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Hansen, Caperton to speak to A&M's graduating seniors

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education they receive, McElveen says.

About 2,750 degrees will be awarded at the two ceremonies.

In a separate ceremony Saturday at 1:30 p.m., 42 members of the Corps of Cadets will receive commissions in the armed forces.

Lt. Gen. Louis Charles Menetrey, commanding general of the 5th U.S. Army at Fort Sam Houston, will deliver the commissioning address.

Menetrey plans to speak to the cadets about the challenge of the future that awaits them, Menetrey's secretary says.

LPTVs changing to survive

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where there is no competition," Wodlinger says. "At this time, MTV completely dominates and monopolizes the music-video industry and it's time that there was some competition."

The station will bounce its signal off a satellite transponder and make it available to any affiliate, she says. Because the station already has broadcast-standard equipment, the additional cost of \$1 million a year comes from leasing transponder time and from new marketing expenses.

Texas A&M communications professor Don Tomlinson says the biggest problem for satellite networks, even in a market without competition is gaining affiliates.

To encourage affiliates to carry its signal, Hit Video USA initially will offer its service free of charge, Wodlinger says. The network plans mainly to use cable systems as affiliates, but also will use Satellite Master Antenna TV systems and possibly other LPTVs.

SMATV systems usually are found in apartment or condominium complexes in urban areas, she says. They use a central master antenna to receive a signal and then channel it to each apartment.

SMATV systems service about 30,000-40,000 apartment residents in Houston, she says.

College coordinating board discusses sophomore tests

Associated Press

AUSTIN — A good basic skills test for sophomore college students would improve the quality of Texas' higher education institutions, a study committee was told Thursday.

"Testing improves instruction," said Dr. W. James Popham, a nationally known expert in educational testing from the University of California-Los Angeles.

Popham told a committee of the Texas College and University System Coordinating Board, which is considering the basic skills test for Texas college students, that any test adopted should:

- Monitor the caliber of instruction at a college or university.
 - Provide remedial instruction for students who do not pass.
 - Provide an inspiration for students in freshman and sophomore classes to work harder so they can pass the test.
- However, Laurie Plessala, a member of the committee and a student at Angelo State University, said students she had talked with are not enthusiastic about the testing proposal.
- Plessala said many college students feel "they should get tangible results from the considerable cost of college education and they don't feel paying for remedial education (which should have been learned in high school) should be included."
- Plessala said she found, in an informal sampling of students throughout the state, that most students have no sympathy for a "19-year-old who is only in college because his mom and dad want him to be there...."
- "I don't think anybody is in favor of keeping them there," she said.
- MTV, with less sex and violence, says.
- While MTV tapes all the introductions that are done by its VJs, Hit Video USA will use live VJs, he said. Opelka believes that having live VJs will add spontaneity to the broadcast.
- Wolsinger says she believes the network can begin earning a profit in three years.

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