

McKeough Sees Progress

WMWC Starts Second Year

By CANDY SAMS

The Mary Washington College radio station, WMWC, opened its channels to the campus on September 10 to start its first full year of broadcasting. The radio station has come a long way from last year with new equipment and top quality deejays.

The station opened for the first time on November 19, 1978 after six years of careful planning and enthusiastic student support. The funds for the equipment came from ads from local Fredericksburg merchants and the MWC Student Association. These funds have provided for the purchase of more equipment this year including a news wire service for second semester. Station manager Moira McKeough, a senior, is very enthusiastic about the station's development since last year. The station sponsored a workshop on September 1 to introduce interested students to the station and to train them how to use the equipment.

Representatives from local radio stations in Fredericksburg (WFSL) and Warrenton (WEER) came to lecture about the basics of radio programming. The workshop was specifically designed to establish certain professional standards for the station.

McKeough says student support has been fantastic. The station needs and will train interested people.

The board members of WMWC are Moira McKeough, station manager; Jan Markland, program director; Shayne Gardner, news director; Alice W. Campbell, technical director; Elliott Wentz, music coordinator and Barbara Bean, business manager. Each board member has essential responsibilities and one of the most important is the programming-schedule led by program director Jan Markland. The station plans to air programs like radio drama with the help of student dramatic talents; serials about MWC; serious dramas; more classical; jazz and bluegrass music; live music; interviews with important visitors to the campus and editorializing on Sunday nights during the regularly scheduled news program. Markland is excited about the new programs developing and appreciates the student support behind these programs. The radio drama will be headed by talented drama student Chip Straley and should prove to be one of the highlights of the year.

McKeough would like to have more faculty involvement in the radio. She suggested involvement could be established through open house meet-

ings and also to work closely in interviews with distinguished visitors to the campus. George Edwards, assistant dean of students, has already started to get involved by attending the workshop held in early September. He is interested in airing his own show.

McKeough would also like to have department involvement by airing shows in the various majors on certain topics. For example, music majors could request certain songs to be played for an exam review, or an economics major could explain the gross national product (GNP). She emphasized that the radio is a service to

the campus community. WMWC wants to provide announcements, the day's activities, the weather and even sports results but the station needs the students to keep it informed about activities and announcements.

McKeough said the station prides itself on its variety of format. "We don't have a strict format because we create on the radio. Excellence in college radio is a way to create and try new things while at the same time maintaining professionalism and quality."

WMWC has a wide variety of listeners enabling the station to broaden its scope of music. The station is continuing to grow but still needs student support.



Dr. Music spins a disc. Robert Gall

Gay Students Active at M

By CHERYL J. FETTERMAN

We are Americans so we should all have the same rights to do what we want and live the way we want, right? Then why isn't the Gay Student Union an Inter Club Association approved club on campus respected by students just as any other club? That's the view of Gay Student Union.

When the group started meeting they quickly found out that it was better to not let the majority of students on campus know who they were or where they met due to some incidents such as nasty letters and notes and, one threat to the club president's life. Then, in 1975 there was an explosion on campus and a lot of mixed feelings were layed on the table for debate. In the September 29, 1975 issue of the Bulletin an unsigned letter to the editor appeared, protesting the denial of personhood, freedom, and political expression of gays at Mary Washington.

wrote another long letter to the editor entitled "Retort Retorted" for the October 27 issue. (Fall break came between the Oct. 6 and Oct. 27 issues)

The third letter answered, one by one, the points brought up in the second letter and was signed by the student. In the meantime, the Mary Washington campus was taking its first big step toward accepting and recognizing gay students, whether it was realized or not.

In addition to the letter writing battle in progress a man from Ashland, Virginia who read the first letter and also wrote to the editor. His letter appears in the November 3, 1975 issue of the Bulletin, a very informative article concerning what homosexuality is and why it exists. Going through the first letter he wrote definitions and reasons backed up with research to explain why he agreed and disagreed with the letter. This was apparently the last of the debate to be published and was probably enough to satisfy the general student body.

Mary Washington's GSU was founded in December of 1976 as an informal group of students who both wanted a club and thought it a nec-

essary. To become an ICA approved organization on campus group must have ten members signing a petition saying they belong to club. In addition they must submit a list of prospective activities for year as well as a general statement to what the actual purpose of the club is.

The GSU will go to see the ICA committee sometime during the first part of October. They state as their purpose as a club the need to provide Mary Washington College community with an organization which is supportive to gays and which is an advocate of gay rights. Some of the activities

Schlimgen Looks at SA

'Better Communications' Seen

By JACKIE CONCIATORE

M.W.C.'s Student Association will concentrate its efforts on "establishing better communications with the student body" during the 1978-80 academic year. S.A. President Steve Schlimgen hopes to make the Student

club, or Honor Council. The service is open 24 hours (extension 308.) Schlimgen stressed that if relations between students and the S.A. were to be improved, cooperation was needed from all. "We need new ideas from the Students. . . This school provides

the October 6, 1975 issue carried a second letter to the editor from a student who's views disagreed with those of the first. The second letter analyzed and generally picked out flaws in the first person's complaint includ-

Nominations for class honor will be held Freshmen non Elections will

Junior Honor