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Alternative station seeks more listeners

KANM hopes to make switch to FM

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By Lauren Naylor Reporter

College Station's college station is the only station in the nation that is not only non-commercial but also leaves the programming solely up to the disc jockeys. And now, with the news, Chuck Cinek.

"The plans at this point are still fluid, but one of the hopes of KANM is to broadcast over the air with low power," says Cinek, a station assistant.

In layman's terms, Texas A&M's KANM cable radio station wants to 'go FM.

Currently, for students to hear the station, they must buy cable service from McCaw Cablevision for a \$35 installation fee and a \$15 monthly fee.

Cinek says making the switch to FM will take more than hooking up a few new wires.

"It's a rather long and tedious legal process," he says. "Most of it is filing paperwork with the Federal Communications Commission, get-ting all the necessary permits and licenses and, of course, raising money to do the construction. Cash is something which we have little of. It will be a couple of years.

"But once you've built your facilities and done a little testing, well, you're on the air."

Station Manager Ginger Hudson is looking forward to getting on FM. "Once we get over the air, we will

get more recognition," Hudson says. The biggest complaint we get is that not everyone has cable here. Hopefully, making the change will draw a larger listenership. "We think that KANM is a much

better approach to radio because people can tune in anytime and hear something different.

'We have everything from classic rock to jazz to new wave and Chris-

something different.

The station draws what little cash we haven't been able to get any h it has from three sources. One of these accounts is what Hudson calls the "on-air fund." Money in this ac-

an A&M student who sells on cam-pus the sunglasses called "the eyes of

- Ginger Hudson, station manager

count is acquired through benefit concerts, spray-painted T-shirt sales, sunglass sales and sponsors.

tion. They are going to be m \$30,000 a year from the Universit One loyal listener, John Duncan,

'They are so spoiled! They have their T-shirts printed while we here spray-painting ours. But, course, that fact makes ours all the

> better. Another source of income KANM is money it collects from DJs. Each DJ has to pay a \$13 is each semester. This money is used buy new equipment and a \$100s scription to the College Music Jo nal. The magazine, Hudson says, is

from the University. We even ha

to make the DJs pay a fee to work.

break for a radio convention a just now, UT is getting a colleges

"I was in Austin during sprin

worthwhile investment. "Through this magazine, we an incredible amount of music," says. "College stations that subsc to the journal are listed in it al betically. We're listed first, by the way.

A&M should not only recognin KANM as an "alternative radio" sa tion, Hudson says, but also as an op portunity.

"Right now, in Houston, one a our former DJs (Donna Oldner) is the No. 1 DJ in the city," she say "This station is an excellent place lege say they're just trying to sup-press us because of the conservatism here," she says. "I don't know why

In Advance Student Senate positions to be filled

Several positions on the 1987-88 Student Senate, which are elected from within the Senate, will be filled at the Senate meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in

doesn't get more support from

"Some people outside of the col-lege say they're just trying to sup-

room 204 Harrington. The positions of speaker, speaker pro tempore and chair-man of the Rules and Regulations Committee are chosen through intra-Senate elections after a brief presentation by each of the candidates.

Student Body President-elect Justice scheduled another hearing Mason Hogan said the candidates will have the option to give a short speech illustrating what they consider to be important and then will have a Senate member

Racism at Awareness Day sparks council to re-evaluate program

By Carolyn Garcia Staff Writer

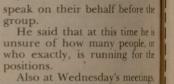
Complaints of racism were brought before the Memorial Student Council Monday night. The problem, according to the Director of the MSC Jim Reynolds, arose during MSC Political Forum's Political Awareness Day. Although the Political Forum was nolds said. able to boast of many positive com-ments and a relatively large turnout, it was marred by the derogative atti-tude of one of the participating groups — the American Ethnic Coalition. Reynolds said he received complaints that the group was aggres-sively approaching Hispanic stu-dents. They went as far as to reach across their table and grab Hispanic-

looking students and told them to Andy Kiser, a senior biochem major and one of the directors of go back to Mexico," Reynolds said. The Council will request its Pro- litical Forum, said he was not m gram Review Committee to look into the selection or approval of organi-zations wishing to participate and "I was really pleased with the

unsure of how many people, or who exactly, is running for the

positions. Also at Wednesday's meetings, Hogan and his choices for executive vice presidents — he said he will have three — will be sworn in.

