

# CHSR's technical man honored for years of service

By ALEXANDRA FERREY

CHSR Technical Head Doug Beirsto is a behind the scenes man. If you haven't at one time or other been involved with the operations of CHSR it's unlikely that you have run into him. You probably will not have noticed him at any pubs or socials. Even if you were in his classes you may not have seen much of Doug.

In the opinion of several CHSR staff Beirsto has probably done more for CHSR, since its conception, than any other single individual.

This week is Beirsto's last on campus for a while. CHSR and the SRC paid him a tribute by dedicating the control rooms and the studio to him, commemorating his invaluable contribution to the station with two attractive wall plaques.

Beirsto began his academic career at UNB during the year 1969 enrolled in the faculty of engineering. His first job with CHSR was that of record librarian. By January of the same year he had become chief engineer for the station.

He enjoyed the atmosphere at the station and the contacts he made through it. By the end of the year it was said that he was "married" to the station. During the next three years Doug was chiefly responsible for rewiring both control rooms and keeping all systems "go".

The highlight of his involvement with CHSR came last July when the Canadian Radio Television

Commission finally approved a license for CHSR to operate several low power A.M. transmitters. This enabled them to give the students a much better reception than previously known on the closed circuit radio system - which as Beirsto says was nothing more than a glorified intercom.

Work began on the 'carrier current' system in July 1972. Equipment was being installed while the first application for CRTC approval was put forward. This was not felt to be too much of a risk as six or seven universities throughout Canada were already on the 'carrier current' system, although no licenses has as yet been granted.

CHSR's first application was rejected however, as it was improperly submitted. A second application was made in January '73 and the following May Beirsto as chief engineer, along with the station director, the business manager, and the president of the SRC appeared before the CRTC in Saint John, N.B., to put forward their proposals. Finally on July 18, 1973 approval was granted, and CHSR had a private license.

If Beirsto were to stay on at UNB his next campaign would probably be to try and extend the license CHSR has now to the off-campus areas, providing off-campus students with a little more music and a little less Billy Graham.

But unfortunately Beirsto's academic career has not been altogether successful due to his excessive extra-curricular involve-

ment and it will probably be a year or two before he is in a position to become a full time engineering student again. Somehow it seems ironic that Beirsto's very dedication to engineering should be a contributing factor to his having to leave it now.

During his time here Beirsto has also been involved in the Red and Black review as sound manager as well as winter carnival and orientation. But his first love has remained radio.

During the last two summers he was able to put his practical

knowledge to use as a relief technician for the CBC in Fredericton. His personal philosophy is that "If you are going to do something - you might as well do it well" and this is certainly reflected in his enormous personal contribution to CHSR.

## No plans to renovate SUB

By LORNA PITCHER

There are no definite plans at present to expand or renovate the Student Union Building. However, SUB Day Director Kevin McKinney feels "there is a definite need for more room in the SUB. The Social Club and Games Room both need expansion, and the cafeteria, which is poorly laid out, needs renovation".

He also stated that "the impetus and demand for expansion should come from the students, not the SUB directors".

First, needs must be determined. This could be done by an SRC survey or acceptance of written submissions by students stating a need for room which particularly concerned themselves or their organizations. McKinney mentioned craft rooms, graphic workshops and bowling lanes as examples of possible additions.

At this stage an architect consultant would have to be called in to determine the easiest, most efficient way to renovate the present SUB building.

Financing could be handled in two possible ways, McKinney stated. The original loan could be extended, or a special additional student fee be levied over a long period of time. The loan, renegotiated by the university on behalf of the

students, has taken 15 dollars of each student's thirty-five dollar student fee each year since 1964, and will be paid off in 1979. However "it could be increased to cover an expansion," said McKinney, "it's all up to the students".

Another problem with the SUB is its lack of central air conditioning, something not included in the original plans, and now "out of the question. The chiller in the basement cost us \$70,000 and can

only cool either the ballroom or the cafeteria", he stated.

This chiller was intended originally only for the ballroom, but a makeshift system was improvised whereby it could be used alternately in the cafeteria; it only cools the air, not affecting the smoke, grease and cooking odors ever present in the cafeteria and coffee shop. To adequately air condition these areas, another \$70,000 chiller unit would be required, McKinney said.



Photo by Mike Carr

Sub Day Director Kevin McKinney

## SUB pubs now on a regular basis

By ERROL WILLIAMS

If you've ever wondered what tremendous roar you hear coming from the top floor of the SUB every Thursday night is caused by it's the PUB in the SUB.

Regularly scheduled pubs are a relatively new happening on campus.

According to SUB Director Kevin McKinney this is only the second year of operation of this event.

"Prior to Pubs in the SUB there were no regularly scheduled entertainment or drinking events on campus" said McKinney.

During Intersession 1972 regular pubs were held on a trial basis and proved to be very successful so they were continued during the summer school session and regularly all-year last year.

The Pubs are usually held on Thursday nights so as not to compete with other weekend events on campus, said McKinney. "Moreover, holding the Pubs on Thursday nights gives us a better chance to book big name groups who might be around Fredericton or Oromocto for the weekend," he added. "This helps to keep the Price of admission down."

From time to time people have asked the SUB to change the Pubs to the weekends but McKinney

says this is not quite possible because the SUB is normally quite busy on the weekends and an added event such as the pubs could create some management problems.

McKinney also disclosed that the Pubs receive quite a good response which tends to taper off in the spring. He further stated that the SUB may switch to having just two Pubs per month this spring.

Last year \$18,000 was budgeted for the Pubs of which \$17,000, excluding supervisors salaries, was used. Supervisors are paid a total of \$140-160 per week.

McKinney said that over the last year the Pubs ran at a loss. About 14 supervisors including ticket

holders, bartenders and "Go-fors" are employed per pub. "They are there to make sure every one has a good time within the limits of the SUB Policy and the NB Liquor Control Commission Rules.

SUB Supervisor Gary Cameron said that generally there are few hassles. "The biggest problem is people coming late. The ballroom, where the Pubs are held only holds 370 people. No one else is allowed in even when people already in the Pub leave."

The SUB Pubs seemed to have established themselves solidly in the traditions of "good times in the maritimes."

## Environment exhibit here next week

A Canadian Forestry Service exhibit featuring eight different forest classifications found in Canada viewed in the blue lounge or the main lobby of SUB October 7-13th. The exhibit, sponsored by the C.F.S. Maritimes Forest Research Centre on the UNB Campus, is a highlight of C.F.S. Environment Week. The forest classifications may be seen in the

form of colour transparencies with text.

Canadian Forestry Service, Environment Canada pamphlets on Forestry Facts are available at the exhibit. Other features of the special week include tours and distribution of new publications dealing with forestry and the environment.



Photo by Danielle Thibeault

CHSR's recently retired technical director — Doug Beirsto.

## Public Service sends team to recruit on campus

By GERALD THOMAS

In an effort to streamline procedures and remove much confusion the Public Service Commission has sent an all inclusive recruiting team to campus.

Where before each sector of the service such as Social Economic, Administrative, Pure Science, have sent separate teams of recruiters at separate dates this time all sectors combined in a joint information session held here October 1st.

In addition to those sectors already mentioned there were also

members of the Foreign Services and Accounting areas. After a general explanation session, each section's representatives gave detailed information as to the nature of their work, and recruitment needs in individual sessions.

During the general session Miss Wendy Thomas of the Regional Educational Liaison Office in Halifax, explained that the Commission is the sole agency for government recruitment with one exception: lawyers usually apply directly to the Department Of Justice.