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## Varty plans **FM** for October

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alhousie's student radio station CKDU should be broadcasting in FM by late October says the new station manager Doug

Varty is positive the CRTC will approve CKDU's application for an FM license.

"They might refuse us on the frequency we asked for which is 97.5 megahertz, but they'll find something for us," says Varty

Unlike other student radio sta-

tions' attemts to go FM, CKDU face no opposition from commercial radio stations in the area. Varty says this is because their revenue is mostly based on student fees. CKDU is not seen as a competitor in the advertising market.

Varty comes from a background of involvement with student radio. At the university of New Brunswick he was active in the UNB radio station CHSR.

There are some mistakes from his student career that Varty doesn't want to repeat.

"I am trying to keep my nose out of student politics this time ... and concentrate on improving and developing the sound of the station and establish good relations with the community," says Varty

After leaving UNB Varty worked as a freelancer and later as radio master control technician for CBC in Fredericton.

He left CBC for CKDU to learn more about different kinds of

"I wasn't learning anything on my job. It was becoming a routine," says Varty.

CKDU is now undergoing renovations that will enable the station to broadcast FM.

