

## Radio UNB Will Bring

## 'Music, Talks, Debates and News' . . .

Some evening in the not-too-far distant future, the occupants of one of the three men's residences on campus will hear the words, "Good evening, everyone, Radio UNB is on the Air". A rather simple sentence, perhaps. Similar ones are used every day by a thousand other stations in a thousand other cities. But when that sentence sounds on this campus, it will have attached to it a very special significance. It will express dramatically the climax to a story of success which seemed destined many times to be rather a story of failure. For in order for Radio UNB to become airborne, it has taken a great deal of work in the face of what at times appeared to be impenetrable walls of discouragement.

But the best way to tell the story is to start at the beginning. So let us do that.

The idea for a campus radio station is not a new one. It has come up recurrently during several of the past few years but each time the obstacles which would have to be overcome before the project could get off the ground seemed insurmountable and the idea was dropped. The beginning of the undertaking which was to prove most successful were seemingly most insignificant. Less than a year ago the SRC received a letter from radio enthusiasts at Memorial University in St. John's, Nfld., enquiring as to whether UNB would be interested in becoming a part of an organization to be called the Canadian Association of University Broadcasters. This group hoped to approach the CBC with a proposal for producing a weekly half-hour university radio show. The letter invited the SRC to send a delegate to a conference to be held later in the year in Toronto, at which time a student delegation from this CAUB group would meet with officials of the CBC.

The SRC did just that. It appointed council member Barry Yoell to attend the conference. The results of the meeting from the point of view of the original reasons for holding it were hardly encouraging. The CBC issued

a flat rejection to the proposal. Meanwhile, however, as the idea for a university radio hour was dying, representative Yoell was meeting and talking with the radio-enthusiasts from the other campus. Consequently, he returned home armed with those two most important ingredients for the undertaking of any project—enthusiasm and ideas—and decided to investigate the possibility of establishing a station, on this campus.

His first task was to dispatch several letters to various electrical firms requesting any pieces of equipment which they might be willing to donate. These letters were posted just prior to exams last May. Then came the summer and Radio UNB was virtually forgotten.

On his return to university in

the autumn, however, Mr. Yoell found the amazing results of his letters. Over \$700 worth of equipment had come in during the summer. From Westinghouse, RCA, and Northern Electric had come a tape recorder and amplifier, a microphone an equipment rack, a microphone, two power supplies, and a jack panel.

As word of the receipt of the equipment spread, interest in the project grew. A group was formed and began holding regular meetings. Mr. Yoell was named director of the new organization. A short time later, the members approached the Department of Transport making enquiries about setting up a station. They were told by the D.O.T. representative that the cost of establishing an over-the-air setup would be simply too much. A further enquiry proposing that the sounds be transmitted over the power lines within the residence was also discouraged. This was in mid-November of last term. "That was the period of our deepest

depression", reflects Mr. Yoell today. "There seemed to be little else we could do". Came the Christmas recess and the activities of the organization were reduced to sending a taped questionnaire to UBC asking about the radio setup on that campus.

Once again, as in the summer, the recess mailman brought something which filled the organization with new life. From UBC came the taped reply to the questionnaire. On monitoring the recording, the Radio UNB members found that UBC is faced with a similar problem but hopes to overcome it by establishing an entirely closed-circuit network within the residences. "From the time of the receipt of that tape, everything has gone right", states Mr. Yoell.

And things did begin to happen. Within three weeks the organization had its constitution approved, a \$1000 budget approved, and university senate approval of operating space. Radio UNB had the wings with which to become airborne.

Present plans call for the equipping of one men's residence to receive Radio UNB broadcasts this semester and two more next year. The closed-circuit setup now envisioned consists of a speaker for each room in the residence. Each unit will

be complete with a volume control and an on-off switch. The circuitry has been worked out by chiefly three people — Prof. Walter Smolinski of the Electrical Engineering Dept., CFNB's chief engineer, Ed Everett, and club member Bill Stanley.

The sounds of Radio UNB will emanate from a 12 x 12 studio now being constructed by the university in the basement of Memorial Hall and will come to campus listeners probably on three afternoons and two evenings per week. The programming will be primarily music, "the type you can study by" says Mr. Yoell, "but we also plan to broadcast debates, panel discussions, talks, news and sports". "However, we hope to distribute a poll within a week to attempt to determine what the average student does want in a campus radio station."

Recently, the organization received further help in the form of two turntables given by CFNB. The project has its practical side too. All new equipment is being obtained in kit form so that all members may derive some experience in the construction and installation of the new station.

The society today consists of 30 members. "It would be very

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## Memo To Sophomores:

Tomorrow you will elect three Junior Representatives to the SRC.

During the past year, as a Science student and as a member of the Brunswickan staff, I have observed a large segment of undergraduate expression. I feel that I can comprehend prevalent campus opinion, and would like to express these views through collegiate government.

That is why I am a candidate.

I offer, rather than promises or past qualifications, a desire to penetrate and to constructively and intelligently assist in the task of student administration.

May I rely on your support

Sincerely,

Don Redstone

Don Redstone For Junior Rep.

## The Vision to Create, the Courage to Maintain

To many of us in college the word "politics" has varied shades of meaning. Many taboos and dark uncertainties are conjured up in our minds. Essentially we are idealists, we demand perfection in everything with little regard for reality. The institutions which we have inherited from our forefathers appear too old, run down, and just not right at all.

By far the most vitally important of these legacies is government and political parties. We rant and rave, ridicule and dream of creating some new system of fighting the old. We stand aside from the established and offer only adverse criticism.

Here on campus students have a grand opportunity to see the established first hand, to join, and perhaps to place ideal reforms in action. Here is an opportunity to take part in active party politics.

The UNB Progressive Conservative Club is a member of the nationwide Progressive Conservative Student Federation. Through this body the Progressive Conservative students of Canada play an active part in reviewing and forming party policy. The Progressive Conservative Party is the only party in Canada which has recognized the real worth of students and has allowed them representation on their National Executive. Joanne MacArthur represents New Brunswick students on this organization. John Bate is a Vice-President of the Senior Conservative party of the Province.



JOHN DIEFENBAKER

The UNB Progressive Conservative Club advocates:

- Unemployment insurance benefits available to university students who have contributed to the fund during the summer.
- Income tax exemption for students shall be increased.
- A one-man Royal Commission under UNB Engineering Professor A. M. Stevens to examine and work out a solution for all Maritime transportation problems.
- Cultural and student exchanges between Canada and other nations shall be advanced.
- Integration of the Armed Forces of Canada.
- Labour Unions be required to publish Annual Reports giving details of all financial transactions.
- Accelerated programs of Public Works in the Atlantic Provinces.
- Establishment of a scholarship fund for Women University Students.
- "Equality of Opportunity" for Canadian Women in all fields.

Polls will be open from 9.30-12.30 and 2-4.30, Wednesday, February 24.

Engineering— Engineering Building.

Forestry— Forestry Building.

Arts— including Business Administration and Physical Education students— Arts Building.

Science— including Geologists and Nurses— Chemistry Building.

In addition, a poll will be held in Somerville House for Law Students.



JOHN BATE

Let's Go, UNB! Vote Progressive Conservative