

UNB at folk festival

Despite the UNB SRC's close vote denying funds, (7 for, 8 against, 2 abstentions) UNB and STU sent representatives to the Maritime Intercollegiate Folk Festival held last night at Mount Allison University in Sackville. About 1500 people attended the event.

By passing the hat at past coffeehouses, the Folk Collective has managed to raise \$90, and the STU SRC contributed \$50. The money was used to rent a van to take UNB's Andy Bartlett and STU's Jo-Ann Rooney and Derek Roche, as well as Marc Lulham and Steve Peacock (this year's MCs) to the event which started at 8:00 last

night and ran to about midnight.

This year was the twelfth for the festival which is organized by the Gesner Geological Society of Mt. A. Each university and there were roughly a dozen this year, was allowed to send one act (containing up to four performers) which does two two songs. All but the three best are then eliminated, and these three each do another song or two before the winner is chosen, who then does an encore.

First, second, and third prizes are \$150, \$50, \$25 respectively, as well as honorable mention. The judges are from the CBC, the Moncton Folksong Society, and professors

from various universities. Judging is based on technical skill, stage personality, and content.

Marc, who has been at the festival three times himself with different people, says UNB has never placed first, although STU has.

Marc, assisted by other members of the Folk Collective, auditioned the prospective performers. He said there were two people that tried out this year to represent UNB.

Results of the festival were not available at press time.

Moncton Rally going strong

By KATHERINE WAKELING

A false invitation published in Universite de Moncton's student paper Le Front resulted in 250 students meeting with the Universite de Moncton's President N. Jean Cadioux back on January 30. The meeting took place and lasted one and a half hours, touching mainly on fee increases which were announced two weeks before. But according to Le Front Cadioux was evasive about the issue, and the students were unsatisfied.

That evening a meeting of 400 students took place where they

broke into small groups in order to plan and formulate ideas. What evolved was a peaceful march aimed at making the people of Moncton aware of the issue taking place. Their essential targets were Radio (Canada, l'Evangile Line, and the Unemployment Bureau). They were also asking societies to get involved such as financial elites by getting them to face university financial problem. Secondly they wanted to impress the student population with the seriousness of price hikes.

The march which took place on February 1, was described by Le Front as being "marior less a success". Following the march,

350 students met, with the Vice-President of administration who, quotes Le Front, took the opportunity to only repeat what he President had stated earlier on the tuition issue; there was to be a substantial increase in the fall of 1979.

A meeting was held that night with about 500 students in attendance. Basically it has been reported that they want to avoid striking and make a study into the problem. It was reported in Le Front that this was the general feeling prevailing throughout the group. No specific positions were taken.

More on CHSR

A current addition of the York University paper, The Excalibur, reported that their radio station is going through the same problems as CHSR is experiencing. The York station, CKRY*, is making an attempt to go off-campus. They find that they have two options at the present. First they are making the attempt to go off-campus by means of a FM broadcaster. One of the main deterrents is the start-up cost and the maintenance fee. It is estimated that it will cost \$100,000 start-up, and then \$100,000 a year for operations. Secondly, was the idea of acquiring

a carrier licence that would allow the station to go on FM cable through the community. This method appears to be the best prospect for the station. The costs are significantly cheaper. This system would cost only \$35.00 per month for the rental of a Bell line to the cable company.

The station currently transmits in the same fashion as CHSR, transmitting to stationed speakers. CKRY finds that many of their speakers are in exceptionally poor condition, and are not being upkept by the company that they are leased from.

The possibility of transmitting from their campus to homes via the FM cable is shaping up as the most probable option. CKRY has already held discussions with many of the cable companies in Toronto concerning the feasibility of transmitting through their cable system. Many of the companies in Toronto have agreed to the idea. The only stipulation that the Station has to consider is that advertising is not permitted on FM. The subscribers to cable would be able to pick up the reception by attaching their cable input to their FM tuners. A very simple connection, which would permit cable customers to receive FM music as well as news, up coming events on campus, etc.

Campus radio stations can apply for carrier current with a minimum of red tape from the CRTC.

