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# Page 3 Going 'On the Air' a Hectic Read Classifieds Daily Experience for KAMU-TV

(Continued from page 1) technical crew checked circuits

for faulty wiring.

The transmitter was fired at 2 Tuesday afternoon and about 20 minutes later, both "finals" had been burned out.

"We have a tube-eating transmitter," Harvie Nachlinger said. "We turned it on and it ate 'em

There have been many times when confusion has been the password. If a piece of equipment malfunctions, engineers, technicians and production men have to work fast to find the problem and correct it.

It took three hours this time, but by 5 p.m., Channel 15 was

### Correction

The Battalion erroneously reported Wednesday that only colored slides would be accepted in overseas photo contest.

Paul Scopel, chairman of the Travel Committee, said Wednesday that black and white slides and photos would qualify in the contest also.

broadcasting again. The dead needed transmitter parts were "finals" were bypassed and power still sitting on loading docks fed to the antenna at about onetenth the normal level. Although the wattage reduction may affect Feb. 15. surrounding areas, no noticeable change can be seen on local tele-vision sets. Full power will be resumed as soon as new tubes can be ordered.

The need for fast trouble-shooting and repair didn't begin with KAMU-TV's first broadcast, Sunday, Feb. 15.

It began with permission to go on the air granted by the university in August and a scheduled air date set for Dec. 15.

A crew of full-time staff members and student assistants put in long hours, both late at night and on weekends, building a studio and production room, tearing down walls and putting up new

The bulk of the transmitter the Memorial Student Center didn't arrive until November, and more parts were still to come. As the December deadline came closer, long distance phone bills went up, with still no parts.

Then General Electric fell victim to a major strike. On Dec. 15,

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waiting to be shipped.

arrived.

of the station's operation and,

piece by piece, transmitter parts

three weeks before the February

deadline. Work on the transmitter

was completed less than 48 hours

And even now, work continues

with final adjustments being

made and improvements being

ditional lighting instruments in

the studio so that improved color

can be transmitted to television

All of this is being done on

the lowest budget possible. The transmitter, though sold on a

one year guarantee, is almost

The lack of refined, up-to-date

equipment has made it necessary

to tax the technical engenuity of

Mel Chastain, on Tuesday

night's "Viewpoint" show, com-

mented on the transmitter fail-

ure during the "Campus and

"That's what you can expect

from low-bid equipment." He

Community Today" program.

A search is being made for ad-

added to present systems.

sets in the home.

20 years old.

the station engineers.

smiled as he said it.

The last parts arrived just

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