This is a slight change from this year's administrative strue ture, where there was one exec utive and one administrative vio president, but it is the prerogativ of the student body president to create and eliminate positions within his governmental struct ture



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for around Oct. 1, when he will review progress made in meeting other requirements, including reducing the population of the 26 prisons now in use.

what Attorney General Jim Mattox Although Texas won, officials were quick to say the prison probcalled as big a victory as the state could have won. lems aren't over. The order is as close to an acrossthe-board victory as we could have

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That order, signed by Judge Wil-liam Wayne Justice of Tyler, was filed Monday in U.S. District Court in Houston.

In it the judge granted the state's motions to modify his earlier contempt-of-court ruling and to dismiss fines that could have totaled up to \$800,500 a day.

The fines were threatened after Justice on Dec. 31, 1986, found Texas in contempt for failing to make improvements in the nation's third-largest prison system.

But in Monday's order, Justice

flow Federal judge lifts

time

one DJ (who) reads poetry on her show KANM began spinning discs in 1973. Originally, the station was an outgrowth of Student Government. during which it is recognized. The Texas A&M Bookstore is the 'Back in those days, we drew most donating \$1,000 a year. KANM uses this money to pay for its \$300 monthly cable bill. Hudson says she

little cable space and play the kind of music they wanted to hear."

Cinek says Student Government cut off the financial support a few years later, and KANM has since had to fend for itself to make cash

Texas," donates more than \$1,000 a tian contemporary. We even have semester to KANM. KANM has 11 sponsors who pro-vide the station with \$120 each semester. Each sponsor is given a show

funding from the Student Govern-ment fund," Cinek says. "They supported the operation as a way for the students to get their hands onto a can't understand why the station

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praised the Texas Department of Corrections and others for "remarkable progress" in improving the 38,000-inmate system.

"TDC officials and state leadership are to be commended for the steps they have taken during 1987 to address the serious problems of noncompliance described in the Dec. 31, 1986, order," Justice wrote. "Prom-ises by Gov. William P. Clements Jr., referred to in earlier orders of the court, have been kept, and constructive actions by the Legislature have been forthcoming . . . It is appropripossibly require them to be registered Texas A&M student groups, nationally or state-recognized org-naizations or state lobbyists, Rey-

Although this will not prevent problems with registered groups like the American Ethnic Coalition, it will give Political Forum some control over who is given a table at future events, he said.

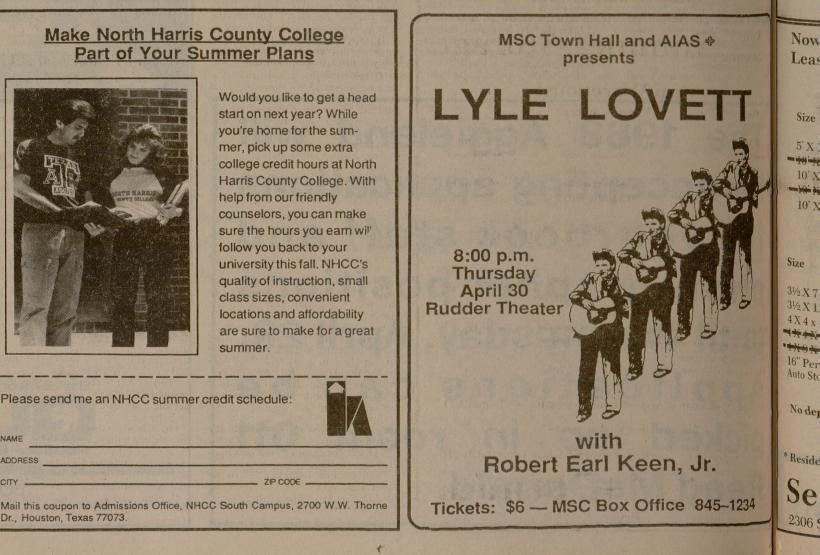
Reynolds added that aside from the one oganization's actions, the program was a success and has been very successful and well-received in the past.

tude of the crowds," Kiser sa "There were heated arguments. had a lot of positive comments, a the only real complaint we got that the group led too much to the left.

In other action, the Council: Announced MSC Open Hou

will be Sept. 6. • Announced that the Student nance Center has extra invitation available for any students need extras.

New Council President Lin Hartman introduced her offices! the 38th MSC council.





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