A CHSR spokesman said they have looked into the possibility of transmitting through cable. Four to five years ago the costs amounted to more than the start-up costs for low power FM broadcast. The start up fee is about \$20,000, 5 years ago it would cost \$20,500, this estimate has surely risen over the past 5 years with inflation and all according to the spokesman.

If CHSR went FM it is expected to transmit to the Fredericton Oromocto area. It is expected to be able to reach over 90 per cent of the student body. Speakers would still be located in strategic locations.



Please note

By SHEENAGH MURPHY

March 7, 8, and 9 have been set as the date for certification vote on the UNB Fredericton campus according to a ruling by the Industrial Relations Board. The number of eligible voters has not yet been determined but those eligible will decide on those days whether or not they want unionization on this campus. March 12 and 13 a similar vote will be taken on the Saint John campus.

AUNBT spokesman Gary Chaison said that polls will be open from 10-1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m. in the Old Arts building on those dates. On the Saint John campus polls will be open from 10-1, 2-6 on the 12th and 10-1, 2-4 on the 13th in the Faculty Dining Room.

Industrial Relations Board Chief Executive Officer Ralph Boyd said that a returning officer and scrutineers representing the four parties will set up polls at various places around campus.

The four scrutineers are: for the university, Peter Vandeleeden; for AUNBT, Prof. George Semeluk; for the Law Faculty Association, Prof. Brian Bruce, and for the Engineering and Forestry Faculty Association, Prof. Eugene Lewis.

Boyd said that the amount of eligible voters has not yet been determined but will be posted when it is ascertained. Election procedure is such that once the polls have closed ballots will be counted and the returning officer will make a report to the Board. At that time any of the four parties have the right to appeal the decision.

CHSR-

Is expansion smart ?

The reason for the resurgence of interest in the feasibility of CHSR broadcasting off-campus-a subject of discussion since 1967- is attributable to recent changes in the rules and regulations of the Canadian Radio and Television Commission (CRTC). CRTC is a governmental body whose broadcasting policy must be adhered to by all broadcasting stations in Canada. Until 1978 CRTC had not granted any low-power licences, however on September 2, 1977 both the University of Waterloo and McMaster University were granted licences enabling them to broadcast off-campus, and thus incorporate the entire student body into their audiences.

CHSR would like to see a similar situation here in Fredericton. A committee instigated as a result of Student Union President Steve Berube's comments concerning this issue has been formed to investigate the feasibility of CHSR broadcasting off campus. SRC representatives and CHSR members from both STU and UNB are involved with the committee. The major problem confronting this group is the acceptability of the cost involved. CHSR aspires to avoid the commercial-type broadcasting of the major stations, thus

revenue from commercial advertising will not be possible. The estimated initial investment for the necessary broadcasting terminal is estimated at \$20,000. However, to meet CRTC requirements a full-time station manager must be hired to direct and manage CHSR's broadcasting on a day to day operations basis. The result is a foreseeable increase in the CHSR budget from its present \$17,000 to approximately \$40,000. This money would have to come from the SRC budget and therefore from the students fees.

The station hopes to broadcast on FM via FM stereo. There will be stricter restrictions on what is aired, and accessibility for the rest of the community. No radical changes in broadcasting policy are foreseen.

To date the committee has met three times, to gather the necessary information together, discuss the various CRTC policies and begin correspondence with those stations successfully "on air".

The University of Guelph has a scheduled hearing for licensing on March 6th of this year. Should UNB decide to apply for the licence for the CRTC must first approve the application, then submit it to the public for intervention. CHSR is hopeful that the station will be broadcasting off-campus by the spring of 1981.

UNB/UNIVERSITY OF MAINE 1979/80 EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Three \$1000 Scholarships are awarded to students selected to take part in the undergraduate exchange program operated between UNB and the University of Maine at Orono, Maine.

The program allows for students to pay the tuition at their home University. The balance of the scholarship can be used for travel in the New England area.

Students selected will be required to enter their junior year at the University of Maine in a program approved by their respective Department at UNB. This is to ensure that the students can receive full credit for the year's work upon return to the UNB campus.

Interested students should pick up application forms and return them completed by FEBRUARY 16, 1979.

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