

Council in Capsule

by Ralph English

Council met for 2 hours Sunday afternoon following a Student Union reception which allowed interested students to acquaint themselves with council and its members. The meeting included a brief review of council's summer activities and also served to confirm the view that there's no business like show business.

- Councillors agreed to consider a proposal for the production of a fifteen show television series on Halifax cable channel 10. The shows would be aimed at providing the public with information about Dalhousie and have a PR emphasis on the contribution that the University and its stu-

dents make to the community. Hopefully, public awareness can be translated into public support for post-secondary education.

- CKDU goes FM! Or does it? An ad hoc committee is anticipated to release a report favouring the move so yet another referendum on this issue can be expected later this year.

- Contingent on the approval of a detailed budget, council will invest \$3,000 in *Starting Here, Starting Now*, a musical production of the Dal Drama Society. Performances should take place at the Dunn theater early in October.

- Extra! Read all about it in the

new *Dal Dispatch*. This year's bi-weekly *Dispatch* will be expanded to four pages and include notes on campus politics, announcements from Dal societies and residences, and coverage of SU sponsored activities and entertainment.

- Two council members were elected to serve on the newly formed President's Council. The new President's Council, which draws its members from the Board of Governors and the Senate, will advise the university president on matters of policy, both fiscal and academic. Elected were Tim Hill, in his capacity as a member of the Board of Governors, and Martin Tomlinson, a member of the Senate.

Bugging stepped up by cops Council loses members

VANCOUVER (CUP) -- When it comes to eavesdropping, the days of shady-looking operatives creeping stealthily around a house planting "bugs" in the walls and phone are quickly disappearing.

Police can now monitor private conversations in a room or building without even going near their target, thanks to rapidly developing technology.

Surveillance techniques are becoming so sophisticated that a police wiretap can be placed on someone's telephone simply by punching the phone number into a VDT unit several miles away.

And police use of surveillance against political activists is steadily increasing across the country.

These points were made at a transcripts. They know more about you than you do yourself."

Citing lawyers, journalists, B.C. Tel employees, and civil servants as sources, Stewart said the RCMP, the Co-ordinated Law Enforcement Agency and B.C. Tel frequently work together to

place wiretapping of phones.

Stewart said a B.C. Tel employee recently testified in court that he had personally placed 400 wiretaps in the last four years in this province. He added the wiretapping process is becoming more efficient and streamlined.

"The entire process usually takes less than one hour and sometimes as little as 20 minutes."

Stewart described a typical wiretapping process:

