

# Local

## KANM refines FM signal

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Battalion Reporter

KANM-FM, the 7-year-old cable alternative to commercial radio, seems finally to be over the technical problems that have plagued the station in the past 1 1/2 years.

"Now we're getting a good, clear signal on both cable systems," said Todd Gross, manager of KANM, a student-run radio station located on the north side of the Texas A&M University campus.

Gross and Roger Weiting, the former manager of the station, have put in many hours refining the sound since the station moved from Briarwood Apartments to an on-campus site in the fall of 1979.

"It's necessary to have a high-fidelity sound in order to hold listeners," Gross said.

And, that is what KANM operators are hoping cable subscribers are finding this semester at 99.9 FM.

Until this semester the signal from the station was often erratic, weak or nonexistent, especially for Community Cablevision subscribers, one of the two cable companies in town.

"Roger (Weiting) and I worked with the techni-

cians from Community this summer and now we believe we have a permanent hookup," said Gross. "We think the problems are solved."

KANM, uses a rock 'n' roll format, and it was formed primarily to give students and other listeners an alternative to the top 40 and country stations that dominate the area, Gross said.

"We are a station for the students of Texas A&M University. We want to provide music that a student can't always get on the radio dial," he said.

KANM is located in the Crocker-Moore lounge and is currently staffed by 42 student disc jockeys, all of whom are unpaid volunteers. The station broadcasts 24 hours a day. Each dj works a four-hour shift.

KANM is commercial free although it does have two programs sponsored by Music Express, Gross said.

The commercial free station relies heavily on promotional copies, such as those donated by Music Express, because it presently is not affiliated with Student Government and does not receive any University funds. Donations also help keep the station operating.

## Supermarkets, dining halls feel peanut butter pinch

By CARLA SUTTER  
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Peanut butter addicts beware! The 1980 summer drought reduced last year's peanut crop by 45 percent, causing a price increase and supply shortage at supermarkets.

Texas A&M University dining halls are also feeling the peanut butter pinch. The three dining halls have stopped serving peanut butter in cafeteria lines. Students must ask for it if they want it.

Last year Aggies ate 3,000 pounds of peanut butter in campus dining halls, said Lloyd Smith, assistant director of food services.

It's still too early to tell how much will be eaten this year, Smith said. Peanut butter is still being offered and will continue to

be offered. But, he said, food services are trying to control waste and at the same time not deprive the students of it.

Off-campus student's budgets may also be feeling the crunch. Last year one major grocery chain advertised a 3-pound jar of peanut butter on sale for \$2.09. Now, a 12-ounce jar costs between \$1.70 to \$2.05.

"I usually eat it like a fool," senior Chris Weaver said. "I went the other night to buy a jar of peanut butter, and it was almost \$2 for a little jar."

Mary Kimball, senior, said she used to eat about three or four peanut butter sandwiches a week. Now, with it costing so much she said she only eats about one a week.

J. D. Heine, Weingarten's store manager, said that after word had spread about the peanut scarcity, people hoarded the stuff.

Store managers also report that peanut butter is getting harder to get from supply warehouses.

One Safeway employee said, "The warehouse has been shorting us peanut butter for about five months. We order quite a bit, but whether or not we get it is another matter."

Convenience stores such as Korner Pantry, U-Tote-M and 7-11 said they haven't noticed the crunch as much as the larger supermarkets have. Louise Noble, store manager for 7-11, said their store only sells about four or five jars a week, probably because of higher prices, she said.

## Samson charts his religion

By DENISE RICHTER  
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Although it was a religious meeting, the blackboard filled with charts and diagrams appropriate for an engineering lecture seemed a proper backdrop for Dr. Charles Samson's speech before about 40 students Wednesday.

This semester's "Quest for Truth" series. The series is "designed to offer students and professors the opportunity to share their faith and gives the professors a chance to show how it interacts with their particular discipline," Jon Farris, chairman of the Texas A&M

Methodist Student Movement, said.

