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KANM returning to air after eliminating static

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After 11 months off the air, KANM radio is back and ready to rock 'n' roll.

KANM, a student-run stereo radio station which can be heard only on a cable at 99.9 FM, has been off the air since December. But this week it should be back, thanks to the telephone company and some volunteer students who solved an electrical problem that prevented it from opening earlier.

Todd Gross, KANM's assistant manager, said as soon as a few minor adjustments on the cable system are made, the station will begin broadcasting.

Actually, the station could begin broadcasting now," Gross said, "but we want to get as strong a signal as possible so we can compete with other radio stations around here."

Gross said that earlier attempts to re-

open the station fell through because of cable problems — static interference on telephone lines used to send the signal. The station sends broadcasts to Midwest Video cable company via telephone wires, which in turn sends out the signal on cable.

"That has pretty well been taken care of," he said. "Now all we have to do is make a couple more adjustments to make the signal louder."

Gross said he is aware that earlier publicized attempts to reopen the station has produced some skeptics.

He went into the station facility, located at B-1 lounge between Moore and Crocker halls at Texas A&M University, and put on a record. Then he walked into another room and turned on a stereo, and placed the tuning dial on 99.9 FM. There was a signal.

"When we get some adjustments made,

we are going to be putting out an excellent signal," he said.

Gross said a strong signal is imperative because KANM is so close in frequency to Houston's FM 100.

"We expect to be on the air by this Thursday," he said, "and we should be in full swing by next week."

KANM moved from broadcast facilities at Briarwood apartment complex on Highway 30 in December. The station had been there almost a year, Gross said.

Gross said KANM was originally sponsored and funded by student government, but now the station is self-supporting. He said the station receives promotional records from several record companies and makes some money through advertisements.

"We have also received a \$400 grant from Exxon," Gross said.

The Exxon grant came from a former

KANM disc jockey, he said.

The only expenses are equipment, and Gross said the station saves money by having students build and repair equipment themselves.

He said the station will broadcast 24 hours a day, seven days a week. About 90 volunteers have signed to work as disc jockeys, news reporters and in advertisement sales, Gross said.

All work for KANM is done by volunteers, except for ad salesmen, who make a 15 percent commission.

Gross said the music format will be rock, progressive country and jazz.

"We play what you can't hear around here," he said. "It's basically just a bunch of student disc jockeys having fun playing what they want to play," he said. "You won't hear much, if any, disco. I've burned some disco albums."



Battalion photo by Ken Herrera

Bella Abzug, former co-chair of the National Advisory Committee for Women, speaks Tuesday evening at Rudder Theater as a guest speaker for Texas A&M University's MSC Political Forum. Abzug, in her speech on the women's movement, urged students to "take hold of their world."

Policewomen: More than tokens with University law enforcement

By DEBBIE NELSON
Battalion Reporter

With women now making up 18 percent of the University Police Department, the force certainly has more than a token female.

One sergeant, one investigator, and six officers of the 44 department members are women, said Capt. Elmer Snyder.

The University Police Department has employed women officers since 1971, when it was the first department in the county to hire a woman, Snyder said.

Even now, he added, no other county

department has more than one female officer.

Vickie Thomas, with the department for 18 months, started as a uniformed police officer and is now an investigator. She said she does run into problems because she is a woman.

She said when she had to answer a call at men's dorm as a uniformed policewoman, she was "hassled."

"Now, when I walk up to them in plainclothes, no trouble. They don't have time," she said. She said students are surprised to find out she is a police officer.

Police Chief Russ McDonald said two women work on every shift, and one is always uniformed and on duty. McDonald said that, logically, women officers are sent to handle calls from women's dormitories,

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if possible. But they are also sent to men's dorms.

McDonald said all the women officers have attended a school on rape prevention. With this information, policewomen have conducted rape prevention seminars in the

dormitories.

Thomas said she likes her work on the force.

"It took me a while to get used to it," she said. It bothered her that students acted like she had no authority. Once she got used to that attitude, Thomas said, it stopped bothering her.

Thomas joined the force while working on a sociology degree.

