

**CHMR-FM WINTER 2007**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Jan. 15, 2007**

**STATION MANAGER REPORT**

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAMMING:**

CHMR's holiday programming went off without a hitch this year. The station remained on the air 24 hours a day (including both Christmas Day and New Years Day, even though our license permits us to go silent). Many announcers that could not be in town over the break pre-recorded materials. Special holiday logs were created by the Program Director and News Director. These logs ensured programming continued overnight and during times of announcer absences.

**WINTER PROGRAMMING 2007:**

The new winter schedule began on Jan 8, 2007. CHMR retained a large number of its fall volunteers, and has already added a substantial number of new recruits to its programming. We now provide shows for listeners of Alternative Rock, Jazz, Country, New Country, Classic Rock, Reggae, Hip Hop, Dance, Industrial, Punk, Metal, Classical, Folk, Experimental, Drum n' Bass, and Blues. CHMR features a select amount of syndicated programming from outside the station, at no cost, addressing topics from politics to the environment, spirituality to baking.

It should be noted, while we do use outside programming, as a condition of our license, we are required to ensure 67% of our programming is produced in-house by our volunteers. We are pleased to say CHMR surpassed this requirement due to enthusiastic involvement from student and community members and consistently sees over 75% of all programming produced at CHMR studios.

Some programs of note that have begun or returned to CHMR's airwaves this season are:

Bridges & Branches, an environmental program hosted by volunteers of the Conservation Corps.

MUN Sportsdesk, a sports show hosted by two MUN students dealing with everything from NHL, NFL and NBA to MUN Seahawks and other varsity athletes.

The Good Old Country Show – St. John's only FM country music program. This show easily receives the most requests on CHMR, with the request line ringing off the hook. Listeners include a cross-section of St. John's, including a large number of community members.

## **VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT & TRAINING:**

CHMR continues to recruit and train new volunteers on a monthly basis. Board class times/dates are posted online at [www.chmr.ca](http://www.chmr.ca). Recruitment announcements are broadcast regularly on the air. The next training class is booked for Wednesday Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.

## **NEWS DEPARTMENT:**

The News Department fulfills its mandate by providing updated news/sports/weather throughout the day and producing relevant news pieces for broadcast in our morning shows and the afternoon news program "Midday Report".

This department has made great strides in the past year. We have focused on providing consistency throughout our programming schedule and achieved hourly newsbreaks broadcast regularly from 8 am to 8 pm weekdays. In addition, CHMR expanded the Midday Report to 45 minutes (12:15 – 1 pm).

National and International news is provided by our Broadcast News (BN) service. Local news (specifically campus and St. John's area) is covered by our team of volunteer news reporters and supplemented by BN. The addition of new equipment (see below) has enabled us to develop consistent reporting while permitting long-form documentaries to be developed at the same time.

Further improvements in the News Department are dependent on maintaining appropriate equipment, and achieving sufficient volunteer numbers to cover relevant events. To this end, the News Department undertakes recruiting (see above) and trains in new volunteers in additional sessions. News meetings are held on a regular basis, to discuss possible new story ideas.

New additions to the News Department equipment include a donated Sony Digital Handheld Recorder with an external microphone (used) and the purchase of a new Zoom H4 Multi-track recorder. The Zoom was purchased with monies raised during our annual Christmas Soap Sale at a reduced price of \$395.00 taxes included (actual retail price - \$455.30). CHMR-FM now has a total of 3 recorders for our News reporters to use.

CHMR volunteers also donated Christmas gifts/monies to the News Department. Included in these items were: battery chargers, batteries, two headphones, 6 news printer ribbons, 2 boxes of news printer paper, 1 package of white board markers, 2 binders and 2 boxes of CDRs.

On a sad note, CHMR's News Director Rory Hinchey resigned his position on Jan. 8, 2007. We wish him well in all his future endeavors.

## **FUNDRAISING VENTURES:**

Last semester saw an increase in CHMR's fundraising revenues. The station held a number of unique table sales in the University Centre. Included in these ventures were the following:

Candy Table - \$210.00  
Funky Things Table - \$525.00  
Christmas Soap Sale & Soap Basket Tickets - \$585.00  
Station Recycling - on average \$20.00 per month

Fundraising ventures are planned for the winter semester as well. Upcoming sales include: Hot Apple Cider, Valentines Soap Sale, and the annual CHMR CD sale.

## **LISCENSE RENEWAL 2007:**

On Nov. 14, 2007 CHMR-FM applied to renew it's broadcasting license. Supporting documents were written including new supplementary briefs, new programming tables and amendments to constituting documents. These forms were converted to PDF files and sent to the CRTC via a new E-Pass Application system. The old license expires in August of 2007.

## **EQUIPMENT CONCERNS:**

The CHMR automation system "QuicPix" continues to give us problems. Lack of support of this old program coupled with increased demands on the software cause computer crashes and loss of recorded materials. A top priority of the station is an overhaul of the existing computers and the purchase of a new automation program.

I recommend that the station look into the products provided by OMT Technologies (iMedia Touch is the equipment used by most broadcasters). This company is the leader in broadcast automation software and provides support for all its products. For further information on OMT Technologies and the products they provide, please visit:  
<http://www.imediatouch.com/index.html>

Respectfully Submitted (January 15, 2007)

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