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The dream of three Foothill College students will begin to be realized in May when the equipment tests of KFJC begin. Foothill College's new FM educational radio station will begin regular broadcasting in the fall at 88.5 megacycles.

The students, Bob Ballou, Dirk Thiesse, and Bob Johnson, thought of the idea in October of last year. They prepared and submitted an estimated budget to the administration of the college.

This preliminary budget was approved and permission was granted to the students to prepare a final draft of the first year costs of the station.

At this time Ballou was appointed student station manager and assumed most of the responsibility for development of the station. The station was placed under the supervision of the mass communications division and Ervin L. Harlacher, chairman.

Ballou, with the help of R. A. Isberg, a design consultant, engineered the application to the Federal Communications Commission. The final costs were calculated and the students made a formal proposal to the Board of Trustees on November 17. The Board approved a \$4,500 budget and work began.

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The application was sent to the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D. C. early in December and was approved early this spring. Equipment was ordered and the remodeling of a spare room in the basement of the school building was started. The remodeling job is now complete and some of the equipment has arrived on the campus.