

Ceremony marks FM start

Over 200 people attended CHSR's 20th anniversary social in the SUB ballroom this past Saturday. The social not only marked the beginning of the 21st year of broadcasting for Radio UNB/CHSR but also the inauguration of FM stereo service. Many former CHSR members came from as far away as Montreal to attend the social.

The affair began with a short slide presentation of the history and facilities of the station. Then Acting-Director Doug Varty began the presentation of the awards for excellence in various aspects of broadcasting at CHSR. These awards are called the Barry Awards after the first station director Dr. Barry Yoell, who had travelled from Nova Scotia to attend the social and preside over the initiation of FM service.

UNB President Dr. James Downey presented the rookie of the year award to Dan

Vallis. Dr. Downey noted the achievement of CHSR in getting the license for FM broadcasting and said that regardless of the help of the university, city and province in getting the license "it is essentially an achievement of the students."

Premier Richard Hatfield presented the behind the scenes award to Lynn MacKay. The Premier said he was impressed to see so many important media people had come through CHSR. Hatfield also said that it was nice to have all the best equipment available but it was more important what you did with it.

Bill Akerley, a former station director and the director of news for CBC Quebec gave the best newperson award to Starlene Matchett. Akerley noted there were several people in the audience who not only remembered CHSR's first studios shown in the slide show, but had actually worked there.

Dr. Barry Yoell presented the best open-format show award to Vaughn Fulford and Matt McDonald. In his comments, Yoell said that it was hard to believe that CHSR had come so far in the dozen years since his involvement.

STU Director of Student Affairs Bonnie Wood presented the best specialty award to Mike Rosen. Wood said CHSR was a good example of the inter-university cooperation on campus. A good demonstration of that was the fact that three of the awards given out went to STU students.

President of the UNB Associated Alumni, Sandy LeBlanc presented the best sportsperson award to CHSR Sports Director John Geary, who sported a new cowboy hat

for the occasion. LeBlanc said that he had been on the SRC when Yoell first asked for funds to go to Toronto to investigate the possibility of setting up a student radio station

here at UNB. LeBlanc said that it cost only \$80 (\$50 for travel and \$30 for beer) for the seemingly inasupicious trip. He said that as student union president a few years later, he noted in his final report that Radio UNB was a well-managed organization with dedicated and enthusiastic members, something which he said he was still impressed with today. LeBlanc said that the Alumni's

contribution of \$15,000 for a new production console for CHSR was the "best investment the alumni had made" adding when CHSR wants a satellite to come to the alumni.

The Director's Award was presented by Acting-Director Doug Varty to Michael J. Corbett, news and public affairs director of CHSR. Varty said that Corbett had "survived attacks by the SRC" and had done more for the news department than any other person in many years.



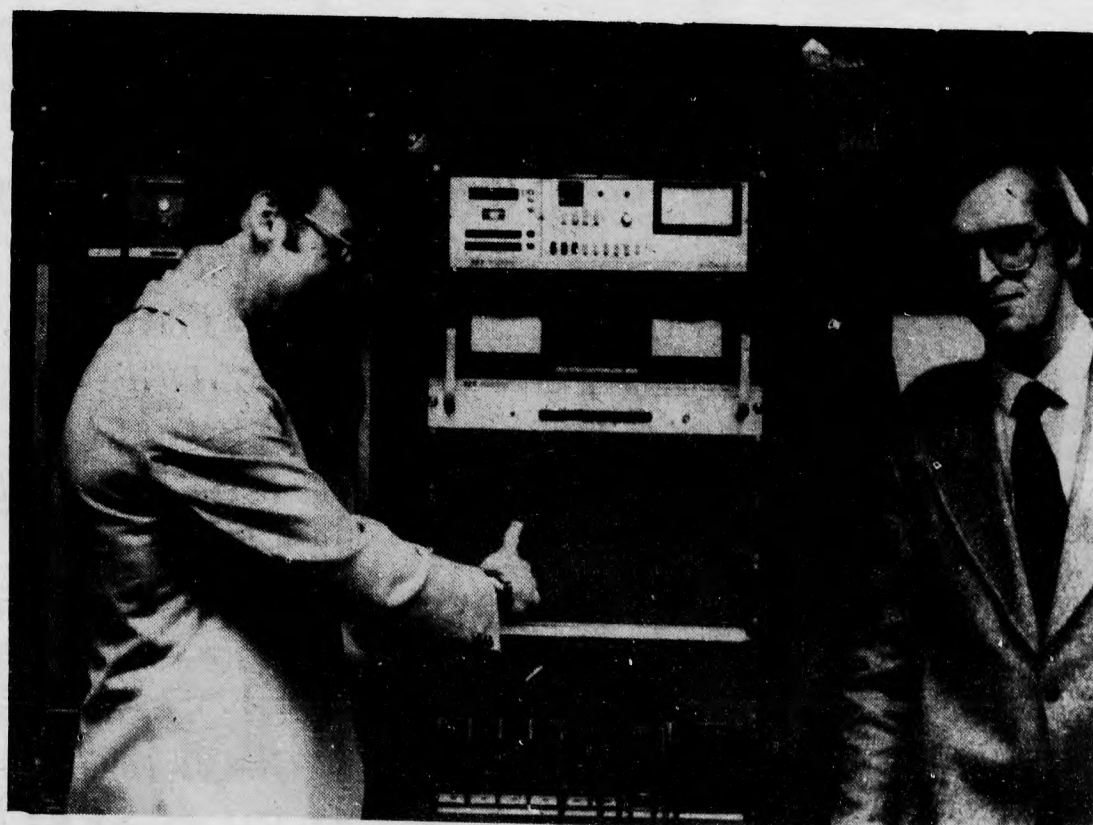
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Dr. Barry Yoell, the first director of Radio UNB, presses the switch to activate CHSR-FM's transmitter. Station director Doug Varty looks on.