"I was tired of school — ready to get into law enforcement without a degree," she said. She still attends school part time, and needs 30 hours to finish her degree.

Show of force to counter Soviet troops

Marines begin maneuvers in Cuba

United Press International

GUANTANAMO BAY, Cuba — Tuesday's landings of more than 2,000 Marines at Guantanamo Bay are part of a U.S. show of force to counter Cuban and Soviet military presence in the hemisphere.

The Marines, who were to hit the Caribbean beaches from ships and helicopters at dawn, were ferried to the island by an amphibious force from the USS Nassau, USS Plymouth Rock and USS Spartanburg County.

Lance Cpl. Kevin Merritt, 19, of Phoenix, Ariz., said Tuesday night the Cubans have increased patrols around the base, but there was no atmosphere of tension as some 2,200 Marines prepared for the exercise.

"It's not a John Wayne-style landing with shooting all the way," said one Navy spokesman. "We're describing it simply as a helicopter-borne and water-borne landing."

Marines were to fly by helicopter from the USS Nassau to landing strips on opposite sides of the base, while amphibious landing craft were unloading troops and five M-60 tanks at Windmill Beach in the center.

This is a training exercise which reinforces existing Marine defenses. It is no way approximates a landing in hostile conditions," said Col. Warren Copenhaver, one of the operation commanders.

Tuesday, however, base commander John Fetterman declared a "Condition 2"

state of readiness, requiring all those not involved in the exercise to take cover.

The cost of the operation was not known; estimates ran about \$500,000 above normal costs.

The purpose of the exercise is to reinforce the 5,000 personnel of this 45-square-mile naval base that has been held by the United States since 1898. It is the only American military base on communist territory anywhere in the world.

The landings are the first major reinforcement exercise here since 1974, although about 170 Marines made a visit in 1976 to familiarize themselves with defensive positions along the fence.

The broader purpose of the amphibious maneuver is to demonstrate American re-

solve to defend its friends in the Western Hemisphere from any effort by Cuba or the Soviet Union to ferment revolution or dispatch military forces to regional trouble spots.

The Marine exercise actually began Sunday with the arrival at Guantanamo of an attack squadron.

They will play a supporting role in four weeks of games involving the Marine landing battalion of about 1,200 troops and some 1,000 support and service personnel.

The Marines arrived aboard the new amphibious assault ship USS Nassau, which looks like a small aircraft carrier and is capable of launching helicopters from its flight deck and small landing craft from its stern "well."

Four-train crash seriously injures 12

United Press International

PHILADELPHIA — A commuter train going 30 miles per hour smashed into the rear of another commuter train stopped at the station during rush hour Tuesday, pushing it into a third and fourth train and injuring hundreds of commuters.

There were no fatalities reported, but at least 12 people were reported in serious condition and at least one was admitted to surgery.

The hospitals reported that most of the other injuries were minor — cuts, bruises and broken teeth — and the nearly 250

injured were released after treatment. Gene Robbins, Conrail Eastern Region general manager, quoted the engineer of the back train as saying signals "gave me the go-ahead."

The engineer went forward and when he rounded a bend the sun was in his eyes and the emergency signal came on.

Robbins said the engineer managed to shout "hit the deck" just before the crash. An estimated 1,200 commuters were on the four trains.

R.B. Hoffman, assistant general manager of Conrail, said it was not known what

caused the crash and said it may take several weeks to find out.

"It could have been signal failure. It could have been mechanical failure. It

could have been human failure," he said.

Five of the estimated 35 cars involved were knocked off the track, but none overturned.

A&M prof: Stiffer rules needed to stop oil spills

United Press International

AUSTIN — A Texas A&M University petroleum engineering professor told a House committee Tuesday stiffer regulations are needed to prevent oil blowouts like the one in the Bay of Campeche that saturated Texas beaches with oil.

Bruce Dameron said excessive gas and mud in the well bore probably caused the June 3 blowout of Ixtoc I.

"Those are indications you are moving into an abnormal pressure zone," Dameron told the House Environmental Affairs Committee.

