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## Student radio may soon broadcas I

TAMU has a television station and a newspaper, but it does not have an open-air broadcast radio station. A group of students are now working to change this.

According to Darrell Brogdon, assistant station manager of Student Government Radio, "Open air has always been a goal. We have thought about it a long time and think it can be done." SGR, a student radio station, has been operating since last fall, however it is cable and can only be heard by those on Midwest Video.

The studio is a very small windowless room. It has a small instrument panel, and a small col-lection of records. There is a list of "do's and don'ts on the wall. Most of them are "don'ts." "Don't let loose nothe air (wait till you are off);" Do be discreet" (the station has to answer to the student senate). There is one chair and two small turntables.

According to Brogdon, the equipment at SGR is "deteriorat-

The Student Government Station, which has no call letters, is currently operating from a back room in the Ridgewood Barber shop. Announcing is a volunteer student project. There are few programs aside from music.

The students feel that with open air broadcasting, their programs could be greatly enlarged. Brogdon added that, "The station could stop selling advertising, which would give us more time to concentrate on programming. It would greatly benefit Journalin broadcasting."

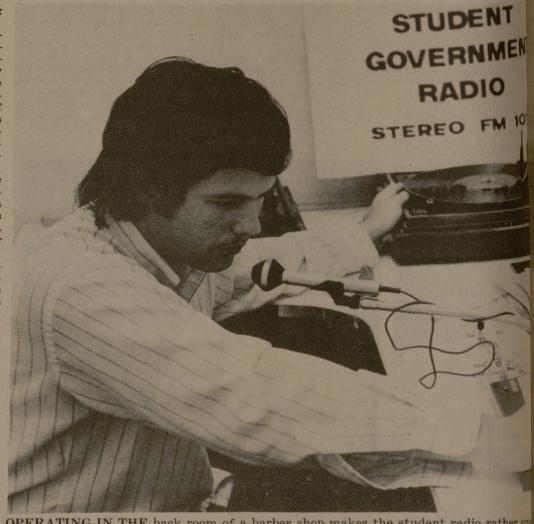
SGR is responsible to the student trustee board and the student senate. If open air is approved, Student Senate will try to find funds, according to Steve Wakefield, Student Service Chairman. There is a possibility of Federal funding if the license is approved. Federal funds are available for educational licensing, which requires that the station be non-commercial.

In order for SGR to become open air, the Federal Communications Commission must approve a license, which takes as little as six months or as long as 10 years. A decision about applying for a license is expected soon.

Cost of a station also varies depending upon the type of facilities involved. The cost of the facility under consideration here has been estimated at \$24,000.

Studio facilities were included in the KAMU-TV building, but are currently in use as a recording studio.

TAMU had an open air station in the past, licensed in 1922, according to Clyde Freeman, vicepresident and comptroller of the TAMU system. They were offered a 50,000 watt frequency (clear channel) by the Federal Communications System and turned it down in favor of a 1,000 watt frequency. They broadcast, under the call letters WTAW (watch the Aggies win), the first football game on radio, the Thanksgiving game between the Univer-



OPERATING IN THE back room of a barber shop makes the student radio rather w Disc jockey Creed Ford attempts to cope with the old equipment and cramped cond (Photo by Alan Killingsworth)

## Suggestions seek approval

(See STUDENTS p. 5)

TAMU has a television station to sit through graduation rituals in the future.

The policy of requiring students to be present at their graduation exercises took a step toward oblivion Tuesday afternoon at a University Rules and Regulations Committee meeting.

Section 37 of the University Regulations handbook says, in

part, "Unless registered in absentia or excused by his academic dean, he (the graduating student) must be present in person at the graduation exercise."

The committee voted to suggest the rule be changed to read that students would be "expected to be present" unless otherwise excused.

The revision makes the rule "less compelling," according to Curt Marsh, rules and regs chairman for the Student Senate.

Committee member J. B. Beckham, associate dean of the College of Science, said the regulation requiring an excuse from the ceremony made the job of those officiating easier by giving them "usually accurate information on who is going to be there."

The committee suggested doing away with Distinguished Student cards and the attendance exemptions connected with the

RESULTS TRY BATTALION CLASSIFIED honor. Letters recognizing the accomplishment would still be sent

out, however. Suspension for cheating was removed as a punishment option for first-time offenders.

The changes must be approved by TAMU President Jack Wil.liams. His assistant, Dr. Tom Adair, was at the meeting, how-

Senate last month.

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ever, and voted for the revisions. The committee meets at 3 p. m. Tuesday in the Olin E. Teague Building. The first item on the agenda will be a "Student Bill of Rights" passed by the Student

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