Foothill College Radio Station To Start Broadcasting Soon

MOUNTAIN VIEW — Radio soon will become the fourth "R" in the curriculum of Foothill College.

The Bay Area's newest FM station, KFJC, will begin broadcasting from a basement of the college about Oct. 1.

The student-run station will start with a five times weekly broadcast of classical music, from 7 to 10 p.m.

Later, the broadcast schedule will be lengthened and educational and dramatic programs will be presented.

Broadcasting with an output of 10 watts, the station is expected to have a range of 35 miles—between San Jose and Redwood City.

Programs will be broadcast on a band of 88.5 megacycles.

Headquarters for the station now is in a basement in the college's temporary campus on El Camino Real. There's a small studio and control room. Total expenditure for equipment and remodeling has been $5,500.

Extensive facilities for the station are planned at the college's campus in Los Altos Hills, set for construction next year.

The project is sponsored by the college's mass communications department, but one student, Bob Ballou, 19, of Palo Alto, is doing most of the organizational work and installation of equipment.

District trustees had intended to delay start of the station until the college moved into its new campus, but Ballou went before the board and convinced them it should be started now.

As station manager, he's responsible for getting the station on the air, planning its program and general supervision of the broadcast schedule.

Other students will join the staff as the fall semester gets started.

Ballou is currently testing the equipment.

School officials said educational programs prepared by the college will be broadcast, as well as "canned" material from other sources.

The mass communications and drama departments will cooperate to present dramatic programs featuring student actors.

NEW STATION — Charles Henderson of Los Altos, Foothill College student, sits at console of the college's new FM station, KFJC. The station is scheduled to begin broadcasting about Oct. 1.