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Dorm radio stations to send out ads on airwaves

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When students return from Christmas break and tune into West, East, and South Halls radio stations, they will hear the jingles of commercials added to their favorite music.

The addition of paid advertising has literally given WHR, WEHR, and WSHR new leases on life.

The University recently approved an option allowing the three stations to go commercial, and as the general manager of WHR said, "We've welcomed it with open arms."

The three dorm area dorm stations have been trying to go commercial for years, according to Bill Kelly, program director for WSHR. The University wouldn't allow the stations to go

commercial in past years because it felt it could be held liable for any problems, such as contract disputes, which may have arisen, he said.

The West Halls station, WHR, was the first of the three stations to be founded on campus. It is dependent on the student government of West Halls, and the added money from its advertising will benefit both.

Charles Lupka, general manager of WHR, said a date has not been set for the addition of commercials to the programs. But he added that it would be shortly after Christmas break.

WEHR broadcasts out of East Halls and serves the students in both East and North Halls. It has a potential listening audience of 6,000 students.

Sherry Perlmutter, president and general manager of

WEHR, said the station hopes to begin its commercial broadcasting by Jan. 15. She said by going commercial it can extend its services and goals and become a more professional station

According to Perlmutter and Russ Rossman, student advisor to the station, the additional money will make it possible to expand, and eventually they hope to reach every student on campus. Kelley said adding the paid advertising was necessary for

WSHR to continue its broadcasting. WSHR broadcasts out of Redifer Hall and reaches 3,600

students in South and Centre Halls. According to Kelley and Bonnie Gluch, president and

general manager, WSHR needs only the income necessary to

meet operational and maintenance costs.

"If we didn't have to go commercial we wouldn't," Kelley said. "There's no other way we can get funds. We only need to sell 125 minutes of commercials each term. Once we get over that we can put the rest into the station."

Gluch said any additional income would be used to purchase more equipment and expand services. She said \$250 is needed to continue broadcasting.

Kelley said the number of advertisements played would be very small and that the station will continue to maintain its services to students as a "request station."

He said it is very important to establish a good relationship with the merchants in town if the station is to have the paid advertising it needs.







