

June 4, 2007

Semester Report

CHMR-FM Board of Directors

Programming Department:

CHMR-FM has held 3 Board Training Classes since the beginning of the Spring/Summer semester. These classes were held on April 24th, May 9th and May 25th. The next scheduled class will be held on June 7th at 2:00pm. The prospective volunteers who attended these classes are currently practicing for their board tests or are already on-air doing programs or news reading.

The spring/summer schedule is full and includes some of CHMR-FM's finest locally produced programs. Highlights include the following new and/or returning programs:

Backbenchers (Monday & Friday 10am-11am): Hosted by MUN students Kyle Rees and Andre da Costa. This program is a call-in live program, which features MUN news, community activities/topics and events. Special emphasis is placed on governmental issues and Memorial themes.

Music From Away (Thursday 1pm-3pm) Hosted by community member Eva George. This program features music and interviews with Atlantic Canadian artists.

The Paul Collins Show (Tuesday 7pm-9pm) Paul Collins returns to CHMR this semester with the best music from the past 40 years. No remakes, no covers, all original hits from the original artists.

Green Speak! (Monday 3pm-4pm) Hosted by Shelley Pardy this is a spoken word environmental show that focuses on issues and events, organizations, groups and their efforts that happen right here in Newfoundland and Labrador.

On The Reggae (Saturday 7pm-9pm) Hosted by Charmaine Penney. This program features two hours of the finest classic reggae, dub, dj, dancehall & rocksteady music.

The CHMR Morning Shows (Monday – Friday 8am – 10am) Wake up with the CHMR Morning Show. It's your source for the day's top news stories, local weather, special features and music to get you up and on with your day. Once weekly this show is live from the MUN Foodcourt.

The Wave Equation (Sundays 6pm-8pm) The wave equation offers some eclectic, off-beat radio fun from host "SirLongfish", as well as music from a variety of genres (from Rush to Rostropovich to Russian Folk including spoken word poetry and sound documentaries) and features specialty interviews with local artists, writers, students,

musicians, composers, and others who have interesting, helpful information for everyone in the community.

News Department:

CHMR-FM's News Department has been extremely active since the beginning of the semester. The News Director along with the CHMR volunteer News team have broadcast interviews with the following individuals.

Dana Aylward – Centre for Career Development – Summer Jobs

Dan Duda, President Elect, NL Library Association – NLLA Conference at MUN

Reeta Trembla, Dean of Arts – What can you do with an Arts degree?

Kim Kelly – Centre for Career Development – Service Learning

Andrea Kean & Kate Boland of ACE Memorial – Win at National SIFE competition

Melissa Hoskins - “Rant Like Rick” winner

James Farrell – MUNSU Summer Update

Cheryl Staubitzer, Steve Penny - Let's Talk Science Partnership –

Remotely Operated Vehicle competition at Marine Institute

MUN Anime Society

Tana Allen – Classics Association of Canada AGM being held at Memorial

Rob Greenwood – Atlantic Transportation Forum at the Harris Centre

Tom Osbourne, Minister of Justice – new initiatives to combat contraband smuggling

Lynn Panting – Festival of New Dance

Ted Nolan – Head Coach, New York Islanders

Joan Burke – Minister of Education – Increase in student grants.

Lisa Hollett – Director of Human Resources – results of the employee survey in response to the Katz report.

(The Following is a brief from Bob Earle CHMR News Director regarding the growth of the News Department and the plans for the future)

The morning show is now being broadcast from the food court once a week. This has gone extremely well. Doing this during the summer allows us to get the bugs out before September when students are around in full force. I plan on continuing this on a weekly basis throughout the fall, and the whole week during orientation. This will be excellent publicity for the station. The Centre for Career Development has also asked that we do it during the career fair.

Our “Open Line” format program is getting off the ground. The first task was to get used to the phone/delay equipment. At the moment, I feel it needs time to grow in a better time slot. Currently, we're up against Bill Rowe, and for a 50 watt radio station, that's pretty hefty. My hope is that once the hosts are more comfortable with the equipment, they'll want to move to a slot that has a better opportunity to gain some exposure.

We also have an hour-long news program between 4 and 5 on Wednesday afternoons – just before the council meetings, and I've been arranging interviews for the host.

(Ideas For The Mid-day Report)

My impression of the mid-day report so far, is that it has served more as “filler” than a real news program. A lot of stories (especially with regards to Atlantic news), are irrelevant to our listeners. Also, I don’t see the logic behind having it start at 12:15. The top of the hour seems to make more sense. Beginning in the fall semester, I would like to see the mid-day news report take on the following format.

- Change to a 1-hour format, starting at noon.
- Start with local news, using local stories from the BN wire, as well as two or three interviews conducted over the past week from the computer.
- National and International News, ending with UN Radio
- End with sports and weather. I would like to have a greater focus on varsity athletics during the sports segment. The Monday (and maybe Tuesday) newscast should include reports on weekend Seahawks games, with re-caps recorded live from games that we cover. Thursday and Friday should include previews of upcoming games.

The length of the program is my only real concern here. Is an hour too long? Will it result in using irrelevant stories just to fill time, or will interviews get overplayed during the week? I think we’ll only get an answer to this after we try it. Having more time for the program may also result in volunteers trying to produce more reports.

(Plans For The News/Sports Department)

- Broadcasting Seahawks games – I’ve already had preliminary talks with Varsity Athletics, and they are very excited about this. We will be meeting on June 6th to talk about the logistics and scheduling. Currently, plans are to broadcast 16 games (6 soccer, and 10 basketball – divided equally between men’s and women’s teams). We have two volunteers who are interested in hosting the program and doing play-by-play and colour commentary.
- Broadcasting recordings of the School of Music’s “Wednesday at 1” concert series, featuring student performances.

Fundraising:

CHMR continues its fundraising ventures during the Spring/Summer semesters. Monies raised so far have come from candy sales, recycling, non-student membership training fees, and listener donations.

Total Monies Raised: April 2007 - \$621.00 May 2007 - \$503.00

These amounts show a significant increase from the 2006 receipts for the same months. The next fundraisers for CHMR include : Candy sales on June 6, July 17 and August 14. There will also be a CHMR Soap Sale on July 18 & 19, 2007.

Respectfully Submitted: Kathy Rowe, Station Manager CHMR