board members living within 10 miles of

■ During the first two years, no enti-ty would be allowed to own more than

■ Stations currently operating with-

David Fiske, an FCC spokesman,

out FCC approval would not be allowed to obtain a LPFM license.

said the stations would provide oppor-tunities to people who wanted to be

involved in broadcasting but did not

"This will find new voices for the air-

Proponents say the stations would not

hurt larger commercial FM stations.
But detractors contend that LPFM

stations will cause major interference

problems, resulting in static similar to that heard on the AM frequency.

Two out of five FCC commissioners

who determined whether or not to allow

the new stations voted against the proposal. Opponents included Harold

Furchtgott-Roth, who did not support the decision to allow LPFM licensing

because he feared the new stations

would harm existing license-holders and

their listeners, while producing little in

from a provision of the plan requiring the FCC to cut back regulations keeping

stations from utilizing closely adjacent

frequencies when creating new stations. Furchtgott-Roth also said the FCC's

elimination of channel protections

would cause major interference prob

Furchtgott-Roth's concerns stemmed

one station nationwide

have the means.

waves," Fiske said.

benefit to consumers

## **Carrboro Sets Dial for New Station**

BY ROBERT ALBRIGHT

Despite opposition from larger radio stations and the National Association of Broadcasters, the town of Carrboro can now make plans to ride the airwaves with its own local radio station.

Tuesday, January 25, 2000

The U.S. Federal Communications Commission broke new ground last week when it adopted a proposal allow ing nonprofit organizations access to -band, which means less powerful, FM radio service.

The FCC's decision, which was finalized Thursday, outlined rules for noncommercial groups interested in starting a radio station

Carrboro Alderman Mark Dorosin, who proposed starting a local radio sta-tion in Carrboro, said the town would greatly benefit from the FCC's new FM

"Carrboro needs access to news that's more relevant to people locally," he said. "It's important for small groups to have access to the waves."

Dorosin said his proposed radio station, which would likely take several months for FCC approval, would differ from mainstream stations because of its focus on local news and events in Carrboro.

Although there has been strong sup-port from Carrboro residents and offi-cials, other local and national groups have expressed concern over the in ference caused by newly started FM

While the broadcasting association, a national radio lobbying group, has led the opposition against the FCC's ruling, local radio stations have also expressed concern over the possibility of jammed

WUNC Radio, a local station in

Chapel Hill, is set at 91.5 on the radio dial. Station engineer David C. Wright said any stations established near WUNC's location on the radio would

"I have grave concerns about inter-ference," he said. "(WUNC) has listeners in northern Durham that have trouble listening to us because there is a sta-

tion four channels away at 90.7."
FCC media relations spokesman
David Fiske said the FCC ensured that interference would not be a problem when low-band stations were estab-

"Low-powered stations will only be licensed where there is not any interfer ence," he said.

Fiske also said the new plan helped nonprofit agencies, including small towns, in obtaining their own radio sta-

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this new plan," he said. "(The FCC) welcomes comments, and we feel that we need to meet localized needs."

Under the FCC's ruling, Fiske said 10-watt and 100-watt stations would be offered. Ten-watt stations would reach an area with a listening radius up to two miles, and the 100-watt stations would reach a listening radius up to 3 1/2

Since Carrboro's town limits are not very expansive, Dorosin said a 100-watt station would perfectly serve the town's

"It is particularly suited for this community," he said.

"Carrboro needs a station because today's radio is moving further away from news that is relevant to people

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ternity, is holding spring rush.

An informal meeting for interested students will be held at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in 220 Chase Hall. Formal rush will be at 7 p.m.

Thursday in 209 Manning Hall. For more information, contact Kate at 968-3293

■ Class of '38 Summer Fellowship Abroad applications are available at the International Center, located in

Union 116. Five awards of \$3000 each are available for sophomores and juniors to pursue a project of personal or career

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## Plan for Smaller Stations Raises Broadcaster Doubt

The FCC has set provisions for small, community-based radio stations to transmit over FM airwaves.

By ALICIA GADDY

FM radio is going small-time.

The Federal Communications Commission voted Thursday to allow community-oriented groups to form noncommercial, low-power FM (LPFM) radio stations

But while local-minded supporters think the new stations will benefit the community, broadcasters fear it will harm existing stations.

The new measure would provide two types of stations. The first would cover a radius of one to two miles. The secon would broadcast over a 3 1/2-mile

Cheryl Leanza, Media Access Project deputy director, said the new stations would diversify radio. She said applications to create one of the new types of stations would be accepted in the or early summer of this year. "By this fall, they may be on-air," Leanza said.

A recent FCC press release outlined several guidelines for LPFM stations:

■ LPFM stations would be licensed for eight-year renewable contracts.

■ The stations must operate at least 36 hours per week.

■ The stations must comply with FCC guidelines on sponsorship identifi-cation, political programming, obsceni-

ty and enacting the Emergency Alert ■ The stations must remain community-minded. The guidelines require small FM stations to have physical

headquarters, a campus or 75 percent of

lems, especially in metropolitan areas.
"The FM dial is already very crowded," he said. "People who are currently tuned in would begin to experience interference from these new stations.

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## Campus Calendar

4 p.m. to 5 p.m. – There will be an a.p.p.l.e.s. summer internship information session in Union 208.

6 p.m. - The group Carolina Animal Rights and Equality will hold its first meeting of the semester in 103

7:30 p.m. – The **Scuba Club** will hold a general interest meeting at Ham's restaurant for its spring membership

9:30 p.m. - The Disney College Program Alumni Association will hold an information session in Union

All students interested in summer and fall internships with Disney's program are encouraged to attend the

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Wednesday

6 p.m. - Special Populations will hold a meeting in the Campus Y basement for those interested in getting involved in working with special people.

Thursday

7 p.m. – Chi Omega sorority will host a **Women in Medicine** panel discussion for those interested in learning about balancing a career in medicine

Three female physicians and a hospital administrator will speak about their experiences.

The discussion will be held at the Chi Omega House, located at 313 E. Franklin St.

8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. – The UNC Student Jazz Combos will give a free concert titled "A Little Bit of Blue" in the Union Cabaret.

The concert is open to the public and

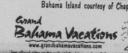
Applications are available at the a.p.p.l.e.s. office. ■ The deadline for freshmen or

Program.

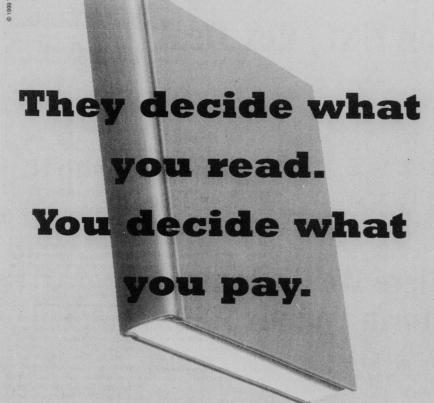
sophomores interested in applying to be in the **Honors Program** is Wednesday. Applications are available in 225 raham Memorial.

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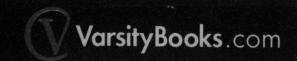




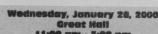


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