

KCUF— one man under- ground radio

by Sara Schwieder

Joe Eisenberg's hobby inhabits a hefty chunk of his room, his life and the UNL campus.

Eisenberg is owner, operator, disc jockey, engineer, station manager, weatherman and custodian of Lincoln underground radio station KCUF FM, 106 on the FM dial.

KCUF is "a station aimed for students instead of at them," according to Eisenberg. It is located near 16th and Vine Streets.

Eisenberg broadcasts from 10 p.m. to midnight Monday through Friday. His program is commercial-less, uncensored and nearly newsless.

"Other stations exploit their audiences," Eisenberg said. "They broadcast to make money instead of to entertain their audience. If people want to listen to news and commercials, listen to someone else. If you want music, listen to me."

Eisenberg's evening broadcast is almost entirely music. He plays cuts from recent popular albums, acid rock, but "no bubble gum music."

Eisenberg doesn't own one record. His entire music library is tape-recorded from friends' albums. He doesn't see any reason to spend money on records. "I'd rather spend it on equipment," he said. "But if people have an album they'd like to lend the station, I'd just copy it to increase my library."

Eisenberg said he tries to make KCUF "personal"—he likes to talk to his listeners, is open to speeches over the air by campus groups and has a request line at 475-5459 so he can play music his audience wants to hear.

No KCUF broadcasts are censored, although Eisenberg said he tries to limit swearing.

"The call sign I don't consider swearing, as the obscenity is in the ear of the beholder," he said. "Our policies are so different and our format is so different that we need a unique call sign," he added. "It's not meant to be intentionally derogatory."

KCUF is a legal enterprise because it falls within what Eisenberg called a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) loophole: The station only uses 100 milliwatts of power—all its power comes from a regular wall socket—so he says its legal under FCC rules. A station with more than 100 milliwatts must be licensed.

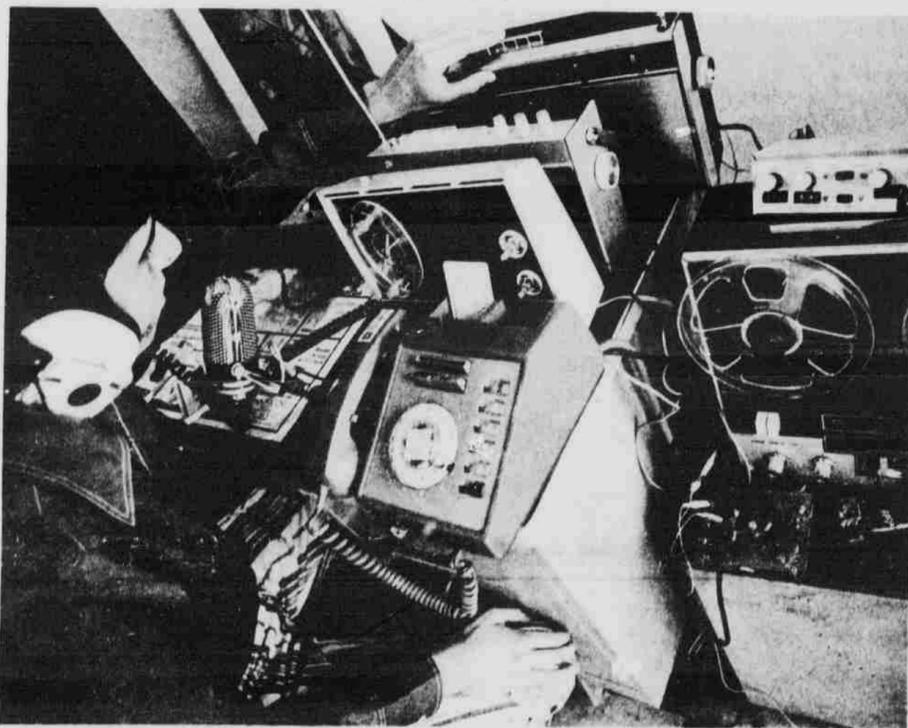
Using a pocketbook-sized transmitter that looks like the insides of an electric toothbrush, KCUF can reach an audience within a four-block radius of 16th and Vine Streets. This area includes Selleck Quadrangle, parts of Women's Residence Halls, Cather-Pound Complex, most of Abel-Sandoz Complex and nearly all the fraternities and sororities along 16th Street. Because of the railroad tracks, Harper-Schramm Complex doesn't pick up the signal very well, Eisenberg said.

The freshman broadcast major said he built all his own equipment. It wanders in wires and tubes around his room and is perched all over his desk and the floor. During the show, he effortlessly does ten things at a time, flicking switches and home-made buttons, rewinding tapes, talking to friends and the audience, respectively. He explains what each piece of equipment does as if he were telling you how to blow your nose.

He's been working with radios for years though, so perhaps that's why it comes so naturally. He privately admits starting his hobby in the third grade with a little AM station that covered his house and the neighbor's. He later became a ham radio operator and broadcast and received messages from all over the world.

Eisenberg plans to work for commercial stations "eventually."

