

I am the music director at the University of Pennsylvania's student radio station WQHS which currently does not have an FM or AM broadcast. The University has another radio station WXPN which does broadcast on FM around the city, but that is not a student run station and there is very little student activity related to that station (and no student DJ's at all). The experience of a student radio station to college students is important for countless numbers of reasons and it is a true shame that a university as large and as well respected as the University of Pennsylvania does not have a station run and organized by students that is able to be heard by a large number of people.

Not only can a college radio station be an important learning resource for university students, but it is also a potentially wonderful tool for the rest of the city. Our current cable feed is simply not adequate and students tend to ignore the fact that there is even a station here. Meanwhile, we are caught in a downward spiral because the quality of the station suffers as not enough potential DJ's attempt to work at the station because of the lack of FM; this in turn causes the station to become even worse making an even greater number of people loath to volunteer time to what they perceive as a inept station. In recent years WQHS has been a failed experiment that proves only one thing: A radio station cannot function without a listenership and a listeners are nearly impossible to have without an FM or AM broadcast, both of which are unavailable to us now. Please pass this resolution and help us become a real radio station again.

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