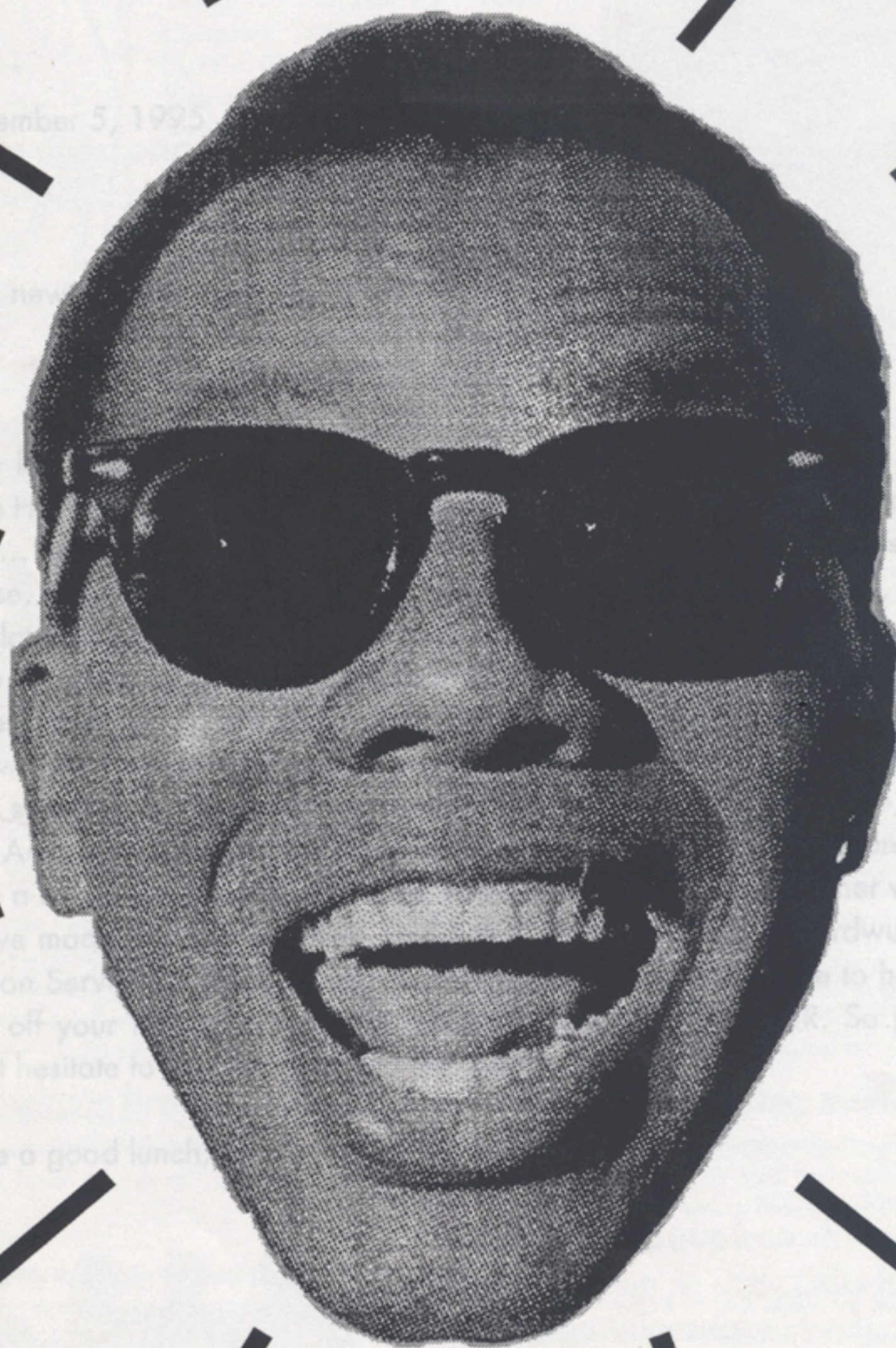
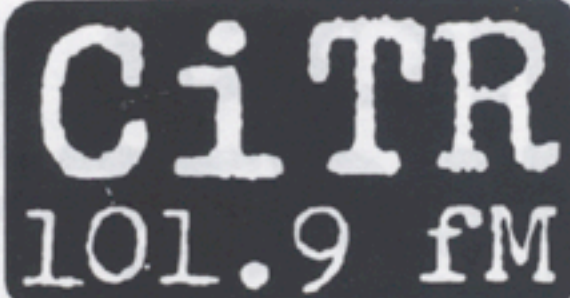


