

Radio U.N.B. Enters Second Decade

Radio UNB ends its first decade of service this spring. Started in 1960 the service has expanded from installations in three to thirteen residences including Saint Thomas.

Twenty ham radio enthusiasts gathered and decided to pool their talent and start a radio station for UNB. This was the first such effort in the Maritimes and the lights burned late in the basement of Memorial Hall for the first years.

In 1969 the station moved from their cramped quarters to a spacious layout in the new Student Union Building. This year ten thousand dollars was spent by the SRC in new equipment and broader closed circuit coverage of residences. Plans are now underway to broadcast publicly over the Fredericton area.

The station known as the Bi-Campus Sound of Service is staffed by STU and UNB students, seventy three in all.

Headed by Kevin Dicks, the station offers a wide range of interest for the student who joins the staff.

The station is entirely maintained and operated by students. The Chief Engineer - Doug Bearisto oversees the broad spectrum of technical working required to maintain the operations. One is greatly eclipsed by highly technical verbage when inquiring as to just how it ticks.

The station news department carries many public affairs programs, picking up the BBC World Report and Science programs as well as leaning heavily on their own productions.

News is fast and up to the minute. A Canadian Press teletype threshes out masses of contemporary news every day. Broadcast News, a wire service for radio stations backs up the C.P. releases. For local campus coverage the station uses its own reporters.

A new innovation of the era, a computerized record filing system is soon to be put into action. This system files music by title, lists who has recorded it with what instruments and in which style. The programmer

gets to play exactly the type of music he wants.

UNB sports events are covered regularly. Major events in the University sports world are often covered as well. This year's Atlantic Intercollegiate Hockey Finals were covered live over Radio UNB.

The station is financed largely by the UNB Student Representative Council. This year's operations budget was seven thousand dollars with an additional ten thousand dollar outlay for new equipment. This went for a new recording studio and control console.

Each member of residence pays four dollars in his residence fee towards the station. Each room has a speaker.

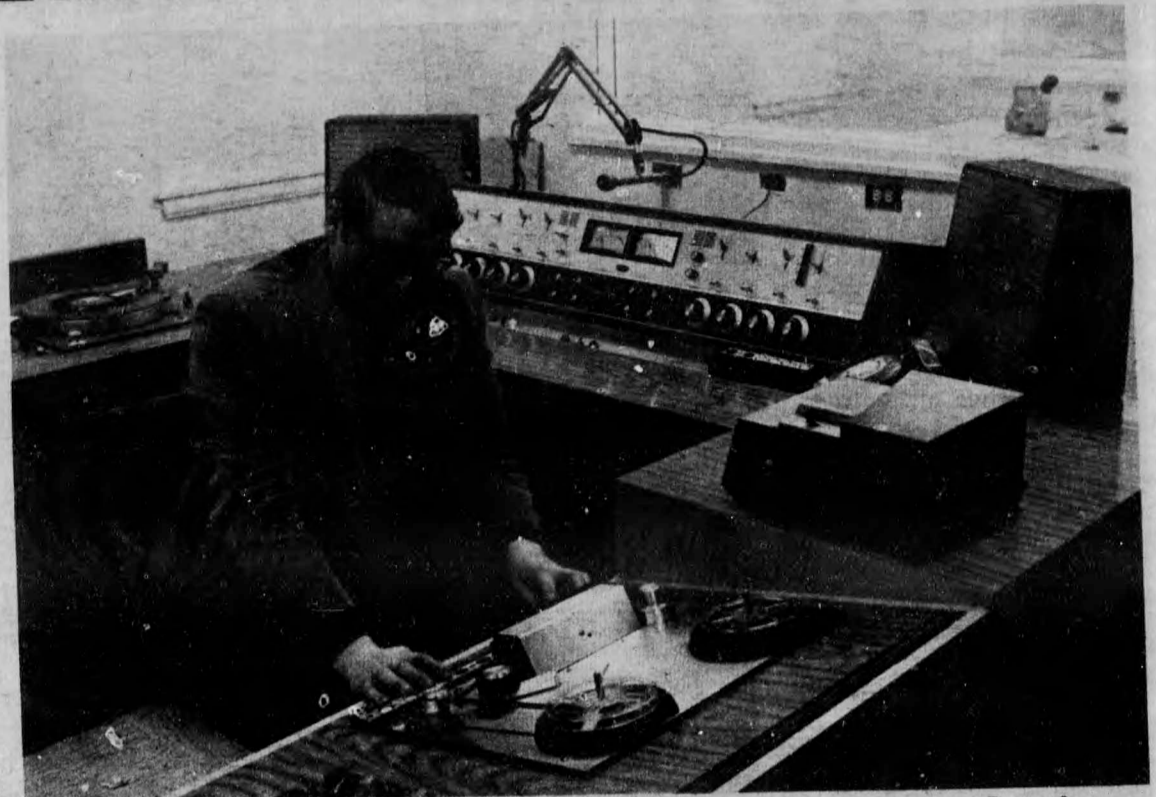
The female residence dwellers pay two dollars for the service, but the number of speakers is much smaller.

