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# Radio Station in Residence

Students may be operating a closed-circuit radio station in the Men's Residence by early January.

Alan Jost, 4th year Science Student, told the Gazette that he will soon approach the Ottawa Department of Transport to obtain an amendment in the radio regulations, which now demand that operators of carrier-current stations have a commercial licence.

He mentioned that the idea of a residence radio was not new. "The idea for a station came up

three years ago, when I wrote a short story for the Hiccup (Residence paper) suggesting that we have a closed-circuit radio station, which perhaps would later expand to Shirreff Hall and the King's Residences".

Jost said that he received a limited encouragement from reaction to his article. "But", he said, "the idea was dropped after consultation with Dr. MacLean, then Dean of Residence. He insisted that the station would not be a success when novelty had worn off, and that it would dev-

elop into a plaything for a small clique of science students. Dr. MacLean also felt that there was no studio space anyway, so it would be useless to even think of a Residence Radio."

There was no further action taken until last year when Frank Bishop, Residence Council Vice President, asked Jost to explain his idea to Council. They approved it in principle and set aside funds.

Jost said, "The new dean, K. D. Gowie, gave us encouraging support and we formed a committee to prepare a brief for the administration. The plan at the time was to install several micro-power transmitters at strategic points about the building, to provide complete coverage of the Residence without blanketing the whole city. Mr. Gowie presented our brief to the Administration, and obtained their Go-Ahead."

But the Department of Transport delayed its answer, and then told the Residence Committee that they would have to have a Commercial Broadcasting Licence, in spite of the low power and limited coverage of the system.

Jost said they had hoped that since the United States makes allowance for extremely low power stations, the Canadian Government would do the same.

We decided to install the transmitters, and chose a "carrier-current" system instead which has a single transmitter feeding the signal via building power lines to each room, where it can be picked up on any radio receiver. Since the University has its own power lines, the radio would not be heard off campus."

"With co-operation from the Department of Transport we should have our station by early 1965."

## Freshmen unprepared?

Mirko A. Usmiani, Associate Professor of Classics at Dalhousie, told the Gazette that Students in Nova Scotia are not prepared for University.

"Students coming to Dalhousie are not prepared for the type of University that we are developing," said Dr. Usmiani. "The universities should spell out to high school principals and teachers what they expect from students. The teachers and students do not know what the university requirements are."

When asked if foreign students are better prepared than Nova Scotian students he said, "No, I don't think so, but from my experience in the Classics Dept., West Indian students are better prepared. This is perhaps due to the fact that only the best pupils are able to come to Dalhousie."

Dr. Usmiani explained, "the trouble is, a man who has taken a degree in English or Classics ends up teaching mathematics or a science. The teachers who are specialists in one field should teach only that subject --- the subject that they are able to teach."

The symposium will get tea-

chers and faculty members together to discuss the problems and to arrive at possible solutions. One hundred high school teachers will be joined by an equal number of the Dal faculty.

The morning session will hear keynote speaker Dr. Lawrence Cragg, president of Mount Allison, followed by a panel discussion. Other participants in the day's activities will include Dr. Allan Morrison, director of curriculum with the Department of Education, Frank W. Doyle, executive editor of the Halifax daily newspapers, Professor K. D. C. Haley of the Acadia University mathematics department and Professor Frank Love, Dean of the UNB Education faculty.

Three panel discussions following the morning address will consider such topics as "The Public," "The High School", and "The University". The proceedings will end in round table discussion.

The Dal Faculty Association has been joined by the Nova Scotia Teacher's Union in extending invitations to teachers throughout the province.

## Psychology Expands

The Dalhousie Psychology Department has undertaken an extended program of education and child study, resulting from the affiliation of the department with the Halifax Nursery and Primary School.

Dalhousie honours and graduate psychology students, the 43 interested in child work, will observe the play and learning patterns of approximately 40 four and five year olds in normal nursery school setting.

Students now work with children of all ages in the child study labs of the White House and Arts Annex. Last year they studied habits of approximately 250 children between the ages of 4 and 17.

Dalhousie's Dr.'s King and Barbara Clark are conducting research projects involving the ways in which children learn, and children's perceptual and thought processes.

The department plans a parents' program of child study, beginning toward the end of the year. It will consist of discussions, films and public lectures, some chaired by Psychology faculty.

The program is administered by an executive committee, involving Mrs. Von Maltzahn, Mrs. Ernest Le Messurier, Dr. Lilien Wainwright, and from Dalhousie: Dr. Henry James, Dr. Barbara Clark, Dr. Doris Hirsch and Dr. James Waklin.

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### Downfall

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of the economy is necessary. This will probably serve to put the Conservatives back in power in the next election."

Wilson might do well, however, and the electorate might decide that Labor deserves another chance. I think Wilson will man-

age to gain control."

The discussion concluded with a question and answer period during which Prof. Bonine said that the Sino-Soviet split is by no means a creation of American propaganda. "It definitely exists and there will continue to be antagonism between Russia and China as long as they both

try to control Communist countries," Prof. Rawlyk, in reply to a question, stated that the recent events wouldn't affect the American elections. "Some Americans may feel the need of a hard line and Goldwater may employ this strategy, but it shouldn't serve much to his advantage.

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