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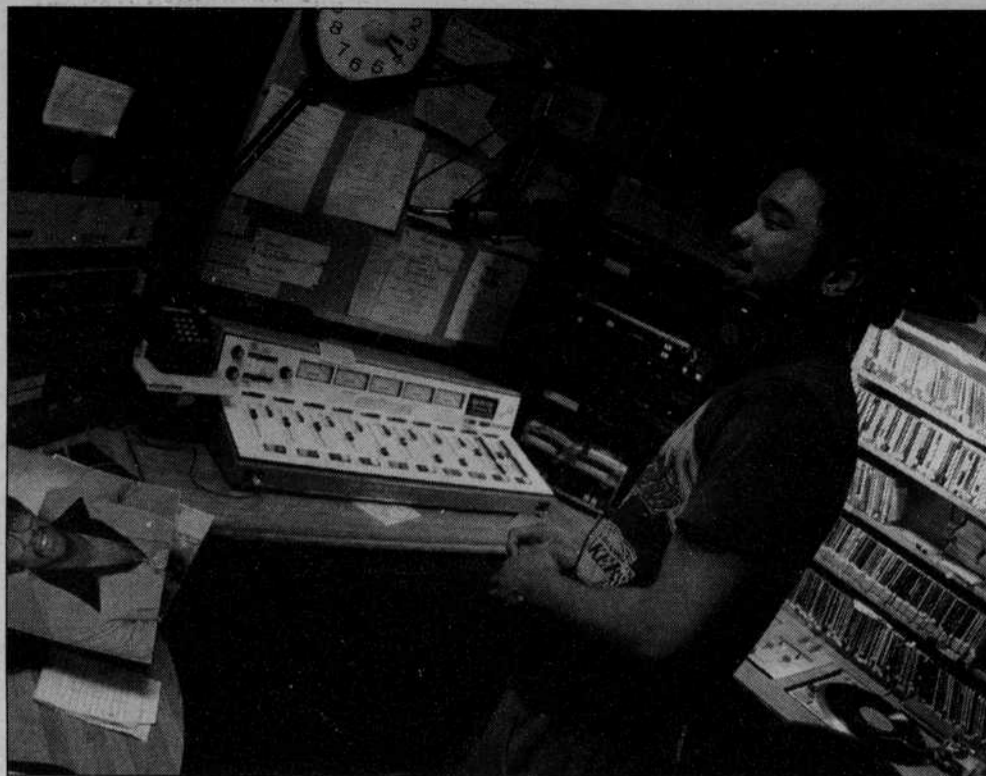
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DeeJay Mikey Vanni spins tunes in the KWVA studio during his show, "Dark Side Radio," a hip-hop program that airs on Mondays at 88.1 FM from 2-4 p.m. Mark McCambridge Emerald

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seven days a week, even while they're replacing their equipment. She added that revamping the station is a major undertaking because their system is

very complex and there is a lot of wiring involved in getting KWVA's signal to the transmitter at PLC.

"It is a major change to the station and will take a lot of time because we are changing the entire root of our signal," Nisser said.

The equipment that will create the biggest change in KWVA's broadcasting is an Intraplex STL Linear, which will allow the radio station to establish a direct, fiber optic link to the transmitter. Currently the station sends its signal to the transmitter with three

telephone lines, but during this process, the signal must be compressed to travel through the lines and then decompressed once it gets to the transmitter. Nisser said compressing and decompressing alters the quality of the signal, and once the station switches to digital, student listeners will enjoy a more clear and pure sound.

"Exactly what's in the studio is what you'll be hearing in the transmitter," Nisser said.


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Overrealized fund saves excess funds for emergency requests

KWVA has finally been able to secure funding for new equipment, thanks to a hefty chunk of change from the University's overrealized fund.

University programs and student groups turn to the overrealized fund for large one-time emergency expenses, like KWVA's expenditures to keep pace with the radio industry by converting to digital. According to ASUO Student Senate President Jackie Ray, the money that goes into the overrealized fund basically comes from inaccurate forecasting. If more students enroll in the University than was predicted during the budgeting process, excess student incidental fees are collected and put into the overrealized fund.

Besides building KWVA's digital foundation, this year about \$24,000 from the overrealized fund has also gone to help student groups pay for minimum wage increases that hadn't been budgeted in the annual ASUO Programs Finance Committee process. In addition, the senate approved the Designated Driver Shuttle's over-

realized request for \$62,400 to buy new passenger vans that are safer and less likely to roll over.

Despite the massive withdrawals from the overrealized fund, \$194,901 is still left in the account, but Ray said the senate does not have any plans for spending the leftover money this year. She added that overrealized funds are best left alone for use in future emergencies, rather than investing in present projects that are not absolutely essential.

For example, it might be nice to take the remaining money and use it all to build extra space in the EMU for a Krispy Kreme doughnut shop, but it would be more practical to keep the money where it is in case of an emergency like a gigantic water pipe bursting and flooding the bottom floor of the EMU.

There is one last step in the process this year before KWVA and DDS can do a victory dance. The ASUO president and University President Dave Frohnmayer must sign off on the senate's allocations before either group can get their hands on the money, although both approvals seem likely.

— Jennifer Bear

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