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'U-100' radio leaks the sleight scholastic

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If you're an insomniac or an abandoned lover, some radio stations can help you make it through the night.

If you're worried about your grades in English at Hopkins Eisenhower, the rock station that calls itself "U-100" (WYOO) claims it can help you make it through tomorrow's test — by leaking some of the answers.

The price is an hour with the concussive disc jockey Chucker Morgan, who humbly admits to being raw dynamite on the air.

Since late March Morgan has been conducting a feature called "Chucker's Leak Line," in which Twin Cities junior and senior high school students phone in answers to tests they have taken during the day or give tips on homework assignments.

"We started out by calling it

'Cheat Line,'" said program director Rob Sherwood, "but we got a lot of complaints because of the bad moral connotations of the word 'cheat.' We try to limit the kids to three or four answers, which are supposed to help their buddies who will take the test later in the week. We don't think it's ethically wrong. See, it's a fun thing, plus it attracts listeners to our station."

(The station broadcasts both AM

and FM near the 100 spot on either dial.)

"If I were taking the test," Sherwood observed, "I don't think I'd wager my grade for the spring on the accuracy of the answers. We screen these calls before we put the conversation between Chucker and the caller on the air, but we don't claim to eliminate all of the cranks. We got one not long ago that was supposed to be the correct answers to a multiple choice test, using let-



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ters. You can't believe what the letters spelled out when you ran them together, which luckily we did."

The station and Morgan in live orchestration between 9 and 10 p.m. do not give the impression of being that discriminating. To an adult accustomed to the light sedation of FM radio or the baseball game, an hour with Morgan is devastating, an adventure in amplified

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hysteria and casual pornography.

"Chucker's Leak Line," he greets his callers. "Take a leak."

Whereupon his informants reveal the answers, real or alleged, to quiz questions emanating from such places as Mr. Sorenson's class at Eisenhower, a golf class in St. Anthony and a science class in one of the Minnetonka districts.

"Hello," a gravelly adolescent baritone said last night, "this is Chris in Wayzata. I got some answers for Mr. Samuels' science quiz tomorrow. The first is CH₃, CH₂, the fourth is butane, and six is H₂SO₄. I also got a poem for Super-U."

"Hey, dynamite," Morgan howled.

"Roses are dead, violets are through, I listened to U-100, and you better too."

Morgan frequently identifies himself as 'Mutha Chucka,' and affectionately accepts this form of address from his listeners.

"IF YOU'RE in school and you're tired of waiting to take that behind-the-wheel training in school," he said, introducing a commercial, "waiting for those old fogies to get around to you, tell them to shove it, people. I'm going to tell you about a place to go where you can be driving in less than a month. It's called Dayton's driver training program . . . Tell them you heard it from the Mutha Chucka."

A Bloomington student who follows the program said the grading

curve in her class was measureably raised overnight for a test in which the some of the answers were furnished by a student who called Morgan.

"I'm surprised to hear that," Sherwood said. "We just don't take this seriously as cribbing, or undermining the integrity of competitive schoolwork, or anything like that. You could look at it as a take-off on Watergate, I suppose, with all that business about leaks and plumbers. We even have counter-intelligence. A suburban teacher — I know that's who it must have been — called one night with a bunch of phony answers that went out over the air. "But I have to believe most of the answers are legitimate. We've had some complaints from teachers, I admit."

WILLIAM MANNING, principal of Wayzata Senior High, was accosted by the program for the first time last night via a reporter's tapes of the proceedings.

"Wild," Manning said after due scholastic reflection. "We don't have any science teacher named Samuels, but the kid could be in another district. I'd guess most of our teachers change some of their questions as a matter of routine. What else did this Morgan have to say?"

"He said we ought to all boogie tonight," his informant replied.

"Do you know what he means by that?"

"I asked my teen-aged daughter if it had something to do with the piano and she almost fainted in convulsions."