# The Normal Zone



*the official C i T R training manual*



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Dear new member,

Now let's see, ahh, I'm gonna go way back. How far back? Deep inside some High School in Vancouver there once was a mathematics teacher called, well.... we'll call him Mr. Blaarg. Everybody wanted to get into his class 'cause, like, he had a PhD and taught that if  $A=B$  and  $B=C$ , then  $A=C$ , which kids later unfortunately found out to represent that if he didn't like what you were wearing, he'd make you take it off. If you'd knuckle under and take it off, everyone would call you a loser. Therefore, if Mr. Blaarg didn't like what you wore, everyone else thought ya were a loser. Eat crow Mr. Blaarg! Your class sucked but ya taught me one important thang regarding the  $A=B$ ,  $B=C$ , then  $A=C$  formulae.... If you join CiTR you'll have fun. If you have fun you'll have a better life. So if ya join CiTR, you'll have a better life. In other words, you've made the right decision, and hey, I, John Ruskin, aka Nardwuar the Human Serviette, CiTR Volunteer Coordinator, am expressly here to help ya start off your lifelong, seemingly endless association with CiTR. So please don't hesitate to bug the shit outta me. Rock on.

Have a good lunch,

John Ruskin  
CiTR Volunteer Coordinator



# A CONDENSED VERSION OF CITR'S HISTORY

**1066** William the Conqueror defeats King Harold in the Battle of Hastings. The Normans assume rule of Britain. British Columbia not even named yet by those imperialist western expansionist swine, but a significant point of reference nonetheless.

**1492** Christopher Columbus invades North America by mistake. UBC still a bunch of trees, but things definitely looking up for radio aficionados in the area.

**1886** Vancouver burns down. Fortunately, no damage to UBC radio services, as they still don't exist.

**1937** They do now (sort of). The idea of a radio society on campus comes into prominence when some bored students decide to play records on an old gramophone in the student cafeteria at lunchtime. Not long after, members Struan Robertson, Ozzie Durkin, Dorwin Baird, Victor Freeman and Malcolm Brown get involved in a university publicity campaign, and "Varsity Time", an information variety show, becomes a regular feature on CJOR. Civilization would never be the same.

**1938** UBC Radio becomes an official club under the "Literary and Scientific Executive", the predecessor of the Alma Mater Society. "Varsity Time" moves to CBC for two shows a week.

**1940** Pierre Berton is the Radio Society's chief announcer. This means that you, too, may someday appear on CBC Television.

**1941** UBC Radio is recognised as a major campus group. "News from Campus" broadcasts on CKWX-AM; Campus sports on CJOR.

**1942** UBC Radio becomes RADSOC and gets MUSSOC (Musical Society), a weekly program on CJOR.

**1943** "Varsity Time" moves to CKWX and, together with MUSSOC, RADSOC produces programs for CJOR, CKMO, and CBR.

**1945** RADSOC is called "the leading Canadian University radio society" and moves into new studios, opened by Dr. Gordon Shrum, honorary RADSOC president.

**1946** Under president Ray Perrault, RADSOC expands, and two weekly programs are produced for CKWX and CKMO.

**1947** Affiliation with the Western University Radio Federation creates three new programs using CBC facilities. UBC Radio Club moves to "ultra-new" facilities in Brock Hall.

**1949** Due to several "mistakes" the year before – the foul-up of a major radio and talent show, overspending (an age-old problem), and unbalanced books – RADSOC members return to school in the fall and find the doors locked. Under the leadership of president Don Cunliffe, RADSOC is reinstated without a budget and broadcasts one hour daily.

**1950** Closed-circuit broadcasts to residences begin. UBC Radio Club and CKWX (BC Association of Broadcasters) operate twenty-two week school for commercial radio. The first full commercials are run on UBC Radio.

**1953** RADSOC withdraws from the Literary and Scientific Executive to join a seven-member, province-wide radio network organization. Joey Ramone celebrates his first birthday.

**1964** Carrier current replaces closed circuit to residences.

**1966** FM is first discussed for RADSOC. Elvis Presley releases three fan-tastic films.

**1969** Radio Club moves to new, professionally designed studios (at the time, the most up-to-date in the city) in the newly completed Student Union Building. RADSOC officially becomes CYVR. The sixties are over; lapels widening.

**1974** CYVR is shut down by the AMS for six months for operating without a licence. Changes in CRTC regulations requiring licensing of carrier current stations are the reason. CYVR had applied, but was continuing to broadcast pending approval of the licence. The station was shut down in January, but CRTC decision 74-260 approves the licence application, and UBC Radio is back in full force as Thunderbird Radio: CITR. Punk rock is born in the New York bowery and it's only 10 years until Orwell's prediction comes true.

**1975** CiTR goes cable through Vancouver first at 89.5, then 95.9, then 100.0, and now at 101.9 MHz. *Tommy* and *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, the two most hated films of the century, are released.

**1978** CiTR makes first application for an FM broadcast licence with the CRTC.

**1980** CiTR changes from an AMS club to an AMS service organisation in recognition of the service CiTR provides to the students of UBC. Hopes for FM drop when the Department of Communication freezes the last FM channel in the city, leaving CiTR nothing to apply for.

