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The Federal Communications Commission Friday (May 28) granted The Evergreen State College student-operated FM radio station KAOS test authority to expand its broadcast range to all of Thurston County.

Station manager Randy Harrison, a Massachusetts graduating senior, says the authority allows KAOS to employ its new 250-watt transmitter until personal inspection from the FCC is completed. Then the four-year-old FM station will receive its official license.

Harrison says KAOS has been available to listeners only in the Cooper Point-West Olympia area. After expansion ceremonies Tuesday (June 1), KAOS should be received from as far away as South Tacoma, Chehalis, and Shelton. He hopes the new power range will "enable us to increase our services to Thurston County listeners.

"KAOS is a non-commercial FM station," he explains. "It is committed to providing as much information and alternative listening experiences to its audience as possible. We expect to share with Thurston County the variety of cultural events at Evergreen --- and to become increasingly involved in community services and activities."

Students at the station "really want to get involved with public service programs --- discussing issues of interest to all our listeners, not just those living around the college," Harrison adds. He and his staff will conduct a community interest survey this summer to determine their listeners needs and preferences.

"We've worked hard for four years to get this station within listening range of all our neighbors," he says. "Now that we've done it, we hope KAOS will become a real part of the community." He invites area residents to "submit their ideas, time and talent to the station." Those interested in doing so should call Harrison at 866-5267.

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