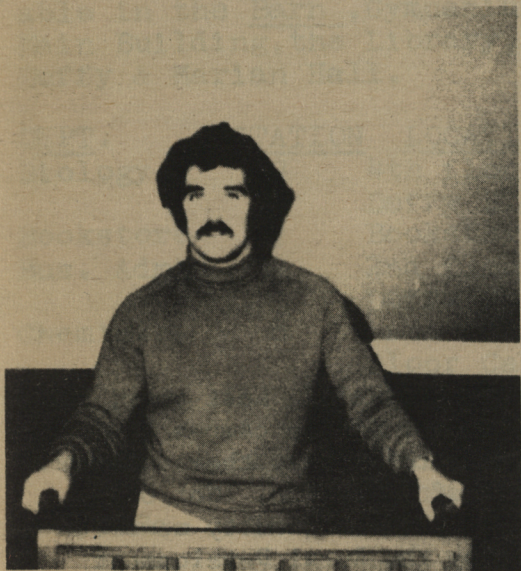




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In late September of this year charges were pressed by the student union executive against Allan Rankin former manager of Radio U.P.E.I. for theft over fifty dollars. On October the 7th. the charges were dropped and the case was dismissed by the court.

DETAILS:

Rankin's Story

The story begins in the spring of 1971. Mr. Rankin undertook a program in conjunction with Opportunities for Youth sponsored by the Federal Government. It was compulsory for each to have a display of some sorts. The name of his project was Operation Radio U.P.E.I. and he was to remodel the Universities Radio station. Mr. Rankin decided to use the equipment from the U.P.E.I. Radio Station. on the day of the display, Mr. Rankin claims that none of the members of the executive were around. He therefore signed the key out from the U.P.E.I. Security Office and under took the responsibility on his own to take the equipment to the Confederation Center for his display. His program was accepted and was later dropped. Mr. Rankin asked the manager of the Confederation Centre, Jim Phillips, for permission to leave the equipment in the storage room for a couple of weeks. Since his car had broken down, he left the equipment there for the summer.

"One day during Freshmen Week," Rankin said, "I was playing with 'The Troubadors' at the Coffee Shop when Dean Shaw approached me inquiring to the where-a-bouts of the Radio equipment. Jim Larkin was with him at the time.

Mr. Rankin claims that he had offered to get the equipment back to fourth floor Main and set it up for the year. Dean Shaw was supposed to have arranged to meet Rankin behind Main at 7 o'clock that evening so that they could get the U.P.E.I. truck to transport the equipment back to the Radio Station.

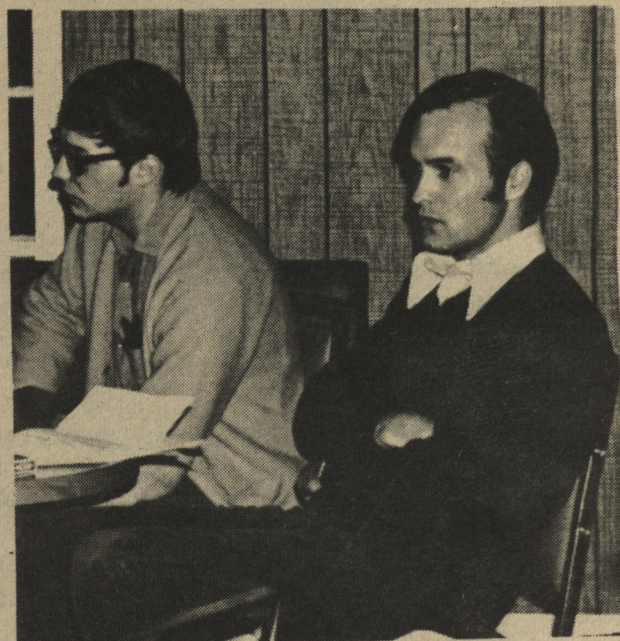
The next day Rankin encountered Mr. Larkin and asked him why no one turned up behind Main building the previous evening. Rankin said that Larkin told him the executive would look after everything. Rankin claims that he insisted that he would help them get the equipment and set the Radio Station up. However, Mr. Larkin told him he could forget it, everything would be looked after. The same day he encountered Bob Hunter, who was with him on the project. There

were rumors saying that some of the equipment had been ruined due to a flood in the storage room. Rankin told Mr. Hunter to keep an eye out about the equipment since he also knew where everything was.

Soon afterwards Allen Rankin took a trip to Toronto. On his return, he was approached by Scott Stevens and was told by him that there was a warrant for his arrest. The Executive was charging him for theft over fifty dollars. Soon afterwards he was put in jail. Rankin phoned his friend Jim Phillips to bail him out. Phillips told him that there was some Radio equipment in his office that belonged to the university.

"When Jim Phillips brought the equipment to the Police Station, I still had to get bailed out," said Rankin, "even though there was proof right there that I had not stolen the equipment."

Mr. Rankin went further to say that he could lay counter charges against the Student Union for false arrest if he wanted to do so.



THE EXECUTIVE'S STORY

Dean Shaw said that Rankin took the equipment away from the university without the permission of the Executive or the council. He also said that Rankin was notified many times to return it.

When fall came, Rankin was nowhere to be found. Earl Mc Williams went to see Jim Phillips, manager of Confederation Center, about the equipment. He was informed that the Radio equipment was in one of the tunnels. Not all the equipment was there. Since the Executive could not get a hold of Rankin, they finally had to resort to a warrant for his arrest.

Shaw stated that Rankin did not offer to help return the equipment. He went further to say that the charges were dropped because the Executive dropped them. It was not because there was insufficient evidence against him, Shaw said that Rankin had brought back the equipment, so the Executive let it go at that.

"If Rankin wishes to bring the issue back to the court fine with us" said Dean, "There is no way he can win his case." Shaw also stated that if Rankin wanted to embarrass the Executive, he could have opportunity to do so at the next general meeting around the end of the month.

"I challenge him to come and try" said Dean Shaw.

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