The next presentation in the "Quest for Truth" series will be Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Room 204 of the Sterling C. Evans Library. The speaker will be Dr. Bardin Nelson, professor of sociology.

Samson, acting president of Texas A&M University, said at the start of the meeting he is first and foremost an engineer and did not claim to have a deep theological background.

The meeting was part of a weekly "Quest for Truth" series sponsored by the Methodist Student Movement.

Samson's engineering background was obvious as he referred to flow charts, graphs and diagrams to explain how his personal religious attitudes fit in with his daily responsibilities as acting president.

His religious beliefs, along with ethical standards, policies and rules, influence every decision he makes, Samson said.

He then diagrammed his own seven-step decision-making process and said he felt some of the audience might find it useful.

This process includes: defining the problem; establishing a value system; identifying, analyzing and evaluating alternatives; and making and implementing the decision.

Using a flow chart, a diagram of a sequence of operations that represented the University system as a machine, Samson said he could only make the machine work as efficiently as possible by setting priorities.

For example, an increase in University faculty is input into the machine that produces improved output in the form of higher academic standards, Samson said.

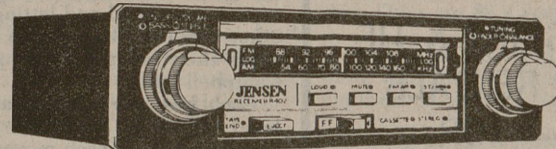
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Samson's speech was the first in

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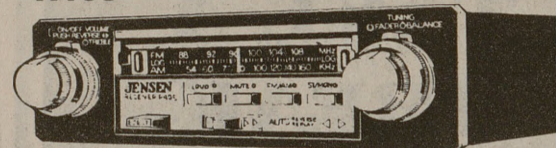
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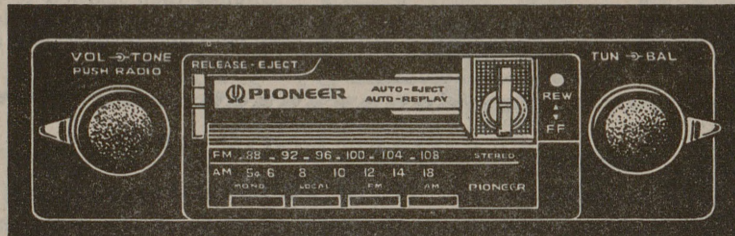
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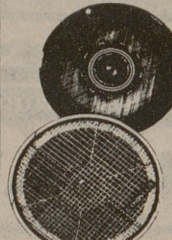
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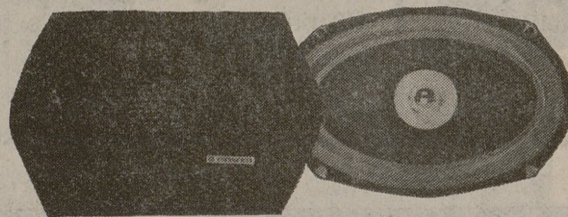
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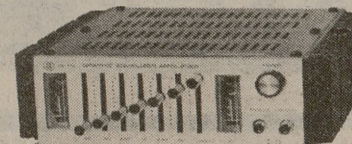


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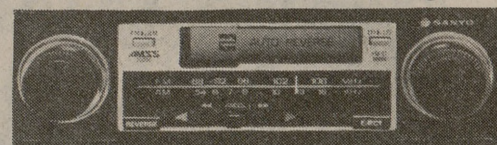
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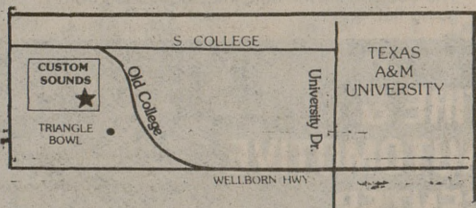
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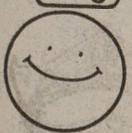
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