

KORP rocks campus

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Battalion Reporter
In a small room in the lounge

between the Aggie Band dorms, Marcy Basile sits surrounded by friends. "This is KORP, 107.5

cable FM — if there's anything you want to hear, call me at 845-8232," she says.

Basile, a freshman animal science major from Houston, is one of 35 volunteer disc jockeys for KORP, a rock 'n' roll radio station that is trying to make itself known in the area.

Since the station currently can be heard only by those with Midwest Video Cable, its listenership is limited. But the station does have a following — as the constantly ringing request line proves.

When the station started in 1975, it operated from the back of Midwest Video in Bryan. Three years ago, it moved to its present location. Though the station is in the Corps Quadrangle, Jenson said he is working to make the station less oriented to the Corps of Cadets and now employs 15 civilian disc jockeys.

After a slow start, the future of KORP now is looking brighter.

"It wasn't until this year that we had decent sound or equipment," Jenson said. The station is partly funded by profits from the Texas A&M University Bookstore; however, most of the money used to operate the station comes from donations and advertising, he said.

KORP now operates from noon to midnight. Jenson said he would like to broadcast con-

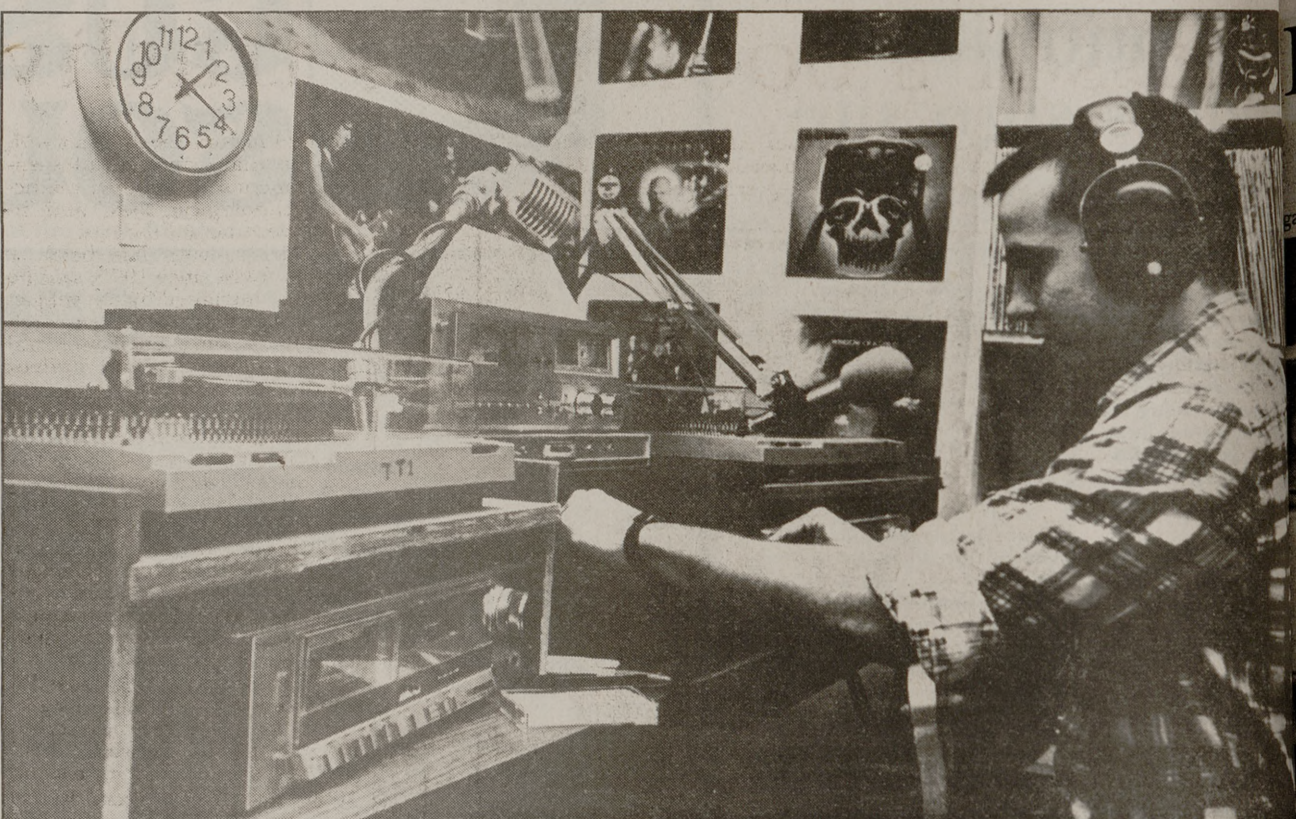


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Rocking you all afternoon is Steve Lessard, program director of KORP, an FM cable radio station operated

from the Corps Quadrangle. Lessard is a sophomore political science major from Torrejon, Spain.

tinuously, but the station is short of disc jockeys.

People have their own reasons for wanting to become

disc jockeys, but usually they are people who love rock 'n' roll and enjoy clowning around for a three-hour shift. Basile said she is doing it partly because she loves the station, and she gets to play the music that she wants to hear.

Station employees pride

themselves on KORP's lack of commercialism. Since the station has a limited number of sponsors, it advertises about once an hour.

The atmosphere of the station is a relaxed one. Disc jockeys invite requests by telephone

and sometimes invite to the station.

"One night, I dropped I guess there were 40 there," Jenson said.

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Crabby professor studying soft life

NEW ORLEANS — Soft shell crabs don't grow on trees, so a university biologist is conducting experiments in mass producing the seafood delicacy in artificial ponds.

In Louisiana, where everything that swims, slithers and crawls seems to be considered a delicacy for the table, the soft shell crab is a favorite seafood that brings higher prices than the hard shell type because it is more delicate and less abundant.

A crab grows by periodically molting, or shedding its shell. Each time it molts, and until the

newly uncovered shell the crab becomes the prized soft shell crab.

Michael Poirrier, a University of New Orleans biologist, is running an experiment to produce soft shell crabs in a controlled environment.

"Right now, individual fishermen grow their shell crabs," Poirrier says because such factors as temperature, salinity and molting cannot be controlled in a large number of their ponds.

Poirrier hopes to create optimum conditions for growing in artificial tanks for food processing market.

Instead of worrying about producing soft crabs, fishermen could take their hard crabs to tanks where they would control into soft shell crabs on a production basis.

Experiments already shown that removal of claws may hasten molting and help crabs synchronize shell-shedding, Poirrier

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