**1981** CiTR gets really involved outside its studio doors for the first time since the 1940's: working on council committees, helping out with orientation, attending conferences, promoting on-campus United Way programs (The Rick-a-Thon), Alumni Association programs, and last but not least, joining the National Campus Radio Organisation (NCRO - later known as the NCRA). From NCRO springs another affiliation, pioneered by UBC Radio and University of Alberta radio: the Western Association of Broadcasters, a Western Canadian campus support and information group that had died out twenty years ago. CiTR is incorporated as a society. September 14th: Low Power FM licence approval.

**1982** April 1st (Idiot's Day): CiTR broadcasts at 49 watts in mono at 101.9 FM. Hooray! Much rejoicing. First song: "Dancing in the Streets" by Martha Reeves and the Vandellas.

**1983** *Discorder* hits the streets. Several people injured.

**1984** July 20: Stereo! Towards the end of the year, CiTR proposes to go high power at 107.9 MHz, but the Department of Communications turns it down due to potential interference to radio navigation facilities at Vancouver International Airport. Elections all over the place. CiTR hosts NCRA Conference. Michael Jackson doesn't come to Vancouver. Vanilla Fudge reunites for album and tour (and an ugly trend begins). Orwell's prediction doesn't come true... or does it?

**1985** Nov: CiTR proposes a unique and special licensing plan using a directional radio antenna (for the first time in Canada) to allow the use of 101.9 MHz simultaneously in Vancouver and Victoria at a substantially increased power. Seattle's *Rocket Magazine* picks *Discorder* as one of the Top 20 Publications in the World for 1985 - the only Canadian rag to get that honour.

**1986** *Flare Magazine* picks CiTR-FM as What's Hot in Canada for 1987. Hamm bares all at Expo (sort of).

**1987** October 8th: CiTR celebrates 50 YEARS OF UBC RADIO with a gala reunion dinner. The Perrault brothers, Roy and Ernie

- former RADSOC presidents in the 40's - are honoured as Great Trekkers for their outstanding contributions to the University over the years.

**1988** Wow! *Discorder* is a finalist in the Western Canadian Magazine Awards competition for both Magazine of the Year (circulation under 20000) and Cover of the Year (50th issue cover, March '87). Dave Gregg quits D.O.A.

**1989** February 2nd (Groundhog Day): CiTR goes HIGH POWER to 1800 watts with a giant balloon release and a giant Groundhog Gooch courtesy of Evelyn Roth! First song: "Have Not Been the Same" by Slow. First Annual Scholten Cup Softball Tournament is held in minus-20 degree weather. *Discorder* balloons into a tabloid-sized rag.

**1990** CiTR hosts DJ Soundwar Chapter One, Vancouver's first rap competition. Entrants come from as far away as L.A. Best MC: Richmond's Terror T. CiTR suffers through the infamous Public Enemy controversy. It fizzles out unnoticed. Big surprise.

**1991** *Details Magazine* names CiTR as one of the cool radio stations in "these United States." Speaking of magazines, *Discorder* celebrates its 100th issue with a retrospective of the first nine years. Everyone else quits D.O.A.

**1992** April 1st (Idiot's Day): CiTR celebrates 55 YEARS OF UBC RADIO and 10 YEARS ON FM. CiTR hosts the NCRA Conference for the second time in eight years.

**1993** CiTR starts broadcasting BBC world news from satellite. D.O.A. get back together.

**1994** CiTR becomes the first radio station in Vancouver to hit the internet with an email address and gopher site.

**1995** *Elements* magazine publishes its first issue.



## DJs canned for 'slander'

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### Radsoc wants FM band

By COROL SMITH  
Radsoc wants \$20,000 from the AMS next year. This year Radsoc got \$115 from the AMS.

"The difference in budget could be to make Radsoc an FM band, assume Radsoc is not a radio station," said Radsoc president.

This would require that Radsoc get immediately to Radsoc's application for an FM licence would be before the Board of Broadcast Governors at their scheduled meeting this spring.

The Radsoc is producing public radio at UBC radio.

Some external body such as the AMS sponsors the station. "An AM band is technically impossible at UBC," said Radsoc.

AM broadcasting requires that Radsoc get right hours per day, seven days every week. "I think we can be just," said Radsoc.

ON BIG TIME

Strike up the band

## Radsoc's broke but on the air

By MIKE BOLTON

### Council fires Radsoc president

The president of the UBC radio society was fired Tuesday at a special council meeting. The council voted to fire Radsoc president, Dave Gregg, for his role in the meeting.

The AMS is named in the suit because the UBC radio society is a subsidiary organization. AMS president, Steven Bolten, said the letter was a move to make the society for Radsoc.

## Old Radsoc now called CYVR



most likely to please. It also provides an advertising outlet for clubs and organizations on campus and lets you know what's happening. The answer to the mystery question is that CYVR-RADSOC has been able to purchase top-notch equipment which will serve for many years. Fortunately the design team to obtain an FM licence and good equipment with public radio broadcasting.

As for the students at UBC, they will get a lot of airtime showing thanks to them and a service they can use. More importantly, and this will...