

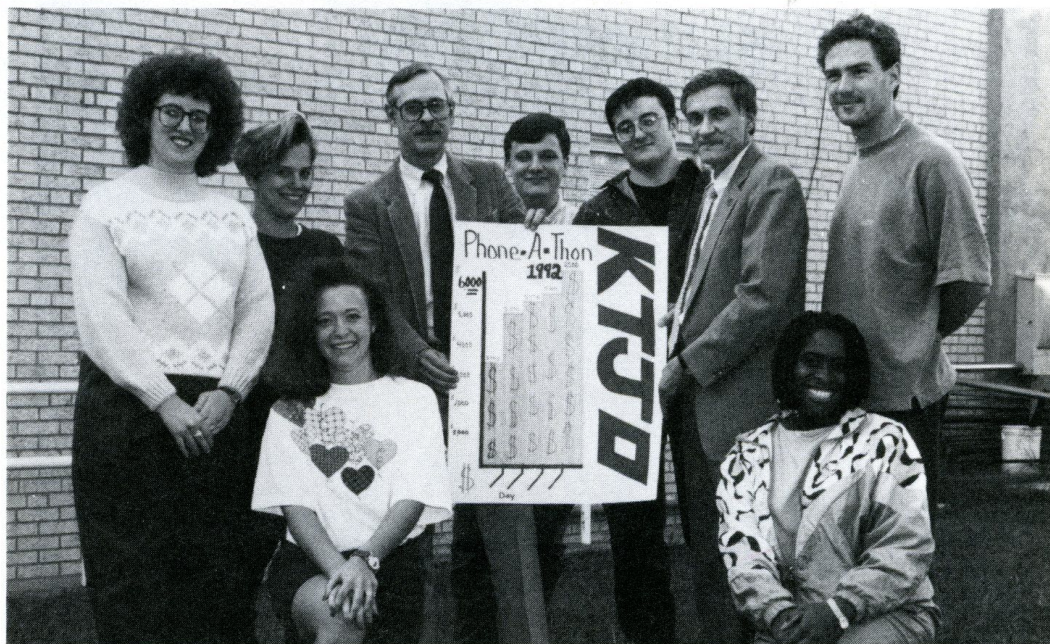
## KTJO-FM to hit airwaves soon

Through the efforts of a fall Phonathon, Ottawa University's student-managed radio station, KTJO, should resume broadcasting early this spring.

In May 1992, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) granted the University a construction permit (CP) to build a Class A, non-commercial, educational FM radio station. The CP authorized OU to build a 100 foot tower to support a 3-bay FM antenna and to purchase a transmitter operating at 88.9 megahertz (mHz). The 100 watt station will reach all of Ottawa and a five mile radius around the city.

All of the studio facilities have been in place in the Vera Wise Technology Center for four years. The only equipment needed is the tower, an antenna, a transmitter, the transmission line and several other pieces of equipment. By law these things could not be purchased until the CP was granted. Through the efforts of the recent Phonathon which raised over \$6,000, this equipment can now be purchased. Currently, Benton Weiss, a 1965 OU graduate and Operations Manager of KMXV in Kansas City, is playing an integral part in the selection and installation of the transmission equipment and tower.

"This special effort truly exhibits how well Ottawa's students, faculty, and staff can work together to reach a common goal for the benefit of **one of the University's finest programs,**" stated OU Provost Steve Markwood. "We are also very fortunate to



*Barry King and Steve Markwood are surrounded by OU students who participated in the KTJO Phonathon which helped raise funds for new equipment.*

have such loving and generous alumni and friends who have also been a big part of the success of this project."

In 1985, KTJO's transmitter broke down and new FCC regulations required student stations to be at least 100 watts. These two factors forced the station to stop on-air operations. However, in 1988, efforts began to bring KTJO back on the air.

For the past 3 years KTJO-FM has operated as "OU Radio" through an agreement with KOFO, Ottawa's commercial radio station. "OU Radio" broadcasts six nights a week for four hours a day over KOFO's transmitter

using a telephone wire from the OU studio.

"The support for the KTJO-FM project has been tremendous and gratifying", said Barry King, Assistant Professor of Communication. "My only regret is that because of the time it took the FCC to grant our CP many students who were instrumental in building the very foundation of the new KTJO-FM have graduated without seeing their 'baby' born."

KTJO-FM serves as an instructional laboratory supporting the broadcast communication major and is a campus activity for all OU students, regardless of major or classification.