, the executive defended its plan in the face of the protests of a few angry students.

After the initial explanation of the executive's plan for the referendum, stating the increase in cost of living, expenses, and the HUB deficit the forum was thrown over to student comment.

One person stated that the students' union was generally disorganized where money was concerned, mentioning how FOS found the finances necessary to throw parties despite the SU deficit.

Jim Tanner, GFC rep, spoke up saying that the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation which presently insures the SU's mortgage with Royal Trust would listen favourably to a request for additional funds.

George Mantor, SU President, replied by saying that this would be impossible, as heavy penalties are levied by Royal Trust for any refinancing of HUB.

Jim Talbot requested the the executive apologize to the

university community for failing to announce their intention to bring up a referendum earlier. He said that since the posters (which cost about 320 dollars) were made up on the 22nd of January, more notice of the referendum could have been made.

Mantor returned that the referendum motion was not brought up in Council until the 28th, and that no prior notice could be given, therefore no apology would be necessary.

The forum was cut short due to the fact that the executive was scheduled to be at a meeting immediately following the forum.

Joint research

General Faculties Council has approved the formation of a joint university-city research committee that would pool research on municipal systems.

In supporting the proposal, University President Max Wyman said the committee would provide a useful link with the community, adding that funding would have to come from the city.

The committee, consisting of four members representatives of both the university and city,

would examine such areas as fire protection, housing services, land use control and police protection and define the scope of assistance beneficial to both groups.

GFC gave initial approval last March to the proposal, which has since received endorsement of city council and the GFC executive.

City council asked the university to consider such a proposal in 1972.

Literature crisis

by Brian Tucker

A dispute between a campus political group and the University administration over the selling of literature surfaced in a board of governors meeting Friday.

The dispute arose two weeks ago when students outside the Students' Union building were stopped from selling the People's Canada's Daily News, a paper of the Communist Party of Canada.

The group appealed to Lorne Leitch, administrative vice-president, who told the board that campus security acted on rules on the sale of articles on campus.

Burke Barker, law professor, raised the matter as the board received information about the general faculties council policy on student discipline, law and order.

That policy involved the establishment of a campus committee to review rules and regulations, and tribunals to hear charges against students and impose fines and penalties.

Chairman Fred Jenner indicated that the board meeting wasn't the proper place to debate philosophical questions of the dispute.

Max Wyman, university

president, said the matter came under GFC policy on whether to allow the sale of commercial articles on campus.

Leitch's name had been brandished about on placards at a demonstration held by the political group in the Central Academic Building, the board was told.

Both Leitch and George Mantor, students' union president, felt that the students are trying to create an issue of the incident.

Mantor noted that the students could have sold the papers if they had moved inside SUB where other newspapers and articles are sold.

According to Wyman, groups are allowed to distribute free materials and speak publically in certain "Hyde Park" zones on campus. To use these areas, permission must be obtained from the university president.

This regulation, he said, was born out of the 60's when such demonstrations were more prevalent than they are today.

Barker argued that such regulations were restrictive because they made it difficult for students to obtain permission.

FM Application for CKSR

by Greg Neiman

The spirit is one of optimism as CKSR prepares to submit an application to the Canadian Radio and Television Commission for an FM licence February 21.

Dave Wright, production manager, says "It looks very positive that we'll get the licence."

CKSR presently broadcasts on a closed-circuit system using phone lines to carry programming. Wright says that this allows only a limited number of students to benefit from the service as outlets now exist in certain lounges on campus.

"On the FM band you'll be able to pick it up anywhere in the city," explained Wright.

A marketing report composed by Randy McDonald, Neil Horne, and Dennis Popowich confirmed that 80% of people polled would be able to pick up CKSR's FM signal.

The poll explained that approximately 20,000 people who are directly involved in the university community, as well as those in other campuses (NAIT, College St. Jean, St. Steven's College, Concordia College, and Alberta College) represent "a large part of untapped market potential".

"The most interesting aspect of our proposal," adds Wright, "is what we'll be programming."

"We'll be playing stuff not usually heard on other radio stations," says Wright, "we want to be really flexible...we want the community to say what will be on thy air."

The marketing report showed that of the people polled 43% would listen to rock, 15% jazz, 18% folk, 14% classical, 18% country rock, and 58% documentaries.

The type of programming would progress with the day, starting with light easygoing music in the morning, changing to "underground" in the late evening.

A news service would also be added, complete with teletype service.

Estimates have been made that the change-over to FM would cost from 50-60 thousand dollars.

Also, with the extended hours of programming that a city-wide coverage would require, staff members would be paid.

There are about thirty members on CKSR staff now, and more people, preferably students, would be hired.

Most of the renovation costs would be used on the new transmitter to be set atop SUB.

The master control room would have to be revamped to accommodate stereo equipment.

Despite the cost of the changeover, CKSR staffers are convinced that the venture would, in time, pay for itself. FM, says Wright, is much cheaper than AM, which requires a radio tower and the leasing of land outside the city for equipment.

With the extra radio air time, there would be increased advertising and promotions, which would pay for the venture.

"This is not a money making scheme," says Wright, "we're not trying to compete with other stations."

In mid-May, a member of the students' union will defend the brief before the CRTC.

