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UNA Radio Station

Last November, UNA submitted an application to the Federal Communications Commission applying for permission to operate a low power FM radio station. In late January, the FCC granted the request. UNA has been given a construction permit to build the station and has 18 months to complete the task. The station's power is 100 watts—enough signal to reach about 80,000 – 90,000 people in the Shoals area. Programming decisions have not been made. The next steps include putting together a timeline to establish the station and to speak with campus and community groups about their programming ideas and interests. If you have a personal interest in contributing to the station, or there's a connection with your academic program, please speak with Greg Pitts in the Department of Communications (gpitts@una.edu or X4260). An open campus forum is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16, at 3:00 p.m. in Room 131 of the Communications Building to talk about and listen to programming ideas. A coverage map of the station can be seen [here](#).

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IT Risk

DR (Disaster Recovery) is an important topic for universities such as UNA. We are totally dependent on IT for most of our operational functions, so we can't afford to be unprepared IT-wise for a disaster that might take down our systems. UNA is reviewing options to see what is needed most and also what is cost effective. As part of that discussion, we are also discussing IT risk in general. For example, about 39% of data breaches occur due to negligence and/or poor judgment by employees.

As a campus, we must become risk conscious. Most employees have access to some form of regulated data, whether it be student data, research data, health information and/or social security numbers. The cost of a data breach is an average of \$200 per record. Losing a spreadsheet that contains 100 social security numbers would cost about \$20,000 to clean up and provide services to the affected parties. Add the reputational impact on the institution and it is easy to see the devastating effects of IT negligence.



An important step is for all of us to become much more aware of possible risks. My office and the IT office will be working more closely with the campus over the next few months to give attention to that effort. Auburn University's Department of Internal Auditing produces a newsletter entitled "Case in Point: Lessons for the Pro-Active Manager." It gives attention to all types of institutional risks including IT, Fraud and Ethics, Compliance and Legal, Campus Life and Safety, as well as others. If you would like to see the most recent issue, [click here](#). To subscribe, scroll to the end to an email link for Kevin Robinson, Auburn's Executive Director of Internal Auditing.

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