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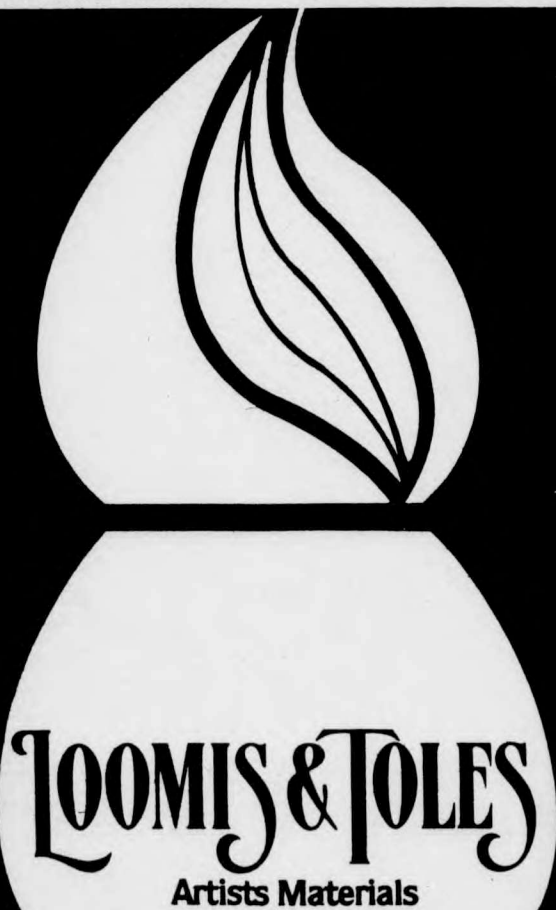
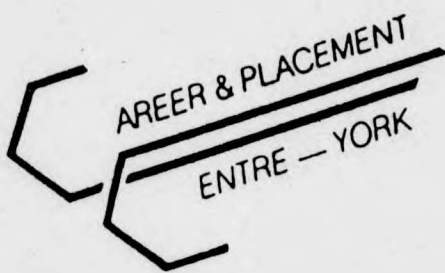
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## PERSPECTIVE

# Radio politics at CHRY

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"It's a very active bunch of people, and people have certainly voiced discontentment over relatively trifling matters — of which this isn't one."

Doyle himself won't rule out any legal action.

Meanwhile the Board of Directors has appointed a spokesperson, and held a press conference last Tuesday about the mediation with Doyle. [story pg. 2]

In addition, three members of the board of directors face a defamation suit involving Michael Schiff, which is directly related to Doyle's firing.

The trouble with the Board is inexperience, according to Cora Dusk, Director of the Office of Student Affairs, and CHRY board member.

So she set up a committee to establish a training programme for board members at the last board meeting.

Dusk feels this is a natural progression.

"Going for the FM licence was the first thing, getting the station running was second. Now the Board is next."

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Dusk is very diplomatic. Zaretsky is more straightforward about training for board members.

"There's no need to mince words about this: it has happened as a result of various examples of inappropriate or erroneous conduct by board members. There are numerous examples, some of which are public knowledge.

"One of the board members applied for my position. I would think in most cases it would be appropriate to resign in that situation, because you're part of the determining body. He should have resigned when he applied for the job, or taken a leave.

Zaretsky added, "Most board members have very little experience in sitting on the board of a corporation — and that's what we are. That doesn't conflict with our responsibilities to the students, to the community.

"You can't have various board members giving their opinions. The board has to speak as one.

Michael Schiff resigned from the board in January, saying, "I felt the board was dragging its feet on certain issues, and I didn't want to be associated."

Schiff sees several irregularities at CHRY. He said Zaretsky hasn't produced a single financial statement since he took office. But Schiff, as a board member who claims to have missed only one meeting, should know that there were two unqualified audits presented to the Board in 1988.

Schiff also thinks the board deliberately ignored Robert's Rules of Order, the widely accepted standard for conducting meetings, at the board's December 13 meeting. Schiff walked out of the meeting early and

informed the group they no longer had the seven board members required to conduct business. But the Board's Chair, Pat Anderson, said, "to my recollection, it wasn't mentioned at all."

In addition, Schiff took issue with Zaretsky's resume.

