

Survey of Alberta student radio

by Gary McGowan

Sitting in one of the on-campus lounges in which CKSR is heard is often a frustrating experience. If a big exam is coming on the horizon, frazzled nerves may not be soothed, even by the latest offering from yellow-voiced Bruce Cockburn. On the other hand, if the latest from Jethro Tull is playing, one might be unable to listen to it over the cacophony of voices that frequently turns listening areas into wastelands of "white sound." These are definite problems, but common not only to the U of A. The two other Alberta Universities which support student radio stations suffer similar problems, sometimes far worse.

The University of Lethbridge station, CKUL, is in trouble because of a combination of bad management, poor financing, and a disintegrating Students' Union. The University itself is famous for its unique design; most of the institution is housed in one huge, multi-level structure that juts onto the bank of a valley opposite the city of Lethbridge. Entering the building is awe-inspiring. The view from the main floor is tremendous and one can literally walk for miles once inside.

The view, however, is the last thing that concerns CKUL Program Director Larry Erdos or Station Manager Drew Lemen. Their station faces an uncertain future. The U of L has a student population of only 1700 students (smaller than many Edmonton high schools), and consequently the Students' Union's financial base is small. Political problems earlier this year resulted in a referendum to abolish compulsory Students' Union fees. The referendum passed by a narrow margin, and though a move to increase state fees may be made this October, for now the situation is grim. "We have no more money for this year, and apparently none will be forthcoming next year," says Lemen. "We're looking at a way of becoming affiliated directly with the University to obtain funding, but that's all up in the air right now."

The station can be heard in only one small lounge area in the building which can accommodate

Labor institute shut-down

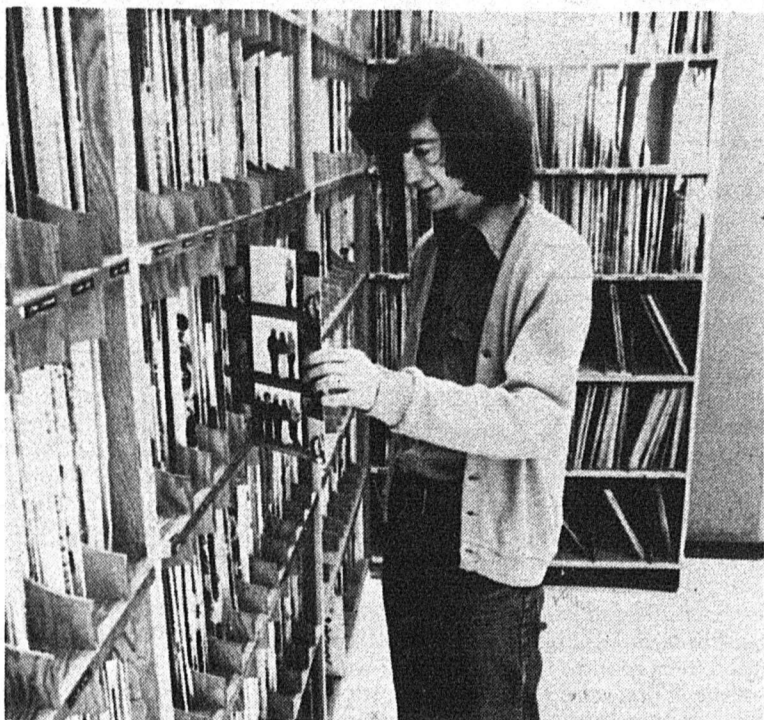
VANCOUVER (CUP) - Students and faculty at the University of British Columbia and the labor and business communities in B.C. are mounting opposition to the impending one-year closure of the UBC Institute of Labor.

Economics professor Stuart Jamieson and 51 students have signed a petition to administration president Doug Kenny protesting the shutdown.

The petition calls the decision "shortsighted" in view of the institute's \$29,000 budget out of a total university budget of \$130 million. The institute is being cut to save money in the faculty of graduate studies as part of a \$1.3 billion cut in UBC's 1977-78 budget.

It says the decision to close the institute is fortunate because labor-management disputes have escalated recently. It adds the move indicates the university's reluctance to live up to its commitments to the public.

Jamieson said students and faculty should do research in labor relations, since 20 per cent of all working days lost due to strikes in Canada from 1970 to 1975, were lost in B.C.



