

CHSR will go FM

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College Hill Student Radio is ready to enter a new era; The Canadian Radio-Television Commission has granted CHSR its low-power FM Broadcasting licence. For the first time the community at large will have ready access to the university media. Listeners in Fredericton and surrounding areas will be receiving CHSR FM stereo without any modifications and/or additions to their standard receivers. Although some FM stations can be received in Fredericton, CHSR-FM will be the first locally-originating

station of its type in Fredericton. The precise date broadcasting will begin has not yet been established.

The CRTC is that federal agency which regulates the broadcasting industry in Canada by granting and revoking all licences for these activities. Any organization wishing to broadcast must apply for and receive their permission, and in addition must apply for renewal periodically. CHSR must reapply for their licence before September 1982, as the present licence is a two-year term, running out at that time. The CRTC will then evaluate the performance of the radio station.

Though the possibility and desirability of an FM operation has been considered at CHSR for at least six years, the actual application for the licence was made in August of 1979. On June 25 of this year, a delegation from UNB attended the CRTC hearing in Hull. CHSR was represented by Vaughn Fulford, station director; Doug Varty, acting engineer; SRC Vice-President Chris Earl and UNB President James Downey. The next step was to wait; CHSR received notification of the approval by phone Wednesday evening.

There is much to be done before broadcasting can begin. Most of

the necessary equipment has been ordered, but some of it must be custom built. Transmission and monitoring equipment is on the way, including the antenna and tower, which will be mounted on the roof of McGee House on Montgomery Street. The control room and studio will also be updated and improved.

CHSR will be hiring a full-time operations manager to co-ordinate the activities of the station; this person will not be a student, but a trained professional. A search committee has been formed to fill this position; members are David Miller, Vaughn Fulford, Doug Varty, David Campbell, and Bruce Oliver.



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