

## Patrick says CHSR in serious financial trouble

By GERRY LASKEY

College Hill Student Radio (CHSR) may be faced with very serious economic problems this year, and may not be able to operate satisfactorily.

The problem the student radio station is facing is the fact that for a number of years the CHSR budget has allowed for operation

but has not made adequate provision for proper maintenance, repair and replacement of equipment.

In a Tuesday interview CHSR Director Allan Patrick stated, "With the capital equipment we have at present and including this year's budget the only problem we have is repairs to existing equipment."

In regards to the equipment Patrick said, "The tape machines and cartridge machines are in terrible shape. Our tape machines are antiquated and obsolete and we've spent the last number of years fighting to keep them in working order."

He said, "Our equipment is being babied and pampered in hopes that it will stay in operation, while we can give no assurances to the staff, and especially our production staff, that they'll be able to use the facilities."

Patrick said that there had been serious equipment failures at CHSR. "We had three transmitter failures last year," he said. "For example, Saint Thomas was off the air for about a month purely because we didn't have the backlog of parts to repair it. The parts had to be ordered and we had to overspend our budget to order them."

"Both cartridge machines failed last weekend and seriously affected our sports coverage of the hockey game at the Aitken Centre," he added.

Patrick said, "The union spent \$3400. last year buying us a new

console for our production control room and at the same time the two tape machines in the control room are fifteen and sixteen years old, respectively." He added, "One week after completion of our production control room one of the tap machines failed and is still not in operation."

"The union will have to realize that overspending our budget is possible and indeed probable and our overspending may be greater than it was last year," he said.

"As I explained to the councillors Monday night," he said, "the union has inadvertently

stalled us for a number of years and approximately \$25,000. outside of our operating budget will be needed in the near future if we are to once more become a sound technical facility."

The station has been trying to make do, repairing and even building equipment by its own staff.

Patrick concluded, "It boils down to the question 'have we created a monster here?' and if so are we prepared to feed it what it needs or wait until it starves to death?"

## Will AFS fees jump?

By RON WARD

Not all Atlantic Federation of Students (AFS) campuses are in favour of a fee increase.

The idea was mentioned in a meeting of the AFS executive of a possible fee increase to one dollar per student. The issue will be decided at a conference beginning October 29.

By the current plan, UNB pays approximately four cents per student.

When asked his feelings on the matter, SRC president Jim Smith said, "It's not worth it" if the increase is not accompanied by a proposed change in the structure of AFS.

The idea of a permanent full-time staff secretary was brought up by the executive. Smith said he is totally against the idea. He mentioned various expenditure such as \$3000 a year for office rental. He was interested in the idea of research workers

being financed by an increase.

In a telephone interview with Bryan Perkins, president of the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design student union, it was learned that last year's AFS budget was \$1300; if a dollar per student is charged, there may be \$20,000.

Also an opinion was obtained from Jackie Banyard, president of Mount St. Vincent University's student union. She stated that she was not in favour of the increase.

In a telephone conversation with Dalhousie University's student union treasurer Pat Stewart, it was learned that Dalhousie's student union president Gordy Neil was in favour of the proposed increase.

Ken Hefferman, president of Mt. Allison University's student union, said that he approved of the possible fee increase if a full time staff worker was employed. However, he questioned the need for one.

## NSD activities planned

By BARB CLERIHUE

National Student Day (NSD) is Tuesday, Nov. 9, and here at UNB a committee has been established to promote and conduct activities for this day.

What is being done, says William Sanderson, chairperson of the NSD committee, "hasn't been exactly planned" but he hopes to set up a series of workshops and seminars to be held on the evening of the ninth.

Major topics to be discussed at these meetings are rising tuition costs, student aid, and unemployment. It is hoped from these discussions, said Sanderson, that resolutions will be formulated which will later be presented before a general meeting of UNB students. Votes will be taken on the proposed resolutions, and the results will then be presented to the National Union of Students, the Atlantic Federation of Students, and the federal and provincial governments.

Some colleges and universities are holding marches on NSD but at UNB no demonstrations have been planned. "Obviously not! marches are out of the question for this university," said Sanderson, citing lack of support for the U de M protest at the Centennial building

this spring.

Sanderson stressed that classes will not be boycotted. "We're not fighting the administration," he said, rather NSD is meant "to promote an awareness among students about national issues."

Alexa Morrison, a member of the NSD committee, felt that one deterrent to the effectiveness of NSD was the present lack of support among students. "The committee is just too small," she said; also, it is feared, she added, that Red and Black will take away from the intended impact of NSD. Morrison has proposed that a series of workshops be held after Christmas, following the themes of Key issues discussed on November 9.

Many non-NUS universities are staging National Student Days. Of the members of NUS, only Red River College in Manitoba has rejected the idea of NSD, understanding that it would be a day of protest, similar to the CLC's recent one on October 14.

The committee has been allocated 110 dollars of SRC funds to promote proposed activities by means of posters and pamphlets distributed about the campus, and notices on CHSR and in The Brunswickan.

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