The Saint Thomas SRC pays a set rate for each of the STU students who works for Radio UNB. Twenty percent of the staff are from Saint Thomas. Additional funds for coverage of special events like the Hockey finals are usually sponsored by private enterprises. For this the sponsors get a small promotional ad.

Students joining the radio station spend their first few months finding out what it is all about. Those whose interests lie in broadcasting soon get their own shift at the control console or their own program. A great deal of lassitude is allowed in the individual programming. The broadcaster assembles, and plans his own program from start to finish.

Many students upon graduating have made radio their career. Radio UNB is respected in the regional broadcast community and it makes an excellent pre-training ground.

Seven other universities in the Maritimes have radio stations. Six of them including Radio UNB have banded together to form the Atlantic Association of University Broadcasters.



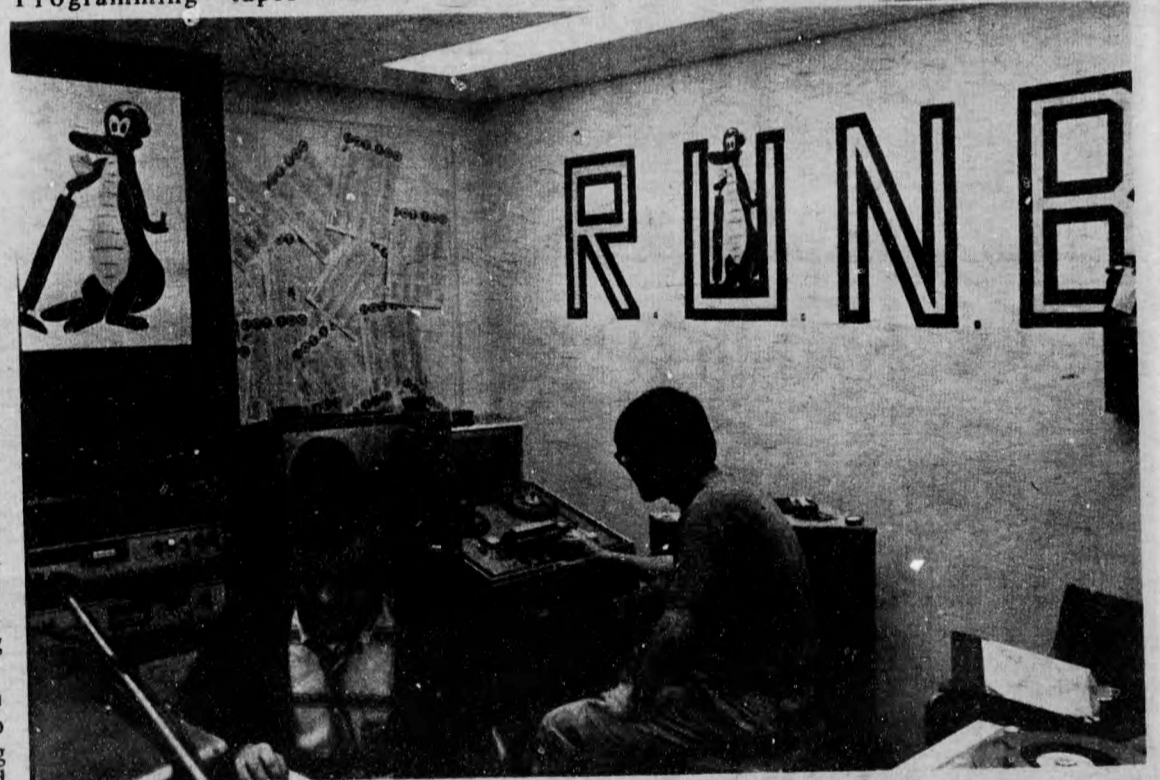
Here Kevin Dicks, Station Director of Radio UNB, operates one of the Ampex Recorders. Photo by Ekers.

