

Main issues of CHSR-residences dispute explained

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The question of residence subsidization of CHSR service is once again being blown up. To explain the whole issue arose it seems that we should start from the initiation of the Carrier Current system on campus.

Last March 15, 1972 the Administrative Board, which handles all financial matters of the SRC, passed the Carrier Current Budget which amounted to over \$10,000. Suffice it to say here that it was a capital expenditure and we would

receive the return on our investment within four years. At the time the motion was passed I asked CHSR Station Director Bill Akerley personally to go to all the house presidents of the residences and to explain the new system while negotiating a rate at which the SRC could charge the residences.

This rate has been paid by the residences since 1961 and every year the residences have been budgeting \$1.00/head for CHSR service; the funds being taken out of the General House fund. The main reason why the SRC instituted these rates was that off-campus students were complaining about having to subsidize a service that they were not receiving, by paying their \$35.00 SRC fees. This problem has not changed. To offset this imbalance the SRC asked the residences to help out in this matter by paying a rate for the service they do receive. The final outcome was that every residence agreed. The same thing happened when Mr. Akerley talked to the House Presidents last March. To my knowledge, every house agreed to pay \$1.00/head. This is how the whole problem arose. The outgoing House Presidents, (elections are every March), did not tell the new House Presidents about these rates and I took it for granted this year that these rates would remain as negotiated last March. When Peter Ashton, (SRC Finance Chairman), myself and Roy Neale, (SRC President), met with the RRC (Residence Council) four weeks ago, the majority of the new House Presidents knew nothing of this rate.

It seems that old house presidents failed to inform them. However, there were a couple of residences that did budget for it. The outcome at that meeting was that each president would meet with their respective committees and inform them of these rates. The following day, (Friday), the Director of CHSR came to me and informed me of his intentions to shut the radio station down if the SRC did not pass CHSR's budget the following Monday. The problem that now faced us was that CHSR's budget had already been passed by the AB with the \$1,667 from the residences included. It was awaiting final approval by council on the following Monday. Without the definite approval of the \$1,667 from the residences, I could not attempt to pass this budget in council. Peter Ashton and I called a meeting with the RRC on Sunday night to get the approval from the residences. As only four (4) House Presidents showed up, nothing was accomplished and Peter and I went on CHSR to explain the situation to the stu-

dents. The SRC Executive finally decided on Monday, before the SRC meeting, to pass CHSR's budget with the expected revenue from residences included. As this rate had been paid for the last 11 years, we foresaw no problems in collecting it again. CHSR's budget passed through council Monday night which avoided CHSR from going off the air.

To bring this long involved hassle to a climax, the SRC executive met with various houses to discuss and explain the issue. Lady Dunn and Tibbitts agreed to maintain the rate, as did Harrison House. Other houses agreed to negotiate. Some houses didn't see any reason for paying. Finally, the RRC met Monday night (October 16th) and voted that it would be up to the individual houses to pay this rate. Most houses have many fallacies as to what the situation actually is:

- 1) Some houses seem to think that the advertising revenue will offset most or all of the operating costs of CHSR. The facts on this are as follows:

Total Operating Costs:	\$7,232.91.
Revenues (excluding residences)	
Maggie Jean & Murray House (still on speakers):	\$40.00.
Co-op:	\$600.00
STU Residences:	\$1,379.34.
Teachers College:	\$90.00.
Forestry Lounge:	\$36.00.
Law Lounge:	\$25.00.
Smoke Shop:	\$25.00.
Advertising Revenue (approx.):	\$2,500.00.
TOTAL REVENUE	\$4,695.34.
Budget Request from SRC:	\$2,637.57

We can see by this that advertising helps considerably but in no way does it offset operating expenditures. Advertising is fairly high this year because of the election. Close to \$1000 has already been sold to Political Parties which will not be the case next year.

- 2) Some people in residence say that seeing as how the residences are the audience for advertising that in fact they are giving the radio station a service. This is true, but the radio station in turn is giving the students a service, and a

very useful one.

