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KUGR broadcasts in Skylight Dining Room

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For the first time ever, CCC's own radio station will broadcast live into the Skylight Dining Room. KUGR starts its broadcast on Wednesday, Nov. 28.

KUGR is the product of a radio broadcasting class which has been practicing all term to prove themselves capable of live broadcast. "I'm ready to get going and give the campus the rock alternative they crave," said Chris Bailey, radio broadcasting student.

Students in the class have been studying many different aspects of radio broadcasting, such as how to speak on air and how to cross-fade and cut between songs. They have also learned how to script an entire show and are required to script every show they do.

As KUGR kicks off its first two weeks of broadcast, there

will be many prizes given away. Students in the class have collected many CDs to give away, as well as a gift certificate to Jackpot Records on Hawthorne Blvd. in Portland.

To win prizes, all students have to do is listen to KUGR in the Skylight Dining Room during any of the broadcast times. CDs will be given away every hour.

The class originated last year from a grant written by radio broadcasting instructor Alice Nelson and Jane Rickenbaugh, communications and theater department chair. The grant enabled the department to buy basic equipment needed for a radio station, such as CD players and a soundboard.

"It's very satisfying to be passing on the knowledge that I have and feeling like I'm a part of this adventure, building KUGR and bringing radio to CCC," said Nelson. After

attending vocational school in Tacoma for two years, Nelson worked at various radio stations in the Seattle area for six years.

The students value having an instructor with experience. "I ap-



preciate working with Alice because she's a real DJ from Seattle, which is a major market," said student Miriam Fathalla.

Nelson and the radio broadcasting students all have high hopes for the future of the sta-

tion. They hope to one day see it have scheduled programs throughout the entire day, and broadcast over radio waves rather than just into the Skylight dining lounge. "One day we will be able to have a studio like Mt. Hood and people will have the opportunity to study here," said student Craig Session.

Two of the students have already gotten internships at major Portland radio stations. Bailey will begin his internship at 94.7 KNRK next term and feels that "being in radio broadcasting helped me get my foot in the door." As an intern for KNRK, Bailey will go to concerts, give away CDs, call entertainers' agents to set up interviews and keep track of the events of radio shows.

Laura Pimentel has been interning at Jammin' 95.5 where she has been helping do promotions

with the Street Team. Pimentel says the radio broadcasting class has helped her to understand radio terms and that her internship has helped her realize the goal behind radio. "It's actually just to reach the listener at all costs," said Pimentel.

Many students feel the radio broadcasting class will help them in other areas of their life. "I feel the skills I build from taking this class will help me in a lot of other professional areas," said Fathalla.

As the live broadcast date draws closer, some are nervous for their big debut, but all are excited to show off their new talents. "I'm afraid I'm going to screw up, but I'm excited to play the music that I love," said Regina Ratcliff.

"We're actually going to be heard by people, and that's a cool chance," said Brian Grove. So be sure to check the listening schedule, and drop by Cougar Radio.

Students learn during Thailand adventures

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Baking under the hot afternoon sun, watching flying fish skim across the surface of the deep blue Gulf of Thailand, I can't help but wonder how it could get much better than this. I survey my surroundings.

My ferry is about 75 feet long and cost my wife and me about 450 baht each (that's about \$10), for a two-and-a-half-hour ride. We sit on the top of the boat, in the open tropic air enjoying this paradise on earth.

The group to my left is French and the girl on my right, Canadian. To her right are a German couple and three Italian women. The rest of the boat is Israeli or British. We're mostly between 18 and 30 and all are in Thailand doing the same things: traveling, relaxing, trekking, partying, studying, sleeping, shagging, eating and dancing.

After a month in Thailand, I come to the conclusion that Americans don't travel. I haven't seen more than a dozen Americans throughout the entirety of my trip and neither have the countless world travelers I met while on my journey. I left Thailand wondering how to get Americans to travel abroad more often. Which brings us to the issue at hand.

