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Students Start Radio Station

A group of students have been working since last spring to establish a radio station which will broadcast to the two UMPG campuses and the neighboring communities as well.

The original work was started during the spring semester of 1971 but chronic lack of funds soon ended any hope of starting a radio station at that time. This past fall however the project got a new lease on life. Under the direction of Howard Allen, a sophomore from , the radio started broadcasting on the Gorham campus. Located in an Anderson Hall lounge and working with homemade equipment on a budget of \$30 a loyal group of students broadcast music and news to the residents of the Gorham campus dormitories.

This limited operation was never intended to be more than a training ground for station personnel however, and plans for a permanent ^{FM} radio station were ~~being formulated.~~ *begun*

Once completed the plans for the 10 watt FM station were submitted to the Student ~~Activity~~ *AFFAIRS* Committee. With the Committee's approval, money was immediately available for the construction of the proposed radio station. Students working for the station have now started the process of licence application to the Federal Communications Commission(FCC). Hopefully permission to build the station and a license to start broadcasting will come before the fall semester of 1972. Some equipment has been ordered and floor plans for the studio area are being discussed and modified to fit existing facilities. One major problem facing the students and their faculty advisor is that of picking equipment which will serve the needs of the station yet still fit within their megar budget, this means careful planning and a lot of shopping around for used equipment.

Once on the air, the radio station will provide much needed services to the University Community and the surrounding local communities as well. Campus news and schedule of events, public service announcements, classical music and a wide variety of educational programs will be a major part of the daily programing. Much of the late night programing will be turned over to popular music with each disk jockey developing his own format. Station personnel are now studying all the many varied types of programs which will give the listening audance as rich and varied a selection as possible.

When the station goes on the air next fall the broadcast day will run from 5 PM to 11 PM Sunday thru Thrusday and from 5 PM untill 12 Midnight Friday and Saturday.

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Radio Station Plans Big Thing

Big things are in the making for WGOR according to WGOR's Howard Allen. The station plans to go before the publication Board with a request for \$3,700 for the purchase of equipment necessary to start broadcasting. This money would allow WGOR to reach both campuses instead of the present single campus, through the use of a ten watt transmitter and more sophisticated broadcast equipment.

The staff of the station presently numbers 27. The station now broadcasts on the FM band at 106 from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. or so. There are a variety of programs offered ranging from classical to heavy rock. There are still a number of positions open to those who are interested. Contact Howard Allen in 519 of Anderson Hall or see Kathy Monohan. No experience is necessary.

In the future the station wishes to broadcast student oriented programs. They also would expand their times of operation as the money is made available.

According to a recent survey taken at the Gorham campus 87.6% of the people, in answer to the question 'Do you think a station like WGOR is needed?' said yes, they thought such a station was needed.

There will be a meeting of WGOR staff at 7:30 Thursday, in the studio (512 Anderson). All are invited to attend.



Howard Allen, Station Manager