- 3) Another argument that was put forward stated that as the new system works with radios and not speakers, should the people without radios pay the one dollar? CHSR did a survey of all residences last year and found that 96 percent of the people had radios. Also, if the majority of the people in residence have radios, then the rest should pay for the majority. The money comes out of the general house fund, not out of each individual's pocket.
- 4) Also, the rumor was being circulated that CHSR was serving the whole of Fredericton. The fact is that the radio station does not have a license to serve Fredericton. It is just on campus and will stay that way until someone comes up with \$100,000 for new equipment and personnel needed to serve Fredericton.

In summation, I would like to point out that by Student Law a rate is expected from the residences. If this rate is not paid we have two alternatives:

- 1) Shut down CHSR. By doing this we lose all our advertising revenue from people who would never deal with the station again if this happened. Also, \$100,000 of equipment would be laying idle and the 50-60 members of CHSR would not get this valuable experience in bringing the residences the service. We have about the best university station in Canada and it is well organized.
- 2) The SRC could subsidize CHSR to the extent of \$1.00/head in residence. By doing this, off-campus students are paying out even more for something they didn't receive. Off-campus students are the majority at UNB and we have to respect their views. Also, we would have to cut down on other areas of the total budget to compensate for this loss. Therefore I appeal to the students in residence to abide by the decisions of the past and to meet this responsibility. I have gone as far as I can go by presenting the facts to you.



Mugwump
Journal

By EDISON STEWART

Bonjour.

For those of you who didn't know, there are rumours circulating now that civilization doesn't end at the university gates. Matter of fact, it (civilization, that is) supposedly goes clean down to the river.

I kid you not.

And in that land mass just south of the gates, a certain Lord Mayor and his duly elected councillors have proposed that we (ie. us) be taxed. Taxed, yet. Lord God will it ever end?

This university and the students in it are two of the reasons for this hole's existence. The other reason is the provincial government. (What else?) And as if UNB, STU, and TC already didn't provide the shopkeepers of Freddies town with a living, janitors, clerks, computer operators and professors with a job, this certain Lord Mayor would have the university be taxed.

Well, it may indeed be true that the fellows downtown need more money. But we're already faced with a fee increase. And charging us any more just isn't going to be cricket. If the government's wise (a misconception definitely not based on past experience), this Lord Mayor and his crew will be advised to play it cool. Already, as Pacy says, our "future is in jeopardy." To jeopardize it any more would be the last straw.

Where does the world end?

Not at the edge of the world, obviously. At least most of us think so. And the Drop in the Bucket campaign currently underway proves just that. But there are some of us who feel that campaigning for money to aid schools in other countries is an undertaking of a rather dubious nature.

One student, who was looking at the Drop in the Bucket poster which solicited his help, walked away in disgust. "Damn," he said, as he stomped out of his million dollar student union building. "When are they going to start helping Canadian schools?"

With that having left his lips, he marched out into the night, over to the multi-million dollar library, marched in, and proceeded to view thousands of dollars of books.

And if that's intelligence, well...

Man of the year award

Nope. It's not General William Westmorland. (He's coming here in December, you'll recall). And it's not J.O. Dineen, although there's little question that he deserves the honour. It's the moron who called the Dunn last week, and said there was a bomb in the building. This character (who undoubtedly is still doing post-grad work in kindergarten) kept the girls out of the building for no reason at all. But watch out, Bomber, someone's after your title. Last winter another person phoned the Dunn at 2 in the morning. You guessed it. Another bomb scare.

Will people ever learn?

Cake contest

It's been awhile since we've had a contest in the Brunswickan. But it's time that we had another one. To the first person who finds a stale piece of cake in the Saga cafeteria in the SUB, we'll try to award the following: You, the winner, will receive a trip direct to the regional Saga offices (for UNB), where you'll (hopefully) be greeted, arms outstretched, by the Saga manager. Then (again, hopefully) he'll replace your dry piece of cake, and maybe we can arrange for a photo of this historic event.

So win, win, win. BE the first on your block to catch Saga with their pants down!

S'all for now. See you next week.

BRUNSWICKAN STAFF MEETING

SUNDAY NIGHT AT 7:00 P.M.

ALL NEW AND OLD STAFF PLEASE ATTEND.