

## Area radio stations span broad spectrum

By Matt Summers  
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Radio stations in the Brazos Valley offer listeners diversity as well as high quality music.

The Lone Star state is famous for cowboys and country music. KORA 98.3-FM and KAGG 96.1-FM service Central Texas with their country music format.

Mike Watson, the evening disc jockey for KORA, says, "The chemistry between our loyal audience and the station makes KORA one of the most popular stations in the area."

Country music lovers are not the only people that listen to the radio. Top 40 music can be heard on KKYS 104.7-FM.

Ryan O'Brian, KKYS program director, says "personality entertainment" helps make the contemporary hit radio format a leading frequency on the airways.

Radio listeners preferring rock and roll music can tune into KTSR 92.1-FM.

This album-oriented rock format station plays "the classic to the nineties and beyond," says midday jock Cody Robbins.

KTSR, which recently switched from an

adult contemporary format, is the "only rock and roll station in the Brazos Valley," said Bobby "Slam" Duncan, program director.

The Texas A&M operated KAMU 90.9-FM spins the largest spectrum of music. From classic rock and roll, the blues, jazz and top 40, KAMU has the most music variety.

Stations of the AM frequency also flourish in the Bryan-College Station area.

KAGC 1510 has the only christian music format in the Brazos Valley. It plays contemporary christian music as well as gospel.

"Good time oldies," the slogan for KTAM 1240, plays music from the '50s and '60s.

KTAM is also the headquarters for Texas A&M sports.

Bryan-College Station also has a news-talk radio station WTAW 1150. Famous radio personalities including Bruce Williams and Rush Limbaugh air daily.

WTAW programs Houston Oilers, Dallas Cowboys, Houston Astros, Texas Rangers, some A&M sports and local high school games.

Country music to rock and roll, christian music to news-talk radio, the Brazos Valley airways are abundant with various types of programming for a diversity of musical tastes.

## University Plus offers diverse classes

By Teresa Burk  
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Ever wonder what those blue boxes are outside dining halls and bus stops? Welcome to University Plus.

University Plus is a community education program sponsored by the university and funded by student service fees.

It offers a variety of classes ranging from country-western dancing and pottery to foreign languages and business. The 150 night classes offered for the fall will be on Monday-Thursday at various times.

"They don't conflict with the workday or the normal school

day," Dana Williamson, program coordinator for University Plus said.

The classes are open to faculty, staff and the community but are targeted toward students. The students enjoy the classes because "there's no grades, no exams, no pressure— it's strictly relaxation and special interest," Williamson said.

Classes can range from one night to six weeks and can cost from \$10 to \$250, depending on the subject matter. Students can get a discount on the price of classes with their student ID's. Classes are taught at the MSC, Blocker and the Texas Hall of Fame.

University Plus has a shop in

the Craft Center for people not interested in taking classes but wanting to use facilities to work on their own. The membership fee for the woodshop facilities is \$20 an semester and regular membership is \$8 a semester. Supplies are also sold at the Craft Center for convenience.

Half of the teaching staff of University Plus are A&M students. "We just ask that they be knowledgeable, enthusiastic and willing to teach," Williamson said.

The University Plus fall brochures will be available the first day of classes. Aerobics registration begins early on September 2 and general registration will begin September 9.

## St. Mary's Catholic Church

### Student center provides social events for all

by Don Kelley II  
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St. Mary's Catholic Church offers students more than just weekend mass services.

St. Mary's, located at 103 Nagle, has a student center, several social organizations and a staff willing to help students with their problems.

Father Roger Bower, Father Adam Martinez and Father James Deaconson, Deacon Bill Scott and counselor Mary Elizabeth Dresser are willing to talk to students.

"We are always here for people to talk to if there is a problem or [if they] just want to talk," Bower said.

The three priests and Dresser have practical experience in counseling problems such as feelings of suicide, drug or alcohol addiction, rape, abortion, birth control, relationship trouble with parents or friends, grief, depression, illness, career decisions, and self-esteem.

The pastoral team can also refer someone to other professional counselors if necessary. Bower said the staff at St. Mary's has professional contacts in the community.

"Our first concern is to make sure the person is safe and sound," he said.

The student center is equipped with a library, study tables, a television, a volleyball pit, a horseshoe pit and a place for relaxation or gathering.

St. Mary's offers many social functions for Catholics and non-Catholics.

These include:

-Catholic Students Association. The CSA is for Catholics only and acts as a liaison between the students and the church.

-Aggie Awakening. This is a student-run organization that has one or two weekend retreats per semester. The retreats are powerful and spiritually filled, Bower said.

-Newman. Newman is a student-run group

that sponsors Bible studies, retreats, social functions and an informal mass service at 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays. One of the Bible studies will be held Tuesdays at 8 p.m. in the student center, and the other has yet to be announced.

-Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. RCIA meets each Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the student center. An introduction to Catholicism, the group is scheduled to begin in September and end on Easter.

-Adult Religious Education. ARE is a more in-depth version of RCIA. Topics for the semester are scheduled to be discussed at the first meeting. The day and time are undecided.

-St. Mary's Youth Retreat Team. SMYRT is a student group that travels throughout the Archdiocese of Austin and sponsors retreats for the churches unable to sponsor a retreat themselves. The retreats are for high school juniors and seniors.

-Pax Christi. This organization is dedicated to social concerns throughout the world. The meetings are usually once a month in the All Faiths Chapel.


-Spiritual Direction. This is a one-on-one encounter with a priest. Meeting times are decided by the students.

"The encounters are to explore possibilities of making their [the students'] relationship with God more intimate," Bower said.

St. Mary's offers abbreviated church services on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. in the upstairs chapel. Saturday services are at 3 p.m. in Korean, 5:30 p.m. in English and 7 p.m. in Spanish. Sunday services are all in English and are at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. The sacrament of Reconciliation is offered Saturdays at 4 p.m.

The first social function of the semester is tentatively scheduled for the first weekend in September. For information call the student center at 846-5717 or

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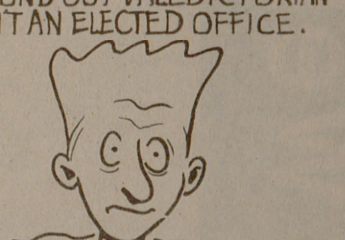
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