"I'd learned from some people at Osgoode that Zaretsky's calling himself 'legal counsel' on his resume was incorrect."

Acting as a board member and as Zaretsky's employer, Schiff said he phoned Patrick Ballentyne, Director of unauthorized practices at the Upper Canada Law Society.

"I was asking, 'Is this true: are you allowed to call yourself 'legal counsel,' and has someone brought this to your attention?'"

Ballentyne would not confirm speaking to Schiff.

"I'm not going to comment on any of that," he said.

Zaretsky's resume also listed a BA from York, received in 1983. Schiff said he called Student Programmes to confirm this.

"They said you're not allowed to put on a resume that you have a BA unless you have it. And he doesn't. He went here, he took a lot of courses. He may have enough to graduate, but he never bothered to apply."

Zaretsky seems exasperated. "I've been accused from the beginning of all kinds of stuff. The BA story was simply a mix up — I have full qualifications with honours. The last two years I was on the Dean's List. I asked whether I could put Bachelor of Arts — not Bachelor of Arts degree — and I was told I could. And I never heard otherwise until Schiff and others raised the issue."

"But," he adds, "In answer to your question: no, I didn't apply for it, but I may now."

"He [Schiff] is just trying to fish around, find stuff, because he didn't get this job, and he's really bitter. I think it's worth pointing out he's very closely associated with Mr. Doyle."

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As for questions about his financial competence, Zaretsky said, "I think the facts are grossly askew."

"There have been no inquiries from the community regarding any aspect of CHRY finances, he said, except from "interested parties" — people with a stake in the answers.

Though Schiff did apply for the same position as Zaretsky, he said he was one of 50 applicants, and shrugs off the suggestion that he's out to get Zaretsky.

"I don't think anybody's out to get Zaretsky, because if they were, he wouldn't still have the job. I can tell you Zaretsky's is not a position I envy having."

The Board stands behind Zaretsky, unanimously supporting him in a vote of confidence. Board Member Cora Dusk also said it was understood Zaretsky was not a lawyer.

"I personally feel that he did not attempt to misrepresent himself. He is a bar exam student, he brought that up himself. I was on the selection committee. We spoke to the issue — could he balance the job and the exams?"

One campus paper also reported that Doyle was 'forced' to go to a conference in Nicaragua. A writer from *Obiter Dicta* sarcastically offered to be 'forced' to go to the south of France.

Here too, Schiff offers the facts. The travel budget did increase from \$800 for the previous year, to \$2,000 over the four summer months.

"I find comments of my handling of expenditures or finances somewhat laughable when our debt load is the envy of the whole country of campus stations," Zaretsky said. "Perspective is warranted here. That's an area where we can hold ourselves very high."

Zaretsky also thinks his trip to Nicaragua was justified, even at a cost of \$1,200.

Delegates to the Nicaraguan conference came from across the world, including an eight-member delegation from CKLN—Ryerson's community station. Zaretsky said he made a large number of contacts, and the station started using a Latin American news service as a direct result of the AMARC conference, which saved the station "about \$250 a month in phone bills," until the news service went under.

"Participating nationally and internationally through conferences reflects really well for the station. We get all kinds of stuff back tangibly, and as well, a certain recognition."

Punam Khosla, station manager at CKLN, said she, like Zaretsky, sends her staff on conferences.

"The number of people we send depends on what we can afford. Usually one or two people per conference, and there's no big hassle about it."

Training at CKLN encompassed roughly the same steps as at CHRY, though the programme is more structured at CKLN. Khosla said they want to clearly outline what the station is about in order to ensure news volunteers understand.

CKLN has a reputation for championing left-wing causes, and this is one area where the station philosophies differ. Zaretsky says radio stations can interpret their political role in two ways:

"One is to put forth views according to specific political ideologies. Some campus stations interpret their function as that. That's not one that we adhere to."

"This station is different and sees itself as alternative not in an ideological sense, but in focus or perspective. And what we try to do is to respond and try and anticipate community needs or community voice — things that aren't being publicized, or things that are being publicized, but not from a grass-roots or community-based level," said Zaretsky.

—and I think it's just the tip—then I think it's going to be a very fun place to be involved in."