Gordon Turtle, CKSR Director, pulls an album from CKSR's 5,000-plus collection.

a maximum of forty to fifty people. Program Director Erdos is looking to more lounges and carrier current to broaden the stations' coverage area. "right now we're on from 8:00 a.m. to 7

p.m. weekdays, but there's a lot of holes in the schedule," he said.

"Last year's management alienated so many people that we don't have enough to fill all the time slots let alone do any news

and sports," and he added that next year the U of L may find itself without a student radio station.

Formative problems are in the past for CJSW at the University of Calgary. The operation is running so smoothly that they're considering applying for an FM license this fall, says station manager Dave Nicholson. CJSW and CKSR operate along similar lines. "We're on the air from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight," said Program Director Breen Liblong. "We're available in most of the coffee lounges on campus, in residence via carrier current, and throughout Calgary on cable FM from 4:00 p.m. to midnight."

Nicholson notes CJSW has been operating continuously since about 1958; "In that length of time you build up quite a tradition."

"We feel that we offer a viable alternative to other radio stations in Calgary," says Liblong. How professional is the station? "Well," replied Liblong, "We've placed more people in professional broadcasting than either of the broadcasting courses at SAIT or Mount Royal College have, so I'm really not worried about that area."

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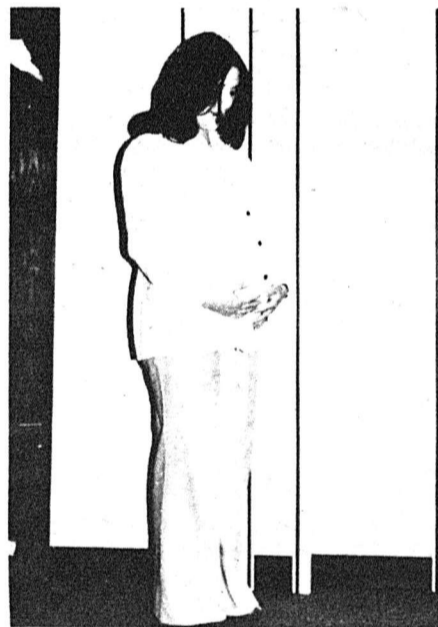
sities, student radio stations can be found at the Northern and Southern Alberta Institutes of Technology, and Mount Royal Community College in Calgary. Unlike the all-volunteer campus operations, stations at these institutions are heavily regulated as to music content and announcing styles. At SAIT, for example, only about two dozen singles and one dozen albums are allowed for airplay. It is extremely commercial in style and these stations receive a great deal of criticism as a result. But the courses are geared towards providing personnel for commercial broadcasting and the situation is unlikely to change. "They don't get a choice of music or styles on the outside, so why should they get one here," says SAIT radio instructor Don Wood. For technical institutes at least, it will remain business as usual.

Generally, post-secondary institutes support a wide range of radio stations. From the structured courses of technical institutes to the voluntary and more unusual sounds of the campus outlets, Alberta's post-secondary institutions offer a wide opportunity for participation in radio broadcasting.

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JOE CLARK (LEADER OF CONSERVATIVE PARTY): Mr. Clark would not answer the question. However, on a Vancouver open line radio program, he stated that he does not believe that human life begins at conception.

PAUL YEWCHUK: (Athabasca) Dr. Yewchuk believes genetically defective babies may be aborted with impunity, yet he answered "Yes" to our question!

ARNOLD MALONE: (Battle River) "Yes" except when the mother is in danger of losing her life.

STEVE PAPROSKI: (Edmonton Centre) "Yes"

WILLIAM SKOREYKO (Edmonton strathcona) "Yes, except for certain circumstances when I believe an abortion should be granted."

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DOUGLAS ROCHE: (Edmonton Strathcona) "Yes"

MARCEL LAMBERT: (Edmonton West) "Yes"

GERALD BALDWIN: (Peace River) "Yes . . . subject to certain conditions involving health and safety." Mr. Baldwin does not believe that abortion should be covered under the Federal Criminal Code, he suggests each province should make its own rules "according to the views of the provincial population."

PETER ELZINGA: (Pembina) "Yes"

GORDON TOWERS: (Red Deer) "Yes"

DON MAZANKOWSKI: (Vegreville) "Yes"

STAN SCHELLENBERGER: (Wetaskiwin) "No". The only candidate to our knowledge who answered a definitive "no".

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