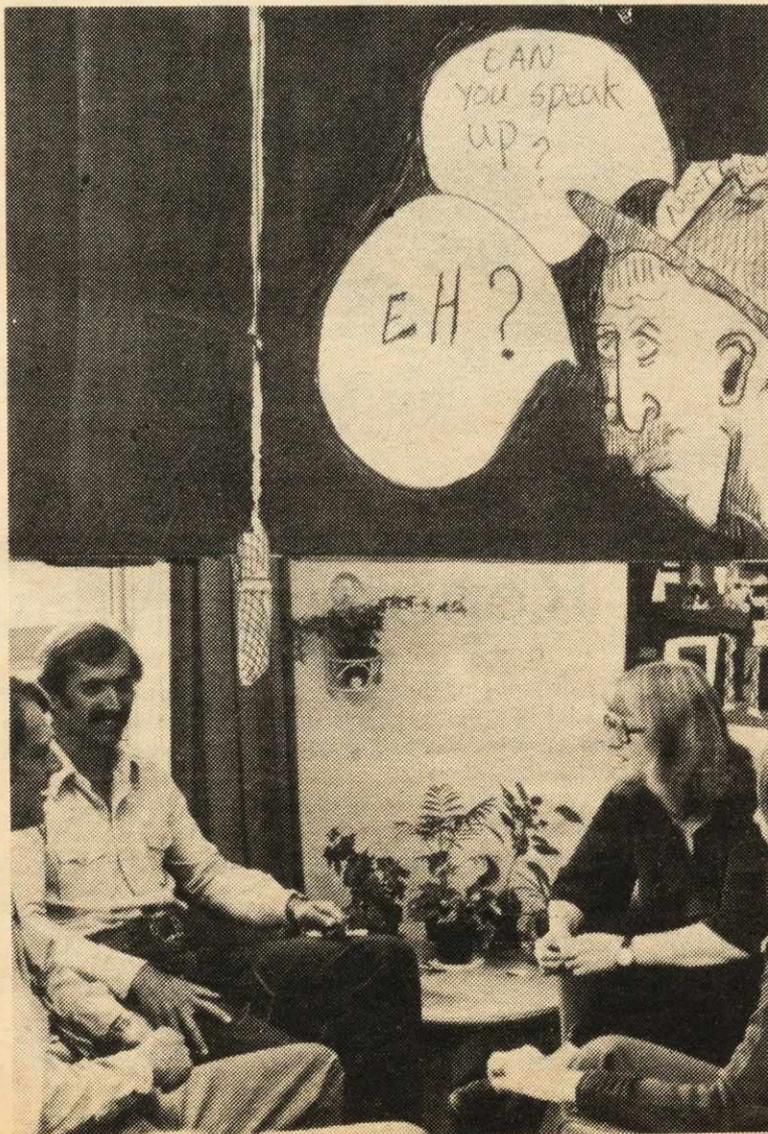
After obtaining authorization from a Supreme or County Court judge (required only in cases where evidence is needed for prosecution) the police phone one of two technicians in the security division of B.C. Tel. They in turn connect wires from the target phone to the "intercept room" in a police facility.

Police tape recorders are activated when the target phone is lifted off its receiver and the call, time, and date are automatically recorded.

Stewart said an informed source from B.C. Tel told him there are 3,700 phone lines, including pay phones, in the Lower Mainland under continuous wiretap. An experienced lawyer also told him that figure "was not out of line."

Thomas MacKay, a member of the Coalition to Defeat Bill C-157 (the proposed legislation to create a civilian security service) also spoke at the workshop.

"This bill will legalize everything we've heard tonight and more," said MacKay. "It will widen the RCMP's powers. There is a certain amount of fear, anger, and frustration over this bill, and it affects everyone, not just the radicals in this room."



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Hunger strikers resist Chilean repression

HALIFAX (CUP) -- Human rights violations in Chile were the target of an eight-day hunger strike mid-August, led by a Chilean exile who attends Dalhousie University.

Elias Letelier-Ruz and two compatriots, Serge Gomez and Ulises Nitor, started the strike just days before peaceful demonstrations in Chile led to reprisals by the military regime.

The strikers, joined by Mount Saint Vincent student, Mike Emerick, called on the Canadian government to cut off all aid to Chile, denounce human rights violations there and demand the reinstatement of democracy

Ontario U's turn away students

OTTAWA (CUP) -- Tens of thousands of would-be Canadian students face closed doors this September as record numbers apply for post secondary education.

Across the country, institutions are raising admission standards or denying financial aid to young people seeking refuge from another summer of 20 per cent plus unemployment.

The crisis is starkest in Ontario, where the University of Ottawa has rejected 2,000 hopefuls, York University has turned away 1,400 and Carleton University has shut its doors to 1,000.

Almost every college and university across Canada is rejecting at least some students, and most are dealing with the problem by raising admission standards. In some faculties, students with 75

per cent averages can not get in.

Engineering and computer science seem to be the hardest-hit faculties. For instance, 3,126 hopefuls are vying for the 1,200 openings in engineering at the University of Ottawa, while 1,870 have applied for the university's 150 openings in computer science.

At Trent University, students who missed school for a year or more will be rejected, along with those who did not list Trent as their first option.

Thousands of students are also being turned away from colleges and technical institutes.

Complete enrolment and rejection figures from around the country were not available after the first week of classes, but the situation is clearly the worst it has ever been.