

OU station eyes new era

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paring to go on the air, studying FCC and university broadcasting rules and learning how to operate the emergency broadcast system. The radio station class is a two-hour per semester class.

According to King, OU featured radio broadcasting here "in one form or another" from 1942 to 1985.

In 1985, KTJO ceased on-air operations when its transmitter broke down and because it was just a 10-watt station, King said. The FCC said student stations needed to be at least 100 watts,

he added. However, in the 1988 fall semester, OU began its drive to rebuild the radio program, King said.

Although KTJO was not operating, OU students have gained experience during the past three years as a result of an agreement between OU and Ottawa's KOFO-AM. The students broadcasted "OU Radio" over KOFO for six months a week, four hours a night during the period. The shows were broadcasted over KOFO's transmitter using a telephone wire from the OU studios.