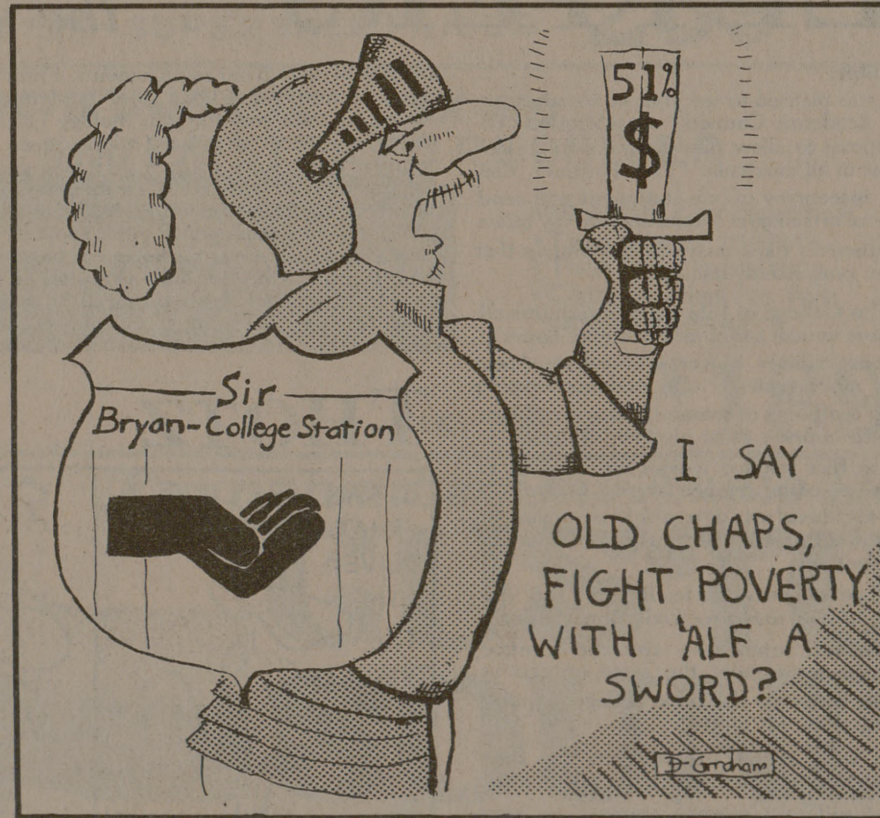
Dameron said federal regulations stipulate that all personnel working on an oil well on federal waters be licensed in the capping of oil wells. He said the U.S. Geological Survey has week-long schools

which all personnel must complete before being licensed. He said the certification must be renewed once a year.

If trip tanks were made mandatory on offshore oil well sites, he said, more oil spills could be prevented. Dameron said the trip tank measures the mud that is placed into the well bore and also detects the flow of fluid intrusion into the well formation.

"The trip tank can be used to monitor the mud and flow of fluid and give the operator an indication if anything is going wrong," he said.

Dameron said Pemex, the Mexican national oil company drilling the Ixtoc 1 oil well, did not have the monitoring devices and also does not have a school to train personnel in the capping of oil wells.



United Way reaches 51 percent of its goal

The Brazos County United Way has reached 51 percent of its goal in the current fund-raising campaign.

A total of \$112,652.38 has been pledged or collected.

"We are quite pleased with the results so far," said spokeswoman Ann Wiatt. "Last year at this time, the Bryan drive was at less than 40 percent," and the College Station drive was below that, she said.

The \$220,420 fund drive is scheduled to end Oct. 31.

A chicken-wire container in the shape of a giant thumb is located near Rudder Fountain for student contributions to United Way. Containers are also at the three bus stops and

in the Kleberg Center lounge.

No specific goal has been set for the student drive, said John Scheider, student drive chairman.

About \$18,000 has been collected from Texas A&M University faculty and staff. The goal is \$75,000. Dr. Don Hellriegel, professor and head of the Management Department, is chairman of this year's drive. Department heads are in charge of collecting from their faculty.

The United Way supports 18 agencies in Brazos County, including boys' and girls' clubs, the local chapter of the American Red Cross and the Brazos Valley Museum of Natural Science.