

WGMC Studio Lights Up

You're On The Air--Greece



Tom Purchase, Hunter Low, and Louis Betstadt are three members of citizen committee most "pleased and excited" to have station WGMC finally "off the ground and into the air."

Greece's FM community radio station -- WGMC -- will be on the air next week with musical programs, sports and news.

Starting Nov. 1 at 2 p.m. area residents will be able to tune their radios to 90.1 on the FM dial and hear items of local interest until 6:30 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday.

Some programs which will be used in the early weeks of broadcasting have been pre-taped, while newscasts and other timely programs will be broadcast live.

Among the sources of early programs are the Greece Youth Board, the Greece Police, senior citizens groups, Town of Greece officials and the Greece Central School

Board. Announcements from all town organizations will be carried as a public service, and occasional interviews will be done to inform the public of groups' activities and accomplishments.

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mission, the Greece Central School Board is the station "owner," because the board of education filed the necessary proposals and also guaranteed the initial starting costs of the station.

However, the FM Radio Council, a group made up of people from all walks of life, will be responsible to the school board for operation of the station. W. Hunter Low of 140 Harvest Dr. is chairman of the council.

Louis Betstadt, a member of the council and also a teacher at Greece Athena High School, is station manager. Betstadt has had some broadcasting experience and will supervise a staff of adults and students. The station is located at Athena High.

Chairman Low, who has been involved with plans for the FM station for nearly two years, says, "Of course, we're all very, very excited! It takes a long time to get a radio station on the air, and a great many people have put in a lot of hard work to get it started. We still require tremendous help from the community as the programming expands."

"We've bitten off a big chunk, in providing a

professional station for the community," he added, "because we will strive to make our programs as professional as anything else on the dial."

There will be no advertising on WGMC. Therefore, the station will need continued financial support from the Greece community. Initial costs, which were very heavy, are being repaid to the school board. Much equipment was donated to get the station started. "Shares" in the station at \$1.00 donation each will continue to be sold.

"Our goal," Low said, "is to provide programs by Greece people for Greece people--programs not otherwise available. And just because it is located in a school does not mean it is a school radio station. It is a station for the whole community."

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