All are closed circuit stations and with their collective knowledge and experience form a wealth of information to draw upon. Programming tapes are

exchanged and reviewed for programming ideas, which often appear as new programs.

Radio UNB Station Manager, Don Lockhart, also the station's representative to

the AAUB, feels the future of the organization looks good and will go a long way towards providing better programming for students.



Two operators of Radio UNB, Dennie Harper (left) and Don Lockhart (right), are seen during a show.

An Open Letter to Graduate Students of UNB

Dear fellow graduate students,

I believe that graduate students can play an important role in the university life. They have both the maturity and close contact of both students and faculty, to enrich the university life, and to have a say on what is going on and what should be done to improve academic life in UNB.

There are about 600 graduate students in this university, 425 of them are resident students, about 40% of them are non Canadian. They come from many universities from all over the world, many of them had teaching experience and they are studying in about 25 Departments in the University.

All the 600 Graduate students are theoretically members of the Graduate Students Association.

The reason I used the word theoretically because most of

the graduate students do not join or participate in the activities of the association. First there was an election on Nov. 13, 1969, only about 50 students were present, an interview committee was elected to carry out the business of GSA and try to revive interest in the association. The association has a budget of \$1100 and has a lounge, a whole purpose room and access to the Memorial Student Center. The association gained student representation on the executive committee of graduate school.

In an effort to get the members interested the Forum on graduate student employment problems was arranged on Feb. 19, at Tartan room. It was an embarrassing experience, only two of the executive were present. Of course we had to apologize to Dean Pacey and the others who came to give their professional

opinion on an interesting and vitally important subject to graduate students. On Friday, Feb. 20th, a Social was arranged, with refreshments, music, etc. It was expected that at least 150 students would be there. However, there were only about 40 students, the result that the more than half of the refreshment sold to Neil house and we lost about \$25. For both functions, there was enough publicity. A Newsletter was dispatched to all graduate students at least two weeks before both functions. Posters were put in six important places in campus such as the SUB, Head Hall, Carleton Hall, etc. Also both events were mentioned in two places in the Brunswickan issue of February 20th.

The Newsletters were mailed through campus mail to the departments. The reason is that the list of home addresses in graduate school is an old

one, many students have changed their addresses. Besides it is more economical.

Many students received the news letter, but did not read it. There was a questionnaire to answer and send back to us. Only 52 replies out of 425 newsletters sent, reached us back.

The results of the questionnaire was as follows:

1. 90% felt that GSA should concern itself with both social and educational activities, 10% with social activities only.
2. Concerning funds for pure social activities, 70% like to finance these activities by pay at the door way, 30% agree to pay one dollar per year registration fees to finance social activities, none agree to pay five dollars per year.
3. 90% agree that GSA should have a plan for a summer program of activities, 10% disagree to this idea.
4. 100% agree that GSA should

attempt to get associate membership in UNB Faculty Club (Recently it has obtained a permanent liquor license).

There are two positions for graduate student representatives on the SRC, no one ran for them.

I hate to think that the graduate students in UNB would be accused of apathy, and I think you should agree that it is important to have a solid active GSA in this campus.

I am calling here for a general meeting in Tartan Lounge on March 18th at 7 p.m. to discuss the future of the GSA and for a General election for all offices. It is essential that a quorum should be present otherwise elections would be postponed to next fall. Please support your association.

Salah Hassanien
President of GSA