As for KCUF, he says he hopes to broadcast longer next semester—perhaps from 8 p.m. to midnight—and has in the works a special humor program called "The Prostitution Rests." The Prostitution Rests is a satire on a program called "Point of Law" and will be done by law school students.



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Polling place relocates

A considerable number of UNL students will have to travel further to vote in the Nov. 7 general election than they did to cast primary election ballots last May.

Students who reside in election precinct 3-A voted last spring at the University Lutheran Chapel at 15th and Q Streets.

Those same students are now required to vote at the Malone Community Center, 2030 T St.

The change specifically affects voters

who live in Cather, Pound and Women's Residence Halls, Selleck Quadrangle and nearly all students living in city campus fraternity and sorority houses.

According to Bill Davidson, Lancaster County election commissioner, the new polling point is "more strategically located within the precinct."

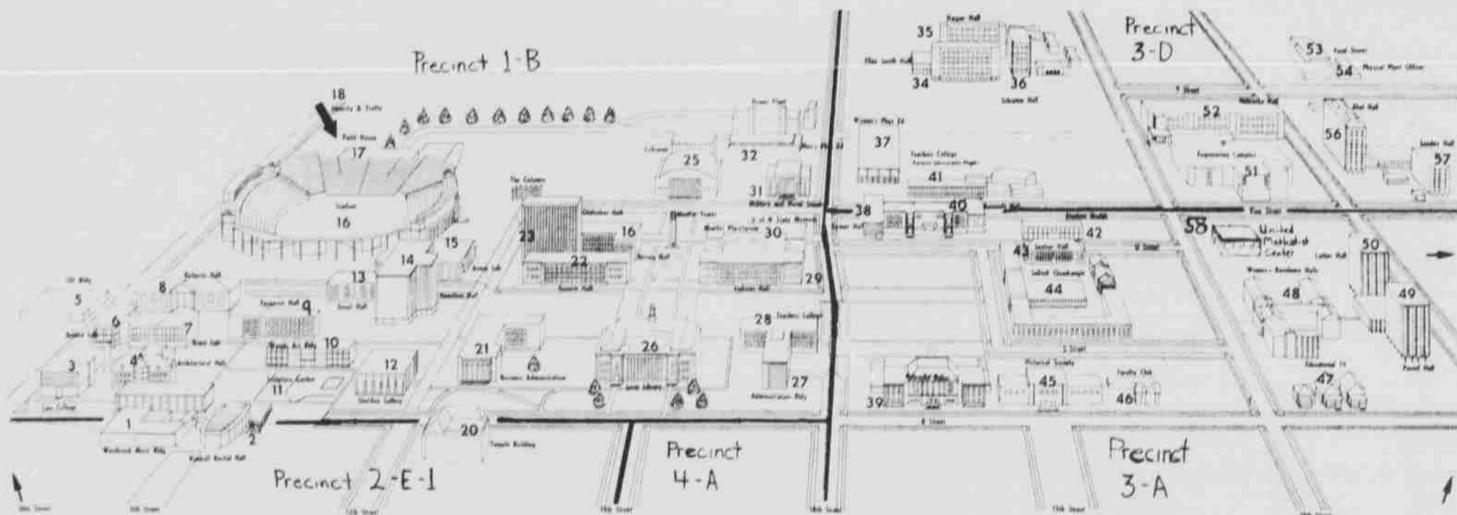
The change in location reportedly came after a request was made by Malone Center officials who felt students could get to a polling place easier than low

income or elderly individuals.

Davidson thinks the new location will be "handier for more people" in the precinct.

Students claiming residence for voting purposes in Harper, Schramm, Smith, Abel and Sandoz Halls will still vote at the United Methodist Chapel, 640 N. 16th St.

A few students living near campus in precinct 4-A will need to travel to the capitol to vote.



Legend

Abel Hall 56
Administration Bldg. 27
Andrews Hall 29
Architectural Hall 4
Sheldon Art Gallery 12
Avery Lab 15
Bancroft Hall 40
Bessey Hall 16

Behlen Lab 6
Brace Lab 7
Bureau of Business Research 21
Burnett Hall 22
Cather Hall 50
Coliseum (Athletics) 25
Educational TV Offices 47
New Engineering Complex 51
Faculty Club 46
Ferguson Hall 9
Field House 17
Food Stores 53

Hamilton Hall 14
Harper Hall 35
Health Services 42
Historical Society 45
Howell Theatre 20
Kimball Recital Hall 2
Law College 3
Love Library 26
Lyman Hall 38
Memorial Stadium 16
Military-Naval Sci 31
Morrill Hall 30

Music (Westbrook Bldg.) 1
Neb. Academy of Sciences 30
Nebraska Hall 52
Nebraska (Student) Union 39
Oldfather Hall 23
Physical Education (Men) 32
Physical Education (Women) 37
Physical Plant Offices 54
Pound Hall 49
Womens Residence Halls 48
Richards Hall 8
Sandoz Hall 57

Schramm Hall 36
Sculpture Garden 11
Seaton Hall 43
Security & Traffic 18
Selleck Quadrangle 44
Smith Hall 34
Stout Hall 13
Teachers College 28 & 41
Temple Bldg. 20
Undergraduate Library 52
United Methodist Center 58
Woods Art Building 10