Walking through one of CCC's cold halls the other day, I noticed that someone had taken it upon himself to educate students in travel abroad opportunities. Hanging there on the wall was a bright colorful brochure of Thailand. Upon further inspection, I learned that not only is CCC offering study abroad this summer, but

that they will be going to Thailand with an optional extension to India and Nepal.

The main part of the trip goes from July 25 to August 4. Cost to students under 25 will be \$1,803 and for students over 25, \$2,108. For the India and Nepal extension, just add \$1,200 to those figures and eleven days to the trip.

The group leader is Bill Briare, religion instructor at CCC. This will be his seventh year taking students from CCC abroad. His places of study have included Egypt, Isreal, Mexico and France. Briare has traveled the world, both on his own and as part of a group. He hopes to visit Ireland next year.

Educational Tours will be the company in charge of the trip. They handle everything, as far as planning goes, from the time you get on the plane until you return. Accommodations are tourist-quality and all meals are included except for lunch. Students will need approximately \$10 a day minimum for lunch and miscellaneous spending.

Briare always sets out on these trips with religion in mind. "The focus is always the study of religion," Briare said. He's never taken a group to study Eastern religions, but believes that Thailand will be a great place to do just that.

Buddhism is Thailand's number one religion. Over 95 percent of the people are Buddhist. The remaining few are predominantly Muslim, Hindi or

various hybrids of the two.

Lonely Planet Books calls the country "the land of wats." (A wat is a temple-monastery meaning "monk's dwelling.") All of Thailand's culture is centered on the ancient religion of Buddhism. Throughout the country, you can find beautiful statues and wats, in the smallest to the largest of cities.

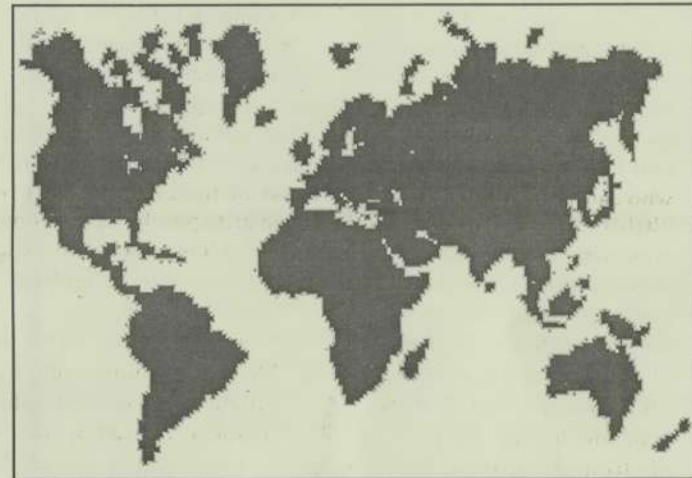
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Briare says that although the trip's focus is religion, there is still a lot of free time and fun activities. Recalling a trip to Isreal a few years prior, Briare

says that one of the many activities planned was a whitewater rafting trip down the famous Jordan River. On an extension of that same trip, they went to Egypt and participated in an archaeological dig to discover ancient cities that had been buried underground.

Mike Schierholz of Milwaukie is one of the many that has traveled with Briare. Schierholz is a returning student at CCC,



currently taking some general studies courses. Seven years ago, Schierholz went with Briare on that same Israel and Egypt trip.

Schierholz said that he thoroughly enjoyed his trip. "There's a lot to learn on these trips. Some days you feel like you're running from site to site, from museum to museum, but there's a good mix of free time. I like these trips because they give you a great overview. You get to see a lot, learn a lot and decide if you want to spend more time there."

Briare already has 11 students signed up to go to Thai-

land this summer. His usual group ranges in size from 13 to 25 students.

Prior to the trip, Briare has students attend meetings to prepare for the upcoming adventure. He discusses how to handle money and other practical subjects. Most importantly though, he tries to convey the importance of being a traveler rather than a tourist.

If interested in getting out of your own zip code this summer and experiencing a beautiful land far, far away, contact Bill Briare x2457 here at CCC, or at his home 503-760-6724. *Khao joi mai? Khawp Khun!*



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