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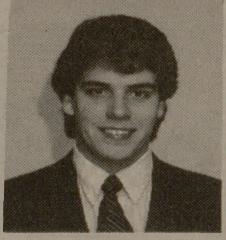
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Student to produce radio show focusing on views toward A&M

By Mark Beal Reporter

Jim Cleary wants to try his hand at just about anything.

"One week I want to be a doctor, the next week I want to be a lawyer," he says.

Right now, Cleary says he wants to be a radio show producer, and if things work out the way he plans, he'll soon be just that.

Cleary, a 21-year-old history major and student representative to A&M's Faculty Senate, is in the process of producing — well, if things go right — a new radio program for KAMU-FM.

He says the notion of producing the program, tentatively titled "Aggieland Focus," hit him full force about two weeks ago but had been simmering in the back of his mind all semester.

Cleary says he has had an interest in news broadcasting for a long time and at one time was a journalism major. Last November he got a part-time job at KAMU running the equipment on nights and weekends, and that exposure got him thinking about starting his own program.

Cleary went to the program director at KAMU and convinced him to give the show a 10-week trial run — provided he could raise the money and get the workers.

Cleary says he's raised about \$750 from student and faculty donations. He estimates the total cost will be between \$800 and \$1,000 for the 10-week run.

Cleary says one of the purposes of the show is to give students an opportunity to get some practical experience in broadcasting.

"Basically, most of the money will go to students working on the show," he says. "It won't be a lot of money, but it'll be enough to make them

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— Jim Cleary, A&M history major

realize it's a real job. I want this to be as professional as possible."

Another purpose is to allow people to look at A&M from various viewpoints.

"It will be structured around a loose subject each week, say arts at A&M," Cleary says. "And we'll look at it from different perspectives: a student perspective, a faculty perspective, an administrative perspective, maybe an outsider per-

spective — someone who lives in the community but doesn't have anything to do with the university.

"Too often we students see things as black and white, but there's a lot of gray in between. . . . You get to looking at things and sometimes you say 'My God, there's not just two perspectives, there are thousands.'"

He also says he would like to include speakers who give their opinions on the topic each week.

"I'd also like a spotlight about people making A&M a better place just because there," he says.

But he says it won't be simply a program scheme for A&M.

"This is not going to be a show where sugar-coat everything," he says. "A&M is a place but it does have problems. But we're going to be just a bunch of students out of school, either."

Cleary says the inspiration for the program came from the news shows such as "All Things Considered" that KAMU airs.

He says he likes their in-depth coverage of national issues and wants to give local issues the same in-depth coverage.

Commissioners OK permits for building refugee shelter

Officials reverse decision of previous day

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Cameron County commissioners reversed their position of a day earlier and voted in an emergency session Tuesday to grant building permits for a Central American refugee shelter.

"The district court can now decide if the permits should be revoked," said County Judge Moises V. Vela, referring to a lawsuit filed by four Brownsville residents filed seeking to bar Casa Oscar Romero from moving to six acres near their homes.

The commissioners' decision at a meeting came less than 24 hours af-

ter the Catholic Diocese of Brownsville filed suit asking that permits for Casa Romero be reinstated.

The county has no liability insurance and faced a civil rights lawsuit and stiff penalties if it did not grant the permits, county attorney Brian Janis said.

Commissioners suspended the permits at a meeting last month after residents of nearby mobile home parks complained Casa Romero would lower their property values and pose a security threat.

The diocese failed to meet a deadline last week to move Casa Romero from San Benito and now faces \$100 a day penalties until it relocates.

Following the meeting, Art Greene, owner of a Brownsville mobile home park, said, "The bishop has a lot of power and he's going to ram it (Casa Romero) down our throats whether we like it or not."

"I believe if the federal government is not going to attend to it, and the state is not going to attend to the problem, and the cities don't want to take care of it, then the county has to take care of it."

Texas man asks Perot for money to help locate his missing father

DALLAS (AP) — A Texas man said Tuesday he has asked billionaire H. Ross Perot for financial assistance in locating his missing father, whose plane went down in dense jungle county in South America.

Maurice Grandsoult's father, George Grandsoult, disappeared Nov. 26 when his plane crashed during a supply mission to a remote village in Guyana, a small nation along the northeast shore of South America.

After Grandsoult appealed to the media for help, Texas Instruments Inc. offered to loan him high-tech equipment to locate his father's plane. But he said he still needs about \$35,000 to fund the rest of the operation.

Grandsoult, an engineer at Bell Textron in Fort Worth, hopes Perot

will provide him with the money because he has helped Americans in trouble before.

"Texas Instruments has been so helpful I feel like they might pay for everything," he said in a telephone interview. "But I just don't feel right about asking them for more."

Grandsoult said a device known as the forward-looking infrared system, or FLIR, is the only device capable of locating the plane beneath the thick foliage. The system is used to guide fighter jets to their targets.

Defense forces from Guyana and Venezuela conducted an air and ground rescue operation, but called it off after eight fruitless days, Grandsoult said.

Financial appeals also have been made to House Speaker Jim

Wright's office in hopes that Congress might be of help, Grandsoult said. He said he will have to pay for an operator and an electronic device to power the FLIR.

"I need to get this mission off the ground by Friday (or) the weekend at the latest," he said. "The conditions of the jungle and being without water or food would make it difficult for a man to survive much longer."

Engineers have told him it will take two days to build the electronic device so he needs to secure funding by today.

Grandsoult said he is confident his father, a bush pilot in Guyana for 20 years, could have survived the accident. His last radio contact occurred shortly before the crash and he gave no indication of trouble, his son said.

Endangered cranes arrive at Texas refuge

AUSTWELL (AP) — About 105 endangered whooping cranes have arrived at Texas Wildlife Refuge on the Texas Gulf Coast.

Tom Smylie, public information officer for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Albuquerque, N.M., said Tuesday that officials still expect a few more birds for the winter and that the flock could go as high as 115 birds.

The large white cranes south each winter to Texas Wood Buffalo National Wildlife Refuge grounds in Canada.

Some 18 whooping cranes have arrived to spend the winter at the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge along the central Rio Grande Valley in Mexico. Smylie said two to three more of the birds could arrive in New Mexico.

The whooping crane is considered the "flagship" of a movement to save endangered species, Smylie said.

"Only a few whooping cranes existed in the wild at the end of the century, but the population 'Hold it. We don't want to lose these beautiful white birds,'" Smylie said.

The effort to save the whooping cranes led to the establishment of the Aransas refuge in 1937 to spare the cranes' habitat.

The New Mexico whooping crane is part of an experimental program from Gray's Lake, Idaho. Biologists have been taking eggs from the endangered whooping crane and putting them in sand crane nests.

The whooping cranes are raised by the sandhill crane parents and with them to the New Mexico wintering grounds.

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