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## Campus radio finally to become a reality

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The idea had been floating around for years, but last fall, some industrious students gave it some momentum. First came a petition, then the ballots.

But in the final hour, the decision was made — 1,852 to 439. The University would get a radio station. It would get KRMA, 88.1 FM, which is expected to be on the air by the middle of fall term.

"We had gotten a lot of support," said Gary Rosenstein, KRMA's co-coordinator, indicating that he and James January, the other coordinator, had expected to get the necessary funding.

"We had gotten a lot of very positive feedback, and a lot of people seemed really into it so we were pretty sure that we were going to get funds," he said, referring to the \$25,861 they received.

The money will pay for refurbishing the Agate Street studio they will be using, technical equipment, stipends and set up costs. Rosenstein said the money will probably last one year. He also added that future yearly expenses will be lower because some of their expenses now are one-time costs.

But for now, Rosenstein and January are still in the process of piecing their project together, a project they started last fall.



James January recruits supporters for KRMA, the soon-to-be campus radio station, which won a landslide victory in the recent election.

"I had first heard about it last spring at registration when someone handed me a thing that said that there was going to be a radio station, but it sort of fizzled from there," Rosenstein explained. "We were wondering what was up with it so we picked it up from there."

The two men contacted KWAX, the University's classi-

cal radio station, in the early stages of the planning, and that phone call became all-important.

"They (KWAX) had applied for a second FM frequency, which it looks like they're not going to be using, so they're just going to give it over to us," Rosenstein said.

From their connection to

KWAX, Rosenstein and January had acquired the crucial element of their upcoming radio station — airwaves.

The FCC frequency approval is expected to come through this summer, which is why KRMA is not expected to be on the air until mid-fall.

At this point the planning be-

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