

Congratulations

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STEREO 97.9

College Hill Student Radio (CHSR) begins FM broadcasting tomorrow to the Fredericton and Oromocto areas. The move to FM has not been an easy one. Some would say the struggle has been uphill all the way. A proposal to go FM was first discussed seriously among station members as early as 1974. It has taken many years to make the original concept a reality.

The move to FM first began in earnest as early as the spring of 1979. CHSR won a referendum from UNB students to carry its voice off-campus. The battle to win the referendum was a stormy one. Opposition to the move came from several sources, especially the student union controller of the day, who warned of the serious financial burden such a move would create. CHSR won its first battle - to

get the funding from the student union to undertake the project.

The next step was to apply to the CRTC to get a license to operate the station. Many hundreds of hours of work were needed to get the application prepared, the programming arranged and the technical details too numerous to mention, ironed out. A hearing was called in Ottawa this summer at which station members answered questions concerning the application.

CHSR shifted into neutral awaiting word from the CRTC. Quietly in the background the work began in anticipation of a favorable reply. The word from the CRTC was slow in arriving. But finally one November afternoon, CHSR received word that their application was granted.

Since that day equipment has been ordered and installed and

the quiet behind the scenes work has continued, while CHSR continued to broadcast AM during the fall term. Many thousands of details have been ironed out and finally the station is now ready.

The move to FM, as you can probably imagine, did not occur magically. Leadership - and strong leadership at that - was required to keep the ball rolling. CHSR fortunately does not lack this important quality for without it an organization is nothing.

The move to FM has required cooperation from so many people. The administration of UNB has helped on so many occasions. Without their assistance all of this would not have been possible.

The UNB Associated Alumni responded to a CHSR request for much needed new equipment in production control. We, as students are proud to

boast that CHSR has one of the best facilities that money can buy. CHSR is indeed lucky to have received such support.

Finally, station members both past and present are to be congratulated for their efforts. Without them, UNB students would not have such a fine new voice.

The Brunswickan takes this opportunity to congratulate members of the station and to welcome former members who will be arriving for the 20th anniversary social. Such notables as Premier Hatfield

and President Downey are slated to be in attendance as well as over four hundred invited guests, most of whom are former members. There will be much to celebrate on Saturday evening. We will be listening to CHSR FM